



OHANA BAPTIST CHURCH

Doctrinal Studies

Theology

Do you know God? Jam. 2:19 **Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**

- Know who president is.
- Know what the president is like (depending on source).
- Seen, met, shook hands with.
- Acquaintance or friends with.
- Know him like wife or family.

Jam. 2:23 **And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.**

Introduction: “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” A.W. Tozer Dan. 11:32, Ex. 33:11

* What formulates most people’s picture of God? **Parents (especially Fathers), TV & popular culture, life experiences, religion, education.**

A. Definition of Theology

1. Theos = God, Logos = Word or study.

- a. Broad meaning: The science of God and of the relations between God and the universe. **The purpose of science is to discover, not create.**
- b. Restrictive meaning: The doctrine of God, the study which deals with the nature of God, His Person, decrees and attributes.

2. Divisions of Theology

- a. Bibliology - the study of the Bible.
 - b. Theology - the study of God.
- c. Christology - the study of Christ.
- d. Pneumatology - the study of the Holy Spirit.
- e. Angelology - the study of angels.
- f. Anthropology - the study of man.
- g. Hamartiology - the study of sin.
- h. Soteriology - the study of salvation.
- i. Ecclesiology - the study of the church.

j. Eschatology - the study of last days or end times

B. Knowing God

1. Unknown by ability. Is. 55:8-9, I Co. 2:11-12
2. Unknown by ignorance. Acts 17:22-27
3. Unknown by choice. Rom. 1:18-23

I. The Existence of God Heb. 11:6

A. Theories of God

1. Atheism Psa. 14:1 "There is no God."
2. Skepticism - Serious doubts or disbelief about God.
3. Agnosticism - Denies that God can be known.
4. Pantheism - Everything is God and God is everything. "The Force" & "Nature"
5. Polytheism - There are many gods. [Is pantheism popular today?](#)
6. Dualism - There are two equal gods -- good and evil.
7. Deism - God created the world and left it.
8. Monotheism - There is only one God.

B. Proofs for the existence of God

1. Natural Proofs Rom. 1:18-20
 - a. Conscience Rom. 1:18-19
 - 1) Mans moral nature Rom. 2:14-15
 - 2) Mans religious nature. Acts 17:22-27
 - b. Creation Rom. 1:20, Psa. 19:1-6
 - 1) Cause and effect
 - 2) Design & designer
2. Supernatural Proofs
 - a. Living Word. Jn 1:1-4, 14, 18
 - b. Written Word. Rom. 10:17

* The Scriptures do not attempt to prove God, but begin with a statement of His existence. Gn. 1:1

* We could not know God except that He chose to reveal Himself unto us. I Co. 2:9-10, Rm. 1:19



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II. Description of God

- A. God is a person. Acts 17:27-28
- B. God is a Spirit. Jn. 4:24 [Trancends matter, time, & space.](#)
- C. God is One. Deut. 6:4, Ex. 20:2,3
- D. God is Triune. One God in three persons. Matt. 28:19, II Cor. 13:14
 - 1. God the Father. I Cor. 8:6
 - 2. God the Son. Isa. 9:6, Jn. 1:1,14
 - 3. God the Holy Spirit. Acts 5:3-4

III. Names of God. Ps. 113:2-3, Prov. 18:10

- * Why is it important for us to know God's name? Ex. 20:7, Is 43:7, Mt. 6:9 (Psa. 7:17; 8:1, 9; 9:2)

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- 1. His name identifies who He is. Ex. 3:13-15 (Gen. 32:29) [Phone call "Do you know who this is?" "General so & so." "Know who this is?" Click](#)
 - 2. His name reveals what He does. Is. 59:20 [Pastor, Doctor, Sgt., etc.](#)
 - 3. His name brings glory to Him. Ps. 29:2, 34:1-4 [Woody, President](#)
 - 4. His name establishes our relationship with Him. Rom. 8:15-16 [Honey, dad, sir, etc.](#)
 - 5. His name calls for praise. Ps. 7:17, 8:1,9, 9:2
 - 6. His name provides salvation and strength. Ps. 33:21, 124:8, Pr. 18:10
- A. Elohim – "strong or mighty one". Gn. 1:1-2 Plural of El or Eloah Gn. 1:26, Dt. 6:4-5
- 1. El Elyon "the most high God" Gen. 14:22 (Lk. 1:32,35)
 - 2. El Olam "the everlasting God" Gen. 21:33, Is. 40:28
 - 3. El Shaddai "the almighty God" Gen. 17:1, 28:3
 - 4. El Roi "the God who sees" Gen. 16:13 (I Sam. 16:7, Rm. 2:16)
- B. Yahweh "Jehovah" Ex. 3:13-15 "The I Am, The self-existent one"
- * Usually rendered LORD (all caps) in the English.
 - 1. Yahweh Elyon "the Lord most high" Ps. 7:17, 47:2, 97:9
 - 2. Yahweh Nissi "the Lord is my banner". Ex. 17:15, Ps. 20:5, SoS 2:4

3. Yahweh Shalom “the Lord is my peace” Judges 6:24 (Jn. 14:27, Phil. 4:7)
4. Yahweh Sabaoth “the Lord of hosts”. Ps. 89:6,8 (Col. 1:16-17)
5. Yahweh Rohi “the Lord is my shepherd”. Psa. 23:1 (Heb. 13:20)
6. Yahweh Tsidkenu “the Lord is our righteousness”. Jer. 23:6 (Is. 64:6, II Co. 5:21)
7. Yahweh Shammah “the Lord is there” Ezek. 48:35, Matt. 1:23
8. Yahweh M’Kaddesh “the Lord that satisfies”. Ex. 31:13
9. Yahweh Jireh “the Lord who provides”. Gen. 22:8,14 (Rm. 8:32, Phil. 4:19)
10. Yahweh Raphe “the Lord that heals”. Ex. 15:2 (Jam. 5:13-15)

C. Adonai “Master or ruler” Josh. 7:6-7; Psa. 8:1

D. New Testament names for God

1. Theos = O.T. Elohim. I Tim. 2:5
2. Kurios “ruler or master” = O.T. Yahweh Jam. 1:7, cp. Vs. 5
3. Pater “Father” Rm. 8:15-16 (Abba = “daddy” in Aramaic)
- 4.. Despotes “Lord” = O.T. Adonai Acts 4:24

IV. The Attributes of God Job 26:14, Col. 1:10 [List some attributes that people may have – Honest, Caring, Consistent, Helpful, Handy, Persistent](#)

* Understand not comprehend Dt. 29:29

A. Attributes of His nature. Rom. 11:33-36

1. Infinite - without limits or bounds. I Kgs. 8:27, Ex. 15:11
 - a. We are finite (limited). Acts 17:28
 - b. If God could be known, He would not be God. Isa. 55:8-9, Psa. 50:21
2. Self-existent - Existing independently of others. Ex. 3:14, Jn 5:26; 8:58
3. Eternal I Tim. 1:17, Rom. 1:20, Psa. 90:1-4, Gen. 1:1
4. Immutable - unchangeable; God is changeless in His person, attributes and purposes. Mal. 3:6, Psa. 102:26-27, Jas. 1:17
 - a. Gives me confidence. Num. 23:19, Isa. 54:10
 - b. I can trust His Word. Isa. 40:8, Heb. 6:18
5. Unity - The divine nature is undivided and indivisible, and there is but one perfect and infinite Spirit. Deut. 6:4, Mk. 12:29-30, I Cor. 8:4, I Tim. 1:17, Eph. 4:6