

THE ESSENCE OF GOD  
(Study of the Godhead #2)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. In our study in evidences, we gave reasons why we believe that God exist. The evidence is overwhelming that *someone* made the material universe. We believe the evidence shows that *Someone* was God.
- B. In this lesson we will study the essence of God. By “essence” we mean the characteristics of God that man cannot have in his naturalistic existence. A study of the essence of God will give us a sense of how awesome He is in power, knowledge, and presence. This is important to our faith. The greater our concept of God’s power, the greater our faith and trust in Him.
- C. With that in mind, let us study the essence of God.

IV. GOD IS OMNIPOTENT.

- A. Omnipotence by definition:
  - 1. *“By the omnipotence of God we mean his unlimited power to do any and all things consistent with his nature and purpose.”* - Mullins, Timeless Trinity, p. 118
  - 2. This means that if God says something will happen - it will happen.
- B. Scripture support: [1. Almighty (Gen. 17:1) 2. Do all things (Job 42:2) 3. All things possible (Mt. 19:26).]
- C. His unlimited power is seen in:
  - 1. Creation (Psa. 33:6, 9; Heb. 11:3).
  - 2. Maintaining the universe as well as creation (Jn. 5:17; Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:17; Acts 17:29). E.g. Birds - Mt. 6:26; rain - Job 38:25
  - 3. The salvation of man.
    - a. Seen from the promise to the fulfillment in Christ.
    - b. Jesus showed us that His power was greater than the devil’s. He rose from the dead - never to die no more. What power! E.g. Rev. 19:6

V. GOD IS OMNISCIENT.

- A. Omniscience by definition:
  - 1. **The attribute of God by which God perfectly and eternally knows all things which can be known, past, present, and future. God knows how best to attain His desired ends.**
  - 2. *“By this we mean God’s perfect and eternal knowledge of all things which are objects of knowledge, whether they are actual or possible, past, present, or future.”* - Augustus Hopkins Strong, Timeless Trinity, p. 139
- B. Scripture support: [1. Infinite (Psalms 147:4,5 2. Speaks of things as though they were (Rom. 4:17) 3. Knows where His creatures are at all times (Psa. 139:1-6; 15,16).
- C. What does God know specifically? [1. Inanimate creation (Ps. 147:4) 2. Animate creation (Ps. 50:11) 3. Mankind and his works (1 Sam. 2:3; Heb. 4:13) 4. Future events. E.g. Alan Kay and the internet (create it).

## VI. GOD IS OMNIPRESENT.

- A. Omnipresence by definition: [The attribute of God by which He fills the universe in all its parts and is present everywhere at once. Not a part, but the whole of God is present in every place.]
- B. Scripture support: [1. Everywhere (Ps. 139:7-10 2. Fills heaven and earth (Jer. 23:23,24) 3. Heavens cannot contain Him (1 Kings 8:27) 4. Not far from us (Acts 17:27,28)].
- C. Examples of the omnipresence of God: [1. Jesus in heaven and earth at same time (Jn. 3:13) 2. Present with us at all times (Mt. 28:20) 3. E.g. Where two or three are gathered; Paul and Silas in prison (Acts 16)].

## VII. GOD IS SPIRIT.

- A. Spirit by definition: [God is a non-material personal being, self-conscious and self-determining. It is simply that which is unseen, but real. E.g. Spirit and Body. Meaning that God is someone we can get to know.]
- B. Scripture support: [1. God is Spirit (Jn. 4:24) 2. Image of invisible God (Col. 1:15) 3. E.g. Lk. 24:39; 1 Tim. 1:17]
- C. The Spirit essence of God explains how He can be Omnipresent (Psa. 139:7-10).

## VIII. GOD IS ETERNAL.

- A. Eternal by definition: Eternal refers to the endless past, the unending future, or to God's present experience of all time. God has no beginning as man can understand beginning and no ending either, but God exists now and knows both the beginning and the end as we perceive them. Thus, God transcends all matter, and is not bound by time and space. (Though the creator of time, He is not bound by it.).
- B. Scripture support: [1. Everlasting to everlasting (Ps. 90:2) 2. Inhabits eternity (Isa. 57:15) 3. E.g 1 Tim. 1:17; Deut. 33:27]
- C. *"Eternity is not measurable; neither is it fully comprehensible by human mind. This is true because we have nothing to compare it with. Our life is lived by the clock in minutes, hours, weeks, days, months, years, etc. God is not limited or contained by time. He established time in eternity for His creation. A seminary professor once said, in trying to define time, "Time is only parenthesis in eternity." - J.J. Turner, Doctrine of the Godhead, pp. 30,31*

## CONCLUSION:

- A. We have seen how awesome God is. Our faith in Him should increase to the point that it is no longer bound by human fears, but launches out into the unknown.
- B. What should our response be to God? We should have reverential fear for Him and keep His commandments ( Rev. 19:5). We should put our trust in him (Psa. 20:7), because we know that God can deliver every promise, and help us in all our labors, trials, and struggles. We should have absolute confidence in God to accomplish all things according to His will.
- C. We should love and adore Him for the great salvation He brought to us (Rev. 4:11).

