

Lesson 1 - Supplementary Notes

1. Omnipresence: God fills all space with the total presence of His being. God is not bound by space and time and in His nature He is infinite.

God is unbounded by all things, He is unlimited, unsearchable, immeasurable and incomprehensible.

His omnipresence is all in His power - Hebrews 1:3

Knowledge

- Proverbs 15:3
- Hebrews 4:13

His rule over all domains

- Isaiah 66:1

NOTE: Even in Hell God is present (Psalm 139:8)

His Presence is to execute just wrath.

2. Omnipotent

- God is unbounded by any limitation to execute His will
- God has no effort in doing all that He wills.
- No one can understand the measure of his power (job 26:14)
- To create a flower is the same to create the sun no effort was exerted just his will

God's power is absolute - Nothing can stand against his power and nothing can limit it or prevent it

Proverbs 21:2

Ephesians 3:20

Matthew 19:26

Jeremiah 32:17

Colossians 1:16

God's power is manifested in our regeneration by taking what is dead and making it alive and keeping it alive.

Ephesians 1:17-21

1 Peter 1:5

John 10:28

God's power is revealed by his will (Lord if thou art willing thou can make me clean)

- There is no act of God that is more difficult than another or requires more effort
- All the works of God are equally manifested (is anything too hard for the Lord)

Omnipotence is in holiness therefore God cannot sin God cannot lie nor can God deny himself

3. The Omniscience of God - John 21:17b

God has and always has had all understanding of all things to all degrees

Psalm 139:1-6

Acts 2:23

1 Peter 1:20

John 1:5

2 Timothy 2:19

God knows all things because he decrees all things not because he works like a psychic or that he is gaining knowledge as events occur.

Some would think that he knows all things today as events change and tomorrow he knows as things turn out as if he. As if he only has influence on events themselves.

4. Trinity

- God is one yet three individual distinct persons all equal all independent.
- Each person is the fullness of God not one third of God. Each person is fully God yet God exists as one. They are not subordinate to one another.

The Trinity is revealed in the scripture in the following passages:

Genesis 1:26; 11:7

2 Corinthians 13:13

2 Peter 1:2

Each person of the trinity is a distinct person and has distinct functions.

Father - First person who has father like qualities – he is the initiator, provider and protector

Son - second person Jesus – acts in obedience to the will of the father carries out the work of redemption and judgment.

Holy Spirit - third person – in his fullness indwells seals and sanctifies the believer. (john 15:26)

5. Divine decrees

- The eternal plan or purpose of God whereby he has determined all things that comes to pass. This is what makes the almighty God almighty.

A decree is a set purpose or determination in regard to future events

Proverbs 2:7

Ephesians 3:11

God's decrees determine the free action of men. (Acts 4:8, 23-28)

- Decrees are founded in wisdom (Ephesians 3:9-11) Formed in eternity past.
- Without decrees God would be a bystander to human events responded to the affairs of man as they occurred.
- The sending of Christ to be our Saviour was not a reaction to Adams sin but an eternal decree of the heavenly father.
- The final defeat of Satan is an eternal decree not a wishful hope (Isaiah 46:10; Psalm 33:11).

Decrees do not create nor are they the author of sin. Man's freedom is a decree yet man's freedom is still under the decree of God.

Genesis 50:19-20;

Romans 9:18.