

Foundations I – 09/14/24

The Attributes of God

- **Character qualities that uniquely define God**
 - Each of God's attributes represent the entirety of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Spirit).
 - The differences lay in their roles, functions, and actions (1 John 5:12; 1 Cor. 12:3; Gen. 1:2)

The Knowledge of God

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. ”

Psalm 147:5

- **What We Know**
 - All knowledge we have of God is acquired knowledge.
 - If we know what knowledge is in man, we may apprehend what it is in God, removing all imperfection from it and ascribing to Him the most eminent way of understanding
 - Yet, we must not measure His understanding by our own or think that we as created minds may have eyes to see or know what God sees (Job 10:4).
 - We cannot measure God's knowledge by ours (Isaiah 40:13).
 - His thoughts are above our thoughts, and His ways go beyond our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9).
 - We can only know God because He has known us first (2 Tim. 2:19)
- **What God Knows**
 - Beyond the confines of time and space. He understands what is above the skill of man (Job 37:16; Prov. 3:20; Psalm 139:1-4)
 - God knows Himself and all things that were, are, and shall be in time (Psalm 33:13-15; Proverbs 15:3).

- God knows the thoughts of man even before man thinks (1 Cor. 2:11). Therefore, He knows all the evils and sins of creatures (Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 3:1-3)
- God never learns anything (Isaiah 40:13)
- **How God Knows (Psalm 147:5)**
 - “Power” - *Kōh ’r* (might, ability, strength, authority)
 - “Understanding” – *Tbuna ’rh* (discernment, competence, reasoning, logic)
 - “Beyond Measure” – *En-mispar* – (Infinite, incalculable)
 - God’s essence is infinite (eternal) so is His power (omnipotence) and His knowledge (omniscience)
 - **We must then ascribe a universal knowledge to God**
 - If we deny God any kind of knowledge, we attack His deity.
 - If we deny God His practical knowledge and power, we deny ourselves as His creatures. For as His creatures, we are the fruits of His knowledge and power.
- **Question**
 1. What comes to your mind when you think of an All-Knowing God?

Recommended Books:

1. A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*. New York, NY: Harper One, 1961.
2. A. W. Pink, *The Attributes of God*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1975.
3. Steven J. Lawson, *Show Me Your Glory: Understanding the Majestic Splendor of God*. Sanford, FL: Ligonier Ministries, 2020.