

THE ASEITY OF GOD

SELF-EXISTENT, INDEPENDENT, SELF-SUFFICIENT

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Foundation for studying the Attributes of God:

- Psalm 9:10 ~ To seek God and to know Him will result in trusting Him, adoring Him, and worshiping Him in greater ways.
- *“The attributes of God are those qualities or characteristics which are inherent in and ascribed to God.” ~Pastor Jesse Randolph*
- *“An attribute of God is something which God has declared to be true of Himself.” ~A.W. Pink*
- It is an astounding thought that fallen, sinful human beings can know the God of the universe in an intimate way.
- God’s attributes work in perfect harmony as they support one another.

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- **GOD’S SELF-EXISTENCE**
 - Exodus 3:13-14 ~ *“I AM WHO I AM”* indicates God’s eternal existence. He has no beginning or origin.
 - This supports and overlaps with God’s eternity.
- **GOD’S INDEPENDENCE**
 - He is not dependent on anything outside of Himself for His existence or being.
 - Colossians 1:16-17 ~ Contrast us, as humans, to God. We are utterly dependent on God for our physical, spiritual and eternal life.
 - Job 23:13 ~ He is free to act according to His own will and purposes.
 - Acts 17:24-25 ~ God owes nothing to the world His hands have made.
 - How does this affect our prayer life?
 - We do not pray to change His will to ours.
 - We pray because we are commanded to pray.
 - We pray to reinforce in our hearts and minds our dependence on Him.
 - If we pray according to His will, He will hear us.
 - We pray for our hearts to be conformed to His perfect, sovereign will.
 - Isaiah 40:13-14 ~ God’s knowledge is not dependent on learning or being taught.
 - God is not obligated to anyone, nor does He owe us anything.
- **GOD’S SELF-SUFFICIENCY**
 - If God were not self-sufficient, it would imply a “need” in Him.
 - *“God has a voluntary relation to everything He has made, but He has no necessary relation to anything outside of Himself. His interest in His creatures arises from His sovereign good pleasure, not from any need those creatures can supply nor from any completeness they can bring to Him who is complete in Himself.” ~ A.W. Tozer*

- Ephesians 1:11 ~ God created everything because it was His sovereign good pleasure to do so.
- *“If everyone on earth was an atheist, it could not affect God in any way. To believe in Him adds nothing to His perfections and to doubt Him takes nothing away.” ~ A.W. Tozer*
- We can glorify God, but we do not make Him more glorious because His glory is infinite.
- Psalm 50:9 ~ The idea that God needs something from us to complete Him is the very essence of false religion.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE?

- These truths about God should MAGNIFY His love and care for us.
- We have to become women willing to be deep thinkers.
- Consider “Who is God?”
- Consider “Who am I in Him?”
- *“You will never rise above your view of God.” ~ John MacArthur*
- *“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” ~ A.W. Tozer*
- Our view of God will affect everything we say, do and think: our marriages, our parenting, our jobs, our relationships, our service to the church, how and what we pray...EVERYTHING will be affected by how we view God.
- The goal is to know Him better today than we did yesterday so that every part of our lives reflects that.
- Romans 11:33-36 ~ Our God, who loves us enough to provide salvation for us, is beyond our comprehension.
- Romans 12:1-2 ~ Our response to Him should be to yield our lives entirely to Him with the logical conclusion that we owe Him our highest form of worship and service. And then we have a continual responsibility to be conforming our minds to Who He is and what He has said so that we will know and desire His will in our lives.

“There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep that our pride is drowned in its infinity. Other subjects we can compass and grapple with; in them we feel a kind of self-content, and go our way with the thought, ‘Behold I am wise.’ But when we come to this master-science, finding that our plumbline cannot sound its depth, and that our eagle eye cannot see its height, we turn away...and with the solemn exclamation, ‘I am but of yesterday, and know nothing.’ No subject of contemplation will tend to humble the mind, more than thoughts of God...But while the subject humbles the mind, it also expands it. He who often thinks of God, will have a larger mind than the man who simply plods around this narrow globe...” ~ Charles Spurgeon

MEMORY VERSE:

PSALM 9:10 ~ And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O Yahweh, have not forsaken those who seek You.