God is and He has Spoken

God Made Man in His Own Image
Lesson 04

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The existence of God

All men know His eternal power and Godhead
Romans 1:20

- Invisible attributes understood by observing creation
- Clearly seen
- No excuse
- Wrath of God revealed from heaven against all men
The incommunicable attributes of God

- The transcendent character of God
- God is Spirit
- God is One – the Triune God
- God is eternal – self existent, self sufficient, eternal, immutable
- God is infinite – presence, knowledge, power
- Job 13:11 “Will not His excellence make you afraid, and the dread of Him fall upon you?”
The communicable attributes of God

- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1)
- Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness (Genesis 1:26)
What is the image and likeness of God?

- Not the incommunicable attributes of God
- Not the physical attributes of man
- The image and likeness of God changed by the fall
- In Scripture we find revelation of God not seen in creation
- Attributes which have a likeness in us
- Scripture is the exclusive source for this truth
- This revelation has value beyond understanding ourselves
Exodus 33:7-34:9

The context
- The Promise
- The Exodus
- The formation of the nation at Mt. Sinai
- The Golden Calf
- The judgment: blessing without God’s Presence
- Moses meets with God outside the camp
Moses intercedes for the nation

Exodus 33:12-17

- An argument from the attributes and character of God
- An argument from the plan to take the nation into the Promised Land (6:2-8; 23:20-33)
- “You have not let me know whom you will send with me.”
- A true hope: the Presence of the LORD would go with them and give rest (33:14)
The Grace of God

- Prior revelation of grace
  - Genesis 3 – the fall
  - Genesis 6 – Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD

- Current knowledge
  - The wrath of God
  - The Plan of God
  - The grace of God to Moses – “I know you by name.”
  - The grace of God to the nation

- God’s answer
  - “My Presence will go with you and I will give you rest.”
Moses: “Show me Your Glory.”
What is the glory of God?

- The glory of the LORD is seen in a bright display
  - Exodus 24:17
  - Revelation 21:11, 23

- The glory of God is seen in His attributes
  - The LORD said He would reveal – His goodness
  - The LORD said He would proclaim His Name

- The glory of the LORD is seen in Jesus
  - John 1:14
  - Hebrews 1:3

- The glory of God is His unveiled Presence
  - 1 Corinthians 13:12 – we see “through a glass darkly”
  - Job 26:5-14 – the “mere edges of His ways”
How did God reveal His glory?

- No “fireworks”
- The LORD proclaimed the name of the LORD (34:5)
- The LORD proclaimed his attributes (34:6-7)
- The power of God in the Word
The Glory of God

- LORD, the LORD God
  - God interacting with His creation
    - Exodus 6:2-4 – Covenant Keeper
    - Zechariah 14:1-9 – Name of Christ
  - Eternal power and Godhead
The Glory of God

- Mercy – compassion – pity
  - Psalm 103:11-14
  - Deuteronomy 4:30-31
  - Hosea 1:7
    - Child named, No-Mercy (Lo-Ruhamah)
    - Promise of mercy – deliverance from misery of sin
  - Romans 9:15-18
  - Jeremiah 3:12
  - Zechariah 1:12-16
The Glory of God

- **Gracious**
  - Divine favor sovereignly bestowed
  - The ground of all Divine blessings

- **Longsuffering**
  - Enduring dishonor or hostility when not required
  - 1 Peter 3:20 – demonstrated in Noah’s day
The Glory of God

- **Goodness**
  - Attribute of being good
    - Good is being beneficial toward another
    - Distinct from righteousness or perfection
  - Psalm 34:8-14 – LORD is good – we are blessed
  - Romans 2:4 – goodness brings repentance
  - Gospel is good news
  - Only God is good – Luke 18:19
The Glory of God

- Truth
  - Absolutely reliable – no deception in word or deed
- Keeping mercy
  - Lovingkindness – Loyal love
- Forgiving iniquity, not clear the guilty . . .
  - Justice
Communicable Attributes of God

- Colossians 3:9-15
  - Restored in salvation
  - Attributes of believer are attributes of God
- 2 Peter 1:3-4 – Partakers of the Divine nature
- Romans 8:29 – Conformed to His image
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 – Transformed
- 1 John 3:2-3 – we shall be like Him
Communicable Attributes of God

- Incommunicable attributes show a God far from us
- Communicable attributes bring God to us for blessing
- Ecclesiastes 7:12 “For wisdom is a defense as money is a defense, but the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.”
“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for you loved Me before the foundation of the world.” John 17:24