



## Knowing God Through His Attributes

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NOTE: It is stated on the recording that the outline handed out at the conference is out of order.  
This outline is now in order according to Dr. Ryrie's teaching.

### GOD IS...

(and we should be so very grateful that He is...)

#### I. The Concept

Purity, holiness, no darkness, no evil. Not only absence of evil but also positive good.

#### II. The Consequences

A. We ought to be maturing - I John 1:6-10

B. We ought to mirror and reflect His holiness - John 8:11; Matthew 5:14

C. We ought to be witnessing - II Corinthians 4:4-6

D. We will dwell in His everlasting light - Revelation 21:22-23

### GOD IS LOVE (I JOHN 4:8)

#### I. The Explanation of God's Love

#### II. The Evidences of God's Love - I John 4:9-10

A. The unique Son sent.

B. The unique sacrifice made.

### III. The Effects of God's Love - I John 4:7-8

A. Know - 4:7

B. Grow - 4:7

C. Show - 4:11

#### GOD IS SPIRIT (JOHN 4:24)

I. The Audience - John 4: 11-19

II. The Instruction - John 4:20-26

A. Concerning the Place to worship - vv. 20-21

B. Concerning the Prerequisites to worship - v. 24

C. Concerning the Person to worship - vv. 24-26

#### GOD IS ETERNAL (PSALM 90:2)

I. God is Eternal - Psalm 90: 1-2, 4

A. It is inclusive of time and eternities - vv. 1-2

B. It is illustrated by 1000 years as yesterday and a watch in the night - v. 4

II. We Are Not - Psalm 90:3, 5-11

A. Examples of this fact - vv. 3, 5-6

We die - v. 3

We are swept away - v. 5a

We wither - vv. 5b-6

B. Explanations for this fact - vv. 7-9. Sin.

C. Expectation from this fact - v. 10. 70-80 years of life expectancy.

### III. How to Connect Our Temporality with God's Eternity - Psalm 90:12-17

A. An Exhortation - v. 12

If you are now 20 and live to 70 you have, say, 50 years of productive work or 18,262 days. If you are 30, you have 14,610 days left. If 40, 10,957 days. If 50, 7,305. If 60, 3,652. If 70, you are running on fumes!

B. Some Encouragements - vv. 13-17

1. Know the love of God to have joy in sorrow - vv. 13-15
2. Know the will of God - v. 16
3. Do the work of God - v. 17
4. Have the eternal perspective of God - Ecclesiastes 3:11

## THE "OMNIS" OF GOD AND HIS SOVEREIGNTY

### THE OMNIPOTENCE OF OUR GOD

#### I. Defining God's Omnipotence

A. Some uses of the term.

Genesis 17:1; Ruth 1:20-21; Job 40:2; Revelation 1:8; 19:15

B. Some limitations on the concept.

#### II. Displaying God's Omnipotence

A. In Creation - Psalm 139:13-16; Romans 1:18-23; Colossians 1:17

B. In Resurrection - Romans 1:4

C. In Salvation - Romans 1:16

## THE OMNIPRESENCE OF OUR GOD

### I. Some Questions about God's Omnipresence

- A. Does it mean God is limited by barriers created by space or time? - Psalm 139:7-15
- B. Does it mean He is in everything (pantheism)?
- C. Does it mean He is detached from His creation (deism)?
- D. Does it mean He is equally related to everyone?

### II. Some Ramifications of God's Omnipresence

- A. I cannot escape from Him, though I can ignore Him.
- B. I cannot control Him, though I can disobey Him.
- C. I cannot escape from Him, though I can run from Him.
- D. I cannot detach myself from Him, though I can break fellowship with Him by sinning.

## THE OMNISCIENCE OF OUR GOD

### I. The Concept of God's Omniscience

Matthew 7: 11; 10:30; Luke 12:6; Acts 15:8; Psalm 147:4; 139: 1-6

### II. The Content of God's Omniscience

All my actions - Psalm 139:2a

All my thoughts - v. 2b

All my time - v. 3a

All my ways - v. 3b

All my words - v. 4

### III. The Consequences of God's Omniscience

- A. Concern or fear - Psalm 139:5a
- B. Comfort - v. 5b
- C. Confession - v. 6a
- D. Contentment - v. 6b

## GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

### I. The Concept of God's Sovereignty

### II. The Characteristics of God's Sovereignty

- A. It is comprehensive in scope - Ephesians 1:11
- B. It is compatible with His character.

It is loving, wise, eternal, and self-glorifying.

- C. It compels us to serve Him - John 15:16; Galatians 1:15-16; Ephesians 2:10
- D. It comforts us.

### III. The Questions about God's Sovereignty

- A. Isn't it the same as fatalism?
- B. Can people really be free?