

Who is God?

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A.) Who is God?

- 1) People respond to the question in many conflicting ways
- 2) Some answers reflect truth, others reveal ignorance or distortion
- 3) How we answer this question shapes our worldview, morality and behavior
- 4) In Genesis 3, Satan first attacked God's character to lead Eve into sin
- 5) A distorted view of God leads to bad decision-making and moral decay

B.) God is immensely powerful

- 1) God exists outside creation and has authority over all time, space, and matter
- 2) The vast power weaved into the entire cosmos is insignificant compared to God
- 3) Scripture teaches that fearing the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
- 4) Encounters with God's power produce awe, humility, and reverence
- 5) A proper fear of God reminds us of our unworthiness, guards against sin, and keeps us from complacency

C.) God is perfectly just

- 1) Everything God does is perfectly righteous and without flaw
- 2) The Ten Commandments focus first on honoring God, which necessarily leads to loving others
- 3) The Lord's commands are designed to maximize human flourishing; sin is any violation of God's good design for humankind
- 4) God always judges sin because his holy nature requires it
- 5) No one can stand before God on their personal merits (Romans 3:10-12)
- 6) Humans are judged according to God's own perfect standard; if we fall short of His perfection, we are condemned
- 7) Eternal separation from God is the natural result of sin

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D.) **God is Love**

- 1) God is the source of pure, sacrificial love
- 2) His love is abundant, steadfast, and unchanging
- 3) God's love seeks the good of others even at great cost
- 4) Hosea and Gomer represent God's love for unfaithful people and His willingness to redeem
- 5) God's heart toward Israel shows both justice and compassion
- 6) The Prodigal Son reveals God's eagerness to welcome repentant sinners
- 7) The Shepherd analogy shows God pursuing and rescuing His people

E.) **God's justice rightly condemns us; but his love redeems us**

- 1) Humanity is enslaved to sin and unable to save itself
- 2) Jesus Christ paid the price for our redemption
- 3) Through Christ, God's judgment is satisfied, and the Lord's righteousness is given to us; we no longer stand on our own works
- 4) Believers become children of God and are restored to right relationship
- 5) God created us and purchased us, so we belong to Him

F.) **Our response to who God is**

- 1) Christians are called to know God more deeply by meditating on his character and being
- 2) Be equipped to correct and teach those who have a superficial or warped perception of our Lord
- 3) Humans must choose between self-rule or submission to the supremely powerful, perfectly just, and loving God
- 4) Every person will encounter God either as Judge or Savior
- 5) This choice determines our eternal destiny