

WHO IS GOD? Hebrews 11:1-6

Introduction:

- 1. Belief in a supreme being is universal.**
- 2. More than ninety percent of Americans believe in God.**
- 3. People have many different concepts of God:**
 - a. Muslims believe Allah is a fierce God of justice.**
 - b. Mormons believe God was once a man.**
 - c. Jehovah's Witnesses deny the Godhead.**
 - d. Hindus and Buddhists believe in an impersonal "great soul of the universe."**
 - e. Millions still bow before idols of wood or stone.**
- 4. One must have a true knowledge of the true God to be saved.**
- 5. What does the Bible say about God?**

Discussion:

I. GOD IS ETERNAL.

- A. God is self-existent.**
 - 1. Children sometimes ask, "Who made God?"**
 - 2. God is not a created being, but He is the Creator of all things (Acts 17:25).**
 - 3. He has neither beginning of days nor end of life (Ps. 90:1,2).**
 - 4. He is the Source of all life (Jn. 5:26; Rom. 11:36).**
- B. God identified Himself to Moses as "I AM" (Ex. 3:13,14).**
 - 1. Albert Barnes said "The words express absolute, and therefore unchanging and eternal Being."**
 - 2. Matthew Henry said: "This explains His name 'Jehovah' and signifies, (1) That He is self existent; He has being of Himself and has no dependence upon any other; (2) That He is eternal and unchangeable and always the same."**
- C. Man is not capable of understanding the eternal nature of God.**
 - 1. We are bound by time and space and can think only within those limits.**
 - 2. God is not bound by either time or space but dwells beyond them (2 Pet. 3:8).**
 - 3. Moses wrote: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You are God" (Ps. 90:2).**

II. GOD IS INFINITE.

- A. God is infinite in presence.**
 - 1. He is omnipresent (everywhere).**
 - 2. He cannot be contained within His own creation (1 Kings 8:27; Acts 17:24).**
 - 3. There is no place we can go to escape God (Ps. 139:7-12).**
 - a. Jonah learned he could not run away from God**

(Jonah 1:3, 10).

- b. A skeptic told a boy coming from Bible class, "I'll give you a dollar if you will tell me where God is." The boy replied, "I'll give you ten if you'll tell me where He ain't."

B. God is infinite in power.

- 1. He is omnipotent {all powerful} (Rev. 19:6).
- 2. He is the Almighty (Rev. 1:8).
- 3. All things are possible with God (Mt. 19:26; Luke 1:37).
- 4. Nothing is too hard for God (Gen. 18:13, 14; Jer. 32:17)

C. God is infinite in wisdom.

- 1. He is omniscient {knows all things} (Ps. 147:4,5).
- 2. The wise man said: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3)
- 3. God knows every thought of our hearts (Acts 1:24).
- 4. God inspired the prophets of the Old Testament to foretell future events (2 Pet. 1:20, 21).
- 5. God can declare the end from the beginning (Is. 46:9,10).

III. GOD IS IMMUTABLE.

A. Because God is eternal and infinite in power, presence, and wisdom, He is immutable (unchanging).

- 1. God has always been holy, righteous, loving and gracious.
- 2. His moral character was not developed and will never be altered.

B. The Scriptures affirm the immutability of God.

- 1. "For I am the Lord, I do not change" (Mal. 3:6).
- 2. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation, or shadow of turning" (Jam. 1:17).

C. When God gives His word, we can count on it.

- 1. "God is not a man that He should lie, or a son of man that He should repent. Has He said and will He not do? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good" (Num. 23:19)?
- 2. Christians have "hope of eternal life which God, Who cannot lie, promised before time began" (Tit. 1:2).
- 3. God will keep His promise to save His faithful children (1 Jn. 2:25).
- 4. He will also keep His word regarding the unbelieving and disobedient (Mk. 16:16; 2 Thes. 1:6-10).

Conclusion:

- 1. There is only one true God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.
- 2. We must go to the Bible to learn what the true God is like and what He wants us to do to please Him.
- 3. If the "God" we serve is not the God of the Bible, we are not serving the true God Who alone gives salvation.
- 4. Serving the true God begins with faith in Him and in His Son (1 Jn. 5:20).

