Chapter 3 - THE NATURE OF GOD

GOD IS FAR ABOVE US p. 51

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in (Is. 40:22).

*Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is **unsearchable*** (Is. 40:28). p. 51

GOD IS ONE:

*To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is **none other** beside Him* (Deu. 4:35). p. 52

NO OTHER GODS!

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the Lord of hosts; I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God (Is. 44:6). p. 52

Look to Me and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God and there is no other (Is. 45:22). p. 52

HE IS AWARE AND INVOLVED IN THIS WORLD

For *the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him …* (2 Chron 16:9a). *p. 53*

HE IS ETERNAL

God has always existed. There was never a point when He did not exist. This is beyond human ability to comprehend. God is perpetually and eternally, the "I AM." *p. 54*

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, *even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God* (Ps. 90:2). *p. 54*

Your throne is established from of old; *You are from **everlasting*** (Ps. 93:2). *p. 54*

HE IS IMMUTABLE (God does not change) *p. 55*

But You are the same, and Your years will have no end (Ps. 102:27). *p. 55*

*For I am the Lord, I **do not change**; therefore, you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob (Malachi 3:6) p. 55*

HE POSSESSES ASEITY (self-existence)

God needs nothing outside of Himself to exist. *p. 55*

Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? 2 For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist," says the Lord (Is. 66:1-2a). *p. 55*

HE IS OMNIPOTENT: (All-powerful)

*Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your **great** **power** and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You (Je 32:17).* *p. 56*

HE IS OMNIPRESENT: (Present everywhere.)

Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord (Jer. 23:24). *p. 57*

HE IS OMNISCIENT: (He **knows** **all** **things**.)

My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. …17 How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! (Ps. 139:15-17). *p. 57*

HE IS HOLY (Pure in motive; He has no darkness nor deception) *p. 57*

Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy (Lev. 19:2). *p. 57-58* (Also Ezek. 39:7; Ps. 5:4-6; 22:3; 89:35)

HE IS RIGHTEOUS

*For the LORD is **righteous**, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright (Ps. 11:7).* *p. 58*

HE IS TRUTH AND JUSTICE

He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for *all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He* (Deu. 32:4). *p. 58*

God is not man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. *Has He said, and will He not do*? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Num 23:19). *p. 58*

HE IS FAITHFUL

*Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the **faithful** God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments (Deu 7:9).* *p. 59*