THE REVELATION OF THE ONE TRUE GOD

Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Revelation 15:3-4

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An Introduction Theology Proper: the Study of the One True God

Does a series of lessons on the theology of God seem a bit heavy for a Sunday School class, especially a class that includes small children as well as adults? Should we leave such material to seminaries and theologians? Listen to what C. H. Spurgeon told his congregation at the New Park Street Chapel on January 7, 1855.

It has been said by someone that "the proper study of mankind is man." I will not oppose the idea, but I believe it is equally true that the proper study of God's elect is God; the proper study of a Christian is the Godhead. The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.

There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity. Other subjects we can compass and grapple with; in them we feel a kind of self-content, and go our way with the thought, "Behold I am wise." But when we come to this master-science, finding that our plumb-line cannot sound its depth, and that our eagle eye cannot see its height, we turn away with the thought that vain man would be wise, but he is like a wild ass's colt; and with solemn exclamation, "I am but of yesterday, and know nothing." No subject of contemplation will tend more to humble the mind, than thoughts of God . . .

But while the subject humbles the mind, it also expands it. He who often thinks of God, will have a larger mind than the man who simply plods around this narrow globe . . . The most excellent study for expanding the soul, is the science of Christ, and Him crucified, and the knowledge of the Godhead in the glorious Trinity. Nothing will so enlarge the intellect, nothing so magnify the whole soul of man, as a devout, earnest, continued investigation of the great subject of the Deity.

And whilst humbling and expanding, this subject is eminently consolatory . . . I know nothing which can so comfort the soul; so calm the swelling billows of sorrow and grief; so speak peace to the winds of trial, as a devout musing upon the subject of the Godhead.

The value of our study of Theology Proper cannot be better stated, except by Christ Himself: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). We must know God as thoroughly as possible because the eternal salvation of our souls is found in Him and in His Son. With this expectation, we turn now to consider the One True God as He reveals Himself in His Word and in His Son.

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Scripture Memorization

Isaiah 55:6-11

- 6. Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near;
 - 7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8. For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- 9. For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
 - 10. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
 - 11. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [in the thing] whereto I sent it.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise



Lesson 1: The Need for Divine Revelation

TEXT: Genesis 3; Psalm 14; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" SUMMARY: The knowledge of God is prevented by two insurmountable obstacles. In the first place, God is entirely outside of the human realm. He is Spirit and therefore not accessible to finite humans. Secondly, man is totally depraved by sin. As such, his natural faculties cannot comprehend the infinite eternal God. Therefore, for man to know God, God must reveal Himself. God has done this very thing through history. The Bible is a record of that revelation. Genesis 3 1. Why did Eve eat the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? 2. What were the immediate consequences of the sin of Adam and Eve? 3. What judgments did God pronounce? Psalm 14 4. Who is a fool? 5. What does God see when He looks from heaven at men? 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 6. What did Paul say about the wisdom of God? 7. What did Paul say about the things that God has prepared for those who love Him? 8. How can we know the things of God?

9. What did Paul say about the natural man?

Lesson 2: The Revelation of God in Nature

	KT: Psalm 19:1-6; Acts 14:8-18; Acts 17:22-34; Romans 1:18-32 MORY: Isaiah 55:6-7 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise
SU ma The	MMARY: God is the Creator of heaven and earth. His creation bears an unmistakable witness to His jesty and power through all the earth. Men see this revelation of God but prefer the creature to the Creator by do not give God the glory due to Him. Therefore, all men are without excuse before the wrath onlighty God.
	ılm 19:1-6 What message is spoken and where is it heard?
	s 14:8-18 What did the people in Lystra do when Paul healed the man?
3.	What did Paul and Barnabas tell the people about God?
	s 17:22-34 What did Paul find as he observed the religion in Athens?
5.	What did Paul tell the Athenians about God?
	mans 1:18-32 What is clearly revealed to all men?
7.	What do men do with that revelation?
8.	How has God responded to what men have done?

Lesson 3: The Revelation of God Through Holy Men

TEXT: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 2:1-3:4; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 1:1-4 MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-8 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" SUMMARY: God, Who cannot lie, has spoken to us through men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. The revelation which they recorded for us in the Bible is without error as God Himself is. In addition, the revelation is made more sure to us by the Holy Spirit Who enables us to understand this infallible and inerrant Word. Jeremiah 1:4-10 1. Why did Jeremiah become a prophet to the nations? 2. What did the LORD tell Jeremiah to do? 3. What did the LORD do to Jeremiah? Ezekiel 2:1-3:4 4. Why did Ezekiel become a prophet to Israel? 5. What did the LORD tell Ezekiel to do? 2 Peter 1:19-21 6. Why should we heed the words of the prophets? 2 Timothy 3:14-17 7. How did the Scriptures come to us? 8. What value do the Scriptures have?

Hebrews 1:1-4

9. How has God spoken to us?

Lesson 4: The Revelation of God the Creator

TEXT: Genesis 1:1-2:7; Job 38; Isaiah 40:9-31

MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-9	HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"
SUMMARY: God created the heavens and the earth. This Creator, God is unlimited in His power. There is nothing to God is the Possessor of heaven and earth. He answers to	nis truth is foundational to the Revelation of God. As g that He cannot do in heaven and earth. As Creator,
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Genesis 1:1-2:7 1. What did God do on each of the seven days of cre	reation?
First day:	
Second day:	
Third day:	
Fourth day:	
Fifth day:	
Sixth day:	
Seventh day:	
2. How did God make man?	
Job 38 3. What are some of the ways that the LORD describ	ibed His power to Job?
Isaiah 40:9-31 4. Why did Isaiah conclude that there was no one like	ike the LORD?
5. What encouragement did Isaiah get from knowing	ng the omnipotence of God?

Lesson 5: The Revelation of the Sovereign God

TEXT: Genesis 45:1-11; Exodus 3:1-12; Exodus 6:28-7:6; Joshua 10:1-15; Joshua 11:18-20; 1 Chronicles 29:10-16; Psalm 104:1-35; Daniel 4:1-37; Romans 8:28 MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-10 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" SUMMARY: God reveals Himself to be the Sovereign Ruler of creation. He rules over the natural world from the least event to the greatest. He rules over the movements of nations in the earth and even rules over the hearts and minds of all men. He exercises His sovereign rule in order to accomplish His will for His Own glory and for the good of His people. 1. How do each of the following texts show that God is sovereign? Genesis 45:1-11 Exodus 3:1-12 Exodus 6:28-7:6 Joshua 10:1-15 Joshua 11:18-20 1 Chronicles 29:10-16 Psalm 104:1-35 Daniel 4:1-37

Romans 8:28

Lesson 6: The Revelation of a Holy God

	EXT: Exodus 19:1-25; Psalm 99:1-9; Isaiah 6:1-7; Hab MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-11	oakkuk 1:1-17 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise
SЦI His	SUMMARY: The Lord reveals Himself as a holy God. He is fa His righteousness is absolute and He cannot abide evil in His s under obligation to be holy as God Himself is holy.	r above men in moral purity and righteousness
	xodus 19:1-25 . What did the LORD promise Israel if they would obey	His voice and keep His Covenant?
2. I	. How were the people to prepare for the LORD'S com	ing to Mount Sinai?
3. \	. What did the LORD tell the people when they came o	out to meet Him?
	salm 99:1-9 . How is the LORD described in this Psalm?	
5. I	. How are we to respond to the LORD?	
	saiah 6:1-7 . What did Isaiah see?	
7. I	. How did Isaiah respond to what he saw?	
	labakkuk 1:1-17 . What was Habakkuk's first complaint?	
9. I	. How did the LORD answer Habakkuk?	
10. '). Why did the LORD'S answer trouble Habakkuk so mi	uch?

Lesson 7: The Revelation of an Angry God

TEXT: Genesis 3:22-24; Genesis 6:1-8; Psalm 52:1-9; Nahum 1:1-10; Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11-15 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-11 SUMMARY: God reveals Himself as an angry judge who will mete out terrible punishment upon sinful men. The ejection of Adam and Eve from the Garden, the flood in the days of Noah and the numerous accounts of God's judgment upon sinful men and sinful nations all serve as a solemn warning that God will not tolerate the sinfulness of the human race. In the end, at the Great White Throne, God will execute final and eternal judgment upon those who remain in their sins. Genesis 3:22-24 1. What did God do after Adam and Eve sinned? Genesis 6:1-8 2. What did the LORD do when he saw that the wickedness of man was great? Psalm 52:1-9 3. What will God do to the wicked? Nahum 1:1-10 4. What attributes of God are given here? 5. What will God do to the wicked? Matthew 25:31-46 6. When the Son of Man comes in His glory, how will He separate the nations? 7. What will happen to those on His left hand? Revelation 20:11-15 8. What will happen at the Great White Throne?

9. What will happen after the judgment is completed at the Great White Throne?

Lesson 8: The Revelation of a Good God

	(T: Exodus 34:1-10; Psalm 103:1-22; Ephesians 2:1- MORY: Isaiah 55:6-11	-10 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise'
SUN good	MMARY: A wonderful fact is disclosed in the Divine Reveland. Although His righteousness demands wrath, He will atures. He loves sinners with an everlasting love. He will	ation. The almighty, holy and righteous God is be merciful and gracious to His undeserving
	dus 34:1-10 Why did Moses go up on Mount Sinai?	
2. F	How did the LORD describe Himself to Moses?	
	lm 103:1-22 What does the LORD do about our sins, iniquities and	d transgressions?
4. V	What does the Psalmist say about the mercy of God?	
5. ŀ	How is the LORD like a father to us?	
6. V	Who should bless the LORD?	
	nesians 2:1-10 What is the condition of all men?	
8. F	How did God show Himself to be rich in mercy?	
9. V	What is the grace of God?	

Lesson 9: The Revelation of God in Jesus Christ

TEXT: Genesis 3:15; Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Isaiah 7:10-16; Isaiah 9:1-7; Isaiah 11:1-10; Isaiah 42:1-9; Micah 5:2-5; John 1:1-18; John 8:48-59; John 14:6-11; Hebrews 1:1-4

MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-11

HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

SUMMARY: God's stated purpose throughout Scripture is to bring salvation to a condemned race. This salvation was said in the Old Testament to come through a Member of that race. He is said to be the Seed of the woman, the Seed of Abraham, a Prophet like Moses, the Son of David, the Son of God. That One is Jesus Christ. He perfectly fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies when He came as God in the flesh to reveal God and accomplish His salvation.

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What do each of the following passages teach about Jesus Christ?	
Genesis 3:15	
Deuteronomy 18:15-19	
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Isaiah 9:1-7	
Isaiah 11:1-10	
Isaiah 42:1-9	
Micah 5:2-5	
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John 1:1-18	
John 8:48-59	
John 14:6-11	
Hebrews 1:1-4	

Lesson 10: The Revelation of God the Redeemer

TEXT: Isaiah 53:1-12; John 10:11-30; Romans 3:21-31; Hebrews 9:23-28 MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-11 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise
SUMMARY: The salvation of God is not cheap. It must not do violence to the holy character of God. Th great love, mercy and grace of God must be expressed in absolute righteousness. It was to this end that Jesu came as God in human flesh. He offered Himself to God as the perfect Sacrifice for sin and fully satisfied th righteous requirement for judgment as our Substitute. The Father placed our sins upon Him and then kille Him that we might have eternal life. His resurrection bears witness to the completion of this wonderful work
Isaiah 53:1-12 1. How is the Man of Sorrows described?
2. How is He treated and why?
3. What is the result of His suffering and death?
John 10:11-30 4. What does the Good Shepherd do?
5. Why does the Father love Jesus?
6. What provision is made for the sheep?
Romans 3:21-31 7. How did the death of Jesus Christ show the righteousness of God?
8. How do we receive the righteousness of God?

Hebrews 9:23-28 9. Why did Christ die?

Lesson 11: The Revelation of God the Elector

TEXT: John 6:35-51; Romans 9:6-24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-11 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" SUMMARY: The great salvation of God is available to all who will come to receive it. However, man in bondage to sin is not able or willing to come. Yet many do come to receive salvation through faith in Jesus Christ the Redeemer. This happens because of the electing purpose of God. From before the foundation of the world, He chose those whom He would draw irresistibly to His Son that they might be delivered from their sins and live eternally with Him. John 6:35-51 1. Why did Jesus describe Himself as the Bread of Life? 2. What is the will of the Father? 3. Who will come to Jesus? Romans 9:6-24 4. What lesson did Paul draw from the story of Jacob and Esau? 5. What did God teach Moses about the mercy of God? 6. Why did Paul speak of the potter and the clay? Ephesians 1:3-14 7. What did Paul say about the choice that God made? Philippians 2:12-13 8. Why does anyone obey God?

- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
- 9. How did Paul explain the salvation of the Thessalonian believers?

Lesson 12: The Revelation of God is Quick!

TEXT: Psalm 1:1-6; Psalm 19:7-14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:2-4; Ezekiel 37:1-14 MEMORY: Isaiah 55:6-11 HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" SUMMARY: God's Word is the instrument by which He brings blessing to men. It is by the Word that we are quickened. It is by the Word that we are equipped for every good work. It is by the Word that we have all that we need for life and godliness. It is by living in the light of God's Word that we are blessed of God. Not surprisingly, we are exhorted to diligently study this Word and meditate upon it day and night. Psalm 1:1-6 1. What does the blessed man do and what does he not do? 2. What will happen to such a blessed one? Psalm 19:7-14 3. Why did the Psalmist find God's Word more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey? 2 Timothy 3:16-17 4. What is the value of Scripture? Hebrews 4:12-13 5. How did the author of Hebrews describe the Word of God? 1 Peter 1:23-25 6. How were we born again? 7. How does the glory of man compare with the Word of God? 2 Peter 1:2-4 8. How do men become partakers of the Divine Nature?

Ezekiel 37:1-14

9. What does this story illustrate about God's Word?

Lesson 13: The Revelation of God's Glory

		John 17:1-26 RY: Isaiah 55:6-11		HYMN: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"
SC ve Th gr	IMMA chicle one Son ceat wo	RY: It is the purpose of of eternal life. He alone in turn glorifies the Fa	reveals the Father. He is th other by faithfully completi rify Father and Son by recei	ne Son. He has done this by making Him the sole e only means whereby we might have eternal life. Ing all that the Father has asked Him to do in the wing this work of salvation by simple faith in Jesus
1.	What	t did Jesus pray abou	t glorifying the Father and	d the Son?
2.	What	t is eternal life?		
3.	What	t did Jesus' disciples l	earn and believe?	
4.	For v	vhom did Jesus pray	and what request did He	make for them?
5.	What	t did Jesus pray abou	t His disciples and the wo	orld?
6.	What	t did Jesus pray abou	t the Word of God?	
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