

## Lesson 3 God: His Character and Attributes - Answers

### I. Introduction

- A. God is to be feared; He is awesome and mighty.
- B. "Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me."
- C. He will not give His glory or His praise.

### II. The Importance of Knowing God

- A. Eternal life
- B. "That he understands and knows Me (God)."

### III. How Can One Know God?

Answers for A, B, and C are the scriptures listed to look up.

### IV. God's Attributes

- B. God's attributes defined - Answers for 1 to 11, a. and b., are from the scriptures listed.

Following are possible responses to the *Personal Application* section for each of the eleven attributes of God.

#### 1. The Holiness of God

- ♦ Fear over my sin
- ♦ Unworthiness
- ♦ The need for a Savior
- ♦ Causes me to praise God for His majestic holiness

#### 2. The Righteousness and Justice of God

- ♦ Drives us to a need for a Savior
- ♦ God's law must be the standard of my life
- ♦ God's judgement on unbelievers should cause me to witness
- ♦ Causes me to be thankful for the righteousness I have in Christ
- ♦ Drives me to my knees, in humility, asking for forgiveness for my sinfulness

#### 3. The Sovereignty of God

- ♦ Nothing is out of God's control
- ♦ God is in control of my life; including my trials
- ♦ I should stop worrying
- ♦ Security – there is nothing that can separate us from Christ
- ♦ I can praise God for His power

#### 4. The Eternality of God

- ♦ Our eternal salvation has meaning

- ♦ Our hope of eternal life rests in God's eternity
- ♦ Praise: We will forever be in God's presence
- ♦ For the unbeliever – he will be eternally separated from God in hell

#### 5. The Immutability of God

- ♦ God will not change His mind about my salvation
- ♦ God will not change His mind about the judgement of sin

#### 6. The Omniscience of God

- ♦ God knows all my sin – I cannot hide from God
- ♦ God knows my thought life
- ♦ We can never sin and get away with it
- ♦ He can be the perfect judge, since He knows all the facts perfectly
- ♦ God knows what is best for us
- ♦ God knows us better than we know ourselves – He knows our future
- ♦ God loves me even though He knows all the sins I will ever commit

#### 7. The Omnipresence of God

- ♦ We cannot hide from god
- ♦ We can be in God's presence at all times
- ♦ When we pray, God is near
- ♦ The presence of the Holy Spirit is in every believer – all over the world

#### 8. The Omnipotence of God

- ♦ God has the power to bring about all the promises He has made
- ♦ No problem is too big for God
- ♦ God has the power to provide for all of our needs
- ♦ Our salvation is secure in His power

#### 9. The Love of God

- ♦ Our response should be to love God ...through our obedience to Him
- ♦ We should be thankful for His mercy
- ♦ We should want to love others, like God loves us, in good deeds

#### 10. The Truth of God

- ♦ God's Word is truth so I should be studying it
- ♦ God's truth should be the foundation of my life
- ♦ God's Word needs to permeate my life
- ♦ I must share the truth of the Gospel with others
- ♦ God's truth is powerful and can save

#### 11. The Mercy of God

- ♦ I am sinful and have violated God's holiness. I am in need of God's mercy

- ♦ I am so thankful that God had mercy upon me and saved me
- ♦ I am so thankful that God continues to have mercy upon me as every day I fall short of His holiness
- ♦ I am not worthy of God's mercy
- ♦ Because God showed mercy to me, I should show mercy to others.

#### V. Application

##### A. The conclusion is:

- ♦ Fear god – Proverbs 9:10; Revelation 15:4 (to fear God is to revere and worship Him.)
- ♦ Desire to know God – Psalm 27:8
- ♦ Proclaim God – 1 Peter 2:9

##### B. Your personal response

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