KNOWING GOD

LESSON 5

Title: God Eternal and Infinite

Text: Psalm 90:1-7

1. **Review**:
2. The theological name for this attribute of God that declares His never-changing character is immutability.
3. “For a moral being to change it would be necessary that the changes be in one of two directions: (1) He must go from better to worse, (2) from worse to better.” ––A.W. Tozer. God cannot move in either direction.
4. The immutability of God appears in its most perfect beauty when viewed against the mutability of man.
5. **God is eternal (Psalm 90:2)**:
   1. He has no beginning; He has no end.
      1. Some words have absolutely no relationship to the person of God at all. For example, the word *beginning*. That word describes God in no way.
      2. “The mind looks backward in time until the dim past vanishes then turns and looks into the future till thought and imagination collapse from exhaustion: and God is at both points, unaffected by either.” –– A.W. Tozer.
   2. By contrast, man knows beginning and end.
      1. Man, being made in the image of God, desires and seeks eternalness. Most men know they will exist somewhere forever. But where and in what state of being?
      2. Jesus came out of eternity, stepped into time, and he alone can give eternal life.
      3. Consider this: In Christ there is eternal life; not just existence, but life––real living. Without Christ there is eternal separation from God which is described as eternal death. Though there is existence, there is death and not life. (Revelation 20: 11-15)
6. **God is infinite (Psalm 90:4)**:
   1. Remember, certain words have no application to God. Time: God is not limited by time. Space: God is not limited by space.
   2. What does infinite mean?
      1. We cannot fully understand what this means in relation to God because we are finite minds trying to understand Someone who is infinite.
      2. Infinite = limitless, measureless, knowing no bounds.
      3. We often misuse the word infinite.
         1. We may say someone has unlimited wealth when we really mean they have a significant sum of money.
         2. Or we may use the phrase, “boundless energy” when we really mean “a lot of energy.”
         3. Nothing is boundless, unlimited, infinite, unless we are speaking of God. Only God is infinite.
      4. Everything about God is infinite––love, mercy, truth, grace…
   3. God’s infinitude appears more beautiful when we contrast it with our finiteness.
      1. We understand limitations of time.
         1. Sometimes it feels like our whole life is a race against clocks.
         2. Time can be a curse to man. For some, there is never enough. For others, life drags on with time filled by loneliness and depression.
      2. We are limited by space. We can only be in one space at a time.
7. **Conclusion**: Consequently, the control of our finite life must be turned over to an infinite God. Paul, limited by time and space as much as us, found that when he was committed to Christ he could say, “I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.”