

The Nature Of God



Application questions taken for Wayne Grudem "Systematic Theology"

STARTER

- Debate the following question: “Does God command certain deeds because they are morally right, or are God’s commands morally right because he commands them?”

EXPLORE

- God’s communicable attributes, which we are to imitate, include attributes of being, mental attributes, moral attributes, attributes of purpose, and “summary” attributes.
- God defines all that is good, holy, true, and right.
- Attributes describing God's Being
 - **Omnipresence:** God fills all space and permeates all things with His invisible and immaterial substance even though he is separate and distinctive from all other things, this nature allows God to reveal Himself in special ways at times to specific people.
 - **Infinitude:** God is not limited, and is constrained only by His own nature and will.
 - **Eternality:** God is self- existent and eternal in nature, independent, has existed from all eternity and will continue to exist to all eternity future, He has no beginning and end.
 - **Immutability:** God does not change over time; He is the same yesterday, today and forever.
 - **Sovereignty:** God has supreme power and authority, created all things and rules over all things as He pleases. Due to God’s sovereign nature, He can do all things and answer prayer.
 - **Transcendence:** God is matchless and is above , apart and beyond the physical things He has created.
 - **Immanence:** God works within and through His creation, revealed in the way He works; as man works on matter from outside, God works on matter from within.

APPLICATION

- Why is God so strongly displeased at carved idols, even those that are intended to represent him? How that shall we picture God or think of God in our minds when we pray to Him?
- When should we try to hide our thoughts and deeds from God? How is your answer to this question a blessing for your life?
- Do you really believe that God is working wisely today in your life? In the world?
- What are people in society, sometime even Christians, quite careless with regard to truthfulness in speech?