

# WEEK ONE AND TWO

## Attributes and Promises of God

### **Why can we trust God and believe His Promises?**

#### WEEK ONE: INTRODUCTION

#### WEEK TWO: GOD IS INFINITE

"God is not a man, that He should lie,  
Nor 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?"  
Numbers 23:19

The opening line in A. W. Tozer's book, *The Knowledge of the Holy* says, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." That is quite a statement! So, what is our view, how do we see God? Is it a correct view, or is it too small or too vague? What do we really know about God?

#### WEEK ONE: INTRODUCTION

- A. Attributes of God
  - 1. What is an attribute?  
An aspect of His revealed character. J.I. Packer
  - 2. How does it differ from a characteristic, a quality, or trait?
  - 3. A few examples.
    - a. How many does God have?  
Tozer says that "God being infinite, must possess attributes about which we can know nothing."  
Think about that. Let that sink in.
    - b. Old Testament/New Testament
  - 4. How do they overlap, coincide, and work together?
  - 5. What do they tell us about God?
  - 6. What do they tell us about ourselves?
  - 7. Do they increase our faith in God?
  - 8. Will knowing God in a deeper way help us to trust Him more?
- B. Promises of God
  - 1. What are they?
  - 2. Where are they found?
  - 3. What do the attributes of God tell us about His promises?
  - 4. Why are the promises of God trustworthy?
- C. Is God perfect?

1. Do you see Him or think of Him this way?

### **The Promise for Week One**

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."  
John 16:33

"If God is self-existent, He must be also self-sufficient; and if He has power, He, being infinite, must have all power. If He possesses knowledge, His infinitude assures us that He possesses all knowledge. Similarly, His immutability presupposes His faithfulness. If He is unchanging, it follows that He could not be unfaithful, since that would require Him to change. Any failure within the divine character would argue imperfection and, since God is perfect, it could not occur. Thus, the attributes explain each other and prove that they are but glimpses the mind enjoys of the absolutely perfect Godhead." A. W. Tozer

## **WEEK TWO: GOD IS INFINITE**

"Again, to say that God is infinite is to say that He is measureless. Measurement is the way created things have of accounting for themselves. It describes limitations, imperfections, and cannot apply to God. Weight describes the gravitational pull of the earth upon material bodies; distance describes intervals between bodies in space; length means extension in space, and there are other familiar measurements such as those for liquid, energy, sound, light, and numbers for pluralities. We also try to measure abstract qualities, and speak of great or little faith, high or low intelligence, large or meager talents. Is it not plain that all this does not and cannot apply to God? It is the way we see the works of His hands, but not the way we see Him. He is above all this, outside of it, beyond it." A.W. Tozer

### **This week spend time reading and meditating on these Scriptures**

God is Infinite: Job 11:7-9; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Exodus 3:14; Psalm 147:5  
Above all, outside all, beyond all:

1. Omniscient—1 John 3:20; John 1:47-51; Ezekiel 11:5; Psalm 139:1-4, 15-16
2. Omnipotent—Genesis 1:1-3; Psalm 33:6-9; Job 42:2; Job 38:8-11; Romans 8:38-39
3. Omnipresent—Psalm 139:7-10; Jeremiah 23:23-24; 1 Kings 8:27; Proverbs 15:3; Zephaniah 3:17

### **As you read and meditate on these Scriptures consider these questions.**

What does it mean that God is infinite?

What does knowing that God is infinite mean to you personally?

What difference could that knowledge make in your life today?

What do you think "Above all this, outside of it, beyond it" means?

Do you think of God that way? Why or why not?

Why are omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence included in the study of God's infinitude?

What does each mean?

Is God measureless, limitless to you? Do you sometimes put Him in a box and think you have Him all figured out? Is that possible? Why or why not?

What have you learned about God that you didn't know before?  
Do you have a better idea of who God is? In what way?  
How does it help you to see Him "high and lifted up" as it says in Isaiah 6:1?  
Being created in God's image, is this an attribute that belongs to God alone, or one that we can reflect as His image-bearers?  
What is it about this attribute that comforts you, gives you joy, hope, or assurance?  
Is there anything that makes you fearful, worried, or insecure? Please explain.  
In what way does this attribute help you to know that God loves you?  
Does it make you want to worship Him more often and intentionally? Why?

### **The Promise for Week Two**

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand." John 10:27-29

Try reading this promise in several different translations.

Is this promise familiar to you?

Spend some time today meditating upon each sentence.

Who is speaking?

What does this promise mean to you personally?

What do you think is the correlation between knowing that God is infinite and this promise?

Why is this correlation important?

How do you think that omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence make this promise work?

Why do you think that Jesus can say with absolute certainty, that "no one is able to snatch them out of His Father's hand"?

Do you share His confidence? Why or why not?

What is it about this promise that reveals the tender heart of God?

Do you believe this promise? What evidence is there in your life that you are standing on this promise? Can you trust God to fulfill this promise? Why?

"As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Peter 1:3-4