

AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP
MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Topic: THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD
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Communicable Attributes
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Homework

Manifestations of God's Holiness

- The Holiness of God manifests itself in a hatred of sin. Proverbs 15:9 The Lord detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue righteousness.
 - The Holiness of God manifests itself in His never doing wickedness or iniquity. Psalm 92:15 The Lord is upright. He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
 - The Holiness of God is manifest in the separation of the sinner from Himself. Matthew 7:21-23 ‘... And then will I say unto them, ‘I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity”
 - The Holiness of God manifests itself in the punishment of the sinner. (Holy hatred) Psalm 9:17 ‘The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”
 - The Holiness of God manifests itself in His making an infinite sacrifice to save others from sin unto Holiness. The death of Christ is not merely a manifestation of the love of God but of His Holiness as well. Romans 5:8 “But God commands His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
1. Omnipresence - Enables God to be wholly present everywhere and at once. Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go from your Spirit, Where can I flee from your presence?
 2. Omniscience - This attribute states as a fact that God knows all things. His knowledge of all things is perfect. His understanding of all things that He knows is infinite. Read Psalm 139 in it's entirety
 3. Omnipotence - This attribute enables God to do all things, nothing is too hard for Him and that all things are possible with Him. Gen. 18:14 “Is anything impossible for The Lord?” Matt. 19:26 “ But Jesus beheld them, and said to them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

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Love - The Quality of Caring

God's love is an affection that moves Him to provide for the wellbeing of His personal creatures, regardless of their personal merit, worth or spiritual state. Jn 3:16; I Jn. 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

I Jn. 4:8 simply states God is love. “Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**”

Some manifestations:

1. God loves His son (Jesus, The Son). God's son is the original and eternal object of His love. Jn. 17:24
2. God loves those who are united to His Son by faith and love. Jn. 16:27
3. God's love manifests itself in correction and discipline towards those He loves. Hebrews 12:6-11
4. God loves the sinner so much that He sent His son Jesus to die and experience God's wrath in their place Romans 5:6-8 ; Jn 15:13

Mercy - The quality of showing compassion (lovingkindness)

This quality enables God to show a benevolent compassion toward the guilty and the distressed.

God shows mercy toward the guilty by withholding the punishment they deserve. Titus 3:5

- In mercy God shows compassion toward those who suffer or who are in distress by granting them relief. Hebrews 4:16
- God in His sovereignty shows mercy to whom He wills. In other words no one can dictate to Him whom He shall have mercy upon. Rom. 9:15
- God extends His mercy toward everyone who confesses and forsakes their sins. Psalm 32:10

Not only should we be grateful to God for His mercy to us but we should also show this **mercy** to others. Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Grace - The quality of exercising unmerited favor

- This quality enables God to deal favorably with undeserving people according to His sovereign purpose Eph. 2:8-9 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.
- God's Grace does not recognize human merit, worth, or works, because of this, God graciously gives to gospel believers salvational blessings which they do not deserve. Romans 3:24

The same Grace that saves also keeps people saved in spite of their spiritual lapses Romans 5:2

God's Grace enables His people to do His will II Cor. 1:12 and to endure their circumstances II Cor. 12:9

Longsuffering - The quality of being patient

- This quality enables God to bear long with those who annoy or provoke Him Rom 15:5
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- God is patient with His people Psalm 86:14-17
- He is patient in that He puts up with their frailties, including their immaturities, dullness, ignorance and obstinacy.
- God is patient with the unsaved Romans 2:4; 9:22
In spite of their sins against Him, He gives them opportunities to repent and believe the Gospel. However this patience is not forever. Having graciously given them opportunity to repent, He will judge those who reject Him and the gospel. II Pet. 3:9-10

We too are to be longsuffering toward others who try us and provoke us Eph. 4:2. This patience with others is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Gal. 5:22

Wisdom - The quality of know how

The wisdom of God gives Him the ability to use His knowledge in a manner that will best accomplish His purposes. It is the ability to apply knowledge in a practical way. It is knowing best what to do, how to do it, and when to do it.

Being all wise God knows how best to carry out His own plan as well as to give the best direction to His personal creatures. Eph. 3:10

This attribute allows the believer to rely, trust and confide in His plan and His direction for our lives. Proverbs 4:6-7

In closing....

Our response to these (and more) divine attributes.

We are to stand in awe of God. A sense of fear and wonder should fill our hearts upon every reading, study, meditation and contemplation of these attributes. Psalm 119:120 My flesh trembles in fear of you; I stand in awe of your laws.

We are to appreciate and be grateful for every attribute of God. Review the attributes and bring to mind how each attribute has been a benefit and a blessing in your life. Psalm 118:29 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever."

Ask God to stir up hunger, thirst and zeal for Him and His Word. If you think you are already stirred ask Him to stir you up even more. Let us not forget Paul's admonishment in I Cor. 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Use what we learn to bless others and point others to Christ. 1 Thess. 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?