

THEOLOGY #2 - "Who or What is God?"

I. Common beliefs concerning the existence of God.

- A. Theism-: Belief in the existence of a personal God. In other words that God created everything and has a plan and purpose behind his creation.
1. Reasonable Presuppositions
 - Based upon the intelligent design of our universe we can assume the existence of an Intelligent designer.
 - Assuming the world has a designer we can also assume that there was an intended plans and purpose for the design.
 - It's safe to assume that the designer would have communicated that plan and purpose in some way to the creation.
- B. Deism: A Denial of God's providence; affirming that God exists apart from the physical universe. Many will say God created the world, but has nothing to do with us or the world today. Some may even say that God started the process of evolution and let it run its own course.
- C. Agnosticism- A denial that God can be known. They deny the possibility of a personal relationship with God.
- D. Atheism: A complete denial of God's existence.

II. The Person of God. (Meaning God is a person with intellect, sensibility, and will)

- A. His personality proved from the Bible.
1. He comprehends what he sees proving intelligence. Proverbs 15:3, Acts 15:18, Psalm 139:15, 104:24.
 2. God Loved...meaning He has among others the emotion of love. (Feeling, sensibility) John 3:16, Psalm 33:5, 103:8-13*.
 3. God does His own pleasure meaning that He has a self-determining will. Isaiah 46:10, Psalm 115:3.

Conclusion: From the above scripture we note that God possess, intellect, sensibility, and Will. These three constitute the elements of personality; therefore, we conclude that God is a Person, not an influence or blind force. Men tend to falsely believe that only something material could have personality.

B. His Person

1. The Definition of God

- John 4:24-"God is Spirit: and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and in truth."

- God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. John 1:5
- God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God. I John 14:6
- Hebrews 12:29 "For our God is a consuming fire."

* We can see from these examples that we need to take scripture as a whole to begin to define God. Using the scope of scripture can lead with a statement similar to the following. " God is the one infinite, eternal being, creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe who is Spirit, Love, and Light, and in Whom all things have their source and end."