

DOCTRINE OF GOD

I. Attributes of God

A. Introduction

1. Knowing about God and Knowing God

2. The Infinite-Personal God

God: Infinite	God: Personal
Chasm	Man
Man	Chasm
Animals Plants Rocks	Animals Plants Rocks

B. God as Infinite

1. Introduction

2. Self-Existence

a. Analysis

(1) Scriptural Data

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(2) Systematic Summary

(a) Definition

(b) Solution to Two Problems

i. "If God is a being, then He is just one being among others."

ii. "Where did God come from?"

(c) Challenge of Platonism

i. The Problem

ii. Solutions

b. Application

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3. Eternity

a. Analysis

(1) Scriptural Data

(a)

(b)

(c)

(2) Systematic Summary

(a) The Bible does not distinguish God's being timeless or everlasting.

(b) Argument for God's timelessness: Incompleteness of temporal life.

(c) Argument for God's being everlasting: His changing relations with the world.

(d) Evaluation of the arguments and a proposal

i. Evaluation of the arguments

ii. A proposal

iii. Advantages

b. Application

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4. Omnipresence

a. Analysis

(1) Scriptural data

(a)

(b)

(2) Systematic Summary

(a) Two opposite errors to avoid

(b) The Bible does not distinguish whether God transcends space or is everywhere in space.

(c) God as spaceless.

(d) Summary

b. Application

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5. Immutability

a. Analysis

(1) Scriptural Data

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(b)

(c)

(d)

(2) Systematic Summary

(a) Traditional View

(b) Revised View

b. Application

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C. God as Personal Being

1. Introduction

2. Incorporeality

a. Analysis

(1) Scriptural Data

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(2) Systematic Summary

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b. Application

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3. Intellectual Attributes: Omniscience

a. Analysis

(1) Scriptural Data

(a) God knows all things that happen

(b) God knows the secret thoughts of each individual

(c) God knows the future

(d) God cannot learn anything

(2) Systematic Summary

(a) Omniscience Defined

(b) Two Problems of Omniscience

i. Compatibility of Foreknowledge and Freedom

ii. Middle Knowledge

b. Application

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4. Volitional Attributes: Omnipotence

a. Analysis

(1) Scriptural Data

(a) God is almighty

(b) God can do all things

(2) Systematic summary

(a) Paradoxes of Omnipotence

(b) Omnipotence defined

b. Application

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5. Moral Attributes

a. Holiness

(1) Analysis

(a) Scriptural Data

i.

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iv.

(b) Systematic Summary

i. God's Will or God's Nature?

ii. Solution

(c) Application

i.

ii.

b. Love

(1) Analysis

(a) Scriptural Data

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iii.

(b) Systematic Summary

(c) Application

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