

God Is and He Has Spoken

*A doctrinal study of
the Triune God and His written Word*

There is None Like God

Lesson 3

**2 Kings 6:8-23; Psalm 139; Psalm 90:1-2; Isaiah 40:9-31;
Psalm 102:26-28; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8**

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General vs. Special Revelation

General revelation:

God's gift of revealing himself to everyone who exist, and is typically shown through created things through nature and the vast expanse of the heavens.

Romans 1:20

²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Special revelation:

God revealing himself through miraculous methods, which may include physical appearances of God in the Old & New Testament. Dreams, visions, the Word of God, Jesus Christ, by the impression of Holy Spirit, examples of fulfillment of prophesy and upon the lives of men and women.

Today's Outline

2 Kings 6:8-14 ; 15-19 ; 20-23 (3 sections)

Psalm 139:1-6 ; 7-12 ; 13-18 ; 19-22 ; 23-24 (5 sections)

Psalm 90:1-2

Isaiah 40:9-11 ; 12-14 ; 15-17 ; 18-20 ; 21-24 ; 25-26 ; 27-31 (7 sections)

Psalm 102:26-28

Malachi 3:6

Hebrews 13:8

Summary

2 Kings 6:8-14

⁸ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. ⁹ And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. ¹⁰ And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. ¹¹ Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? ¹² And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. ¹³ And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. ¹⁴ Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

Primary Attribute: **All Knowing - Omniscient**

2 Kings 6:15-19

¹⁵ And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? ¹⁶ And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. ¹⁸ And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. ¹⁹ And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

Primary Attributes: **Sovereignty & Mercy**

2 Kings 6:20-23

²⁰ And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. ²¹ And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? ²² And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. ²³ And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

Primary Attributes: **Sovereignty & Mercy**

Psalm 139:1-6

- ¹ O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.
- ² Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- ³ Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
- ⁵ Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

He:

- searches us
- knows our actions and our daily habits
- knows our thoughts
- knows what we say
- surrounds us with his awareness and guides us

Primary Attributes: **All Knowing - Omniscient , Immanent**

Psalm 139:7-12

⁷ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

¹⁰ even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

¹² Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day:

the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Primary Attributes: Omnipresent , Immanent

Psalm 139:13-18

¹³ For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

¹⁵ My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret,
and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶ Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect;
and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were
fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷ How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:
when I awake, I am still with thee.

Attributes: Sovereignty , Foreknowledge , Immanence
, Omnipotence , All Knowing - Omniscient

Psalm 139:19-22

¹⁹ Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

²⁰ For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

²¹ Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?

and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

²² I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

Attribute: **Righteousness**

Psalm 139:23-24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
²⁴ and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Primary Attributes: All Knowing - Omniscient , Righteousness ,
Immanence , Sovereignty**

Psalm 90:1-2

¹ Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Attributes: Immanence , Omnipotence , Eternal

Isaiah 40:9-11

**⁹ O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!**

**¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him:
behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.**

**¹¹ He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.**

Primary Attributes: Immanence , Sovereignty , Omnipotence

Isaiah 40:12-14

¹² Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

¹³ Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

¹⁴ With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

**Primary Attributes: Immensity , Transcendence , Omnipotence ,
Incomprehensible / Infinite , All Wise ,
All Knowing - Omniscient**

Isaiah 40:15-17

¹⁵ Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

¹⁶ And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

¹⁷ All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

Primary Attributes: Immensity

, Aseity (self existent and self sufficient)

Isaiah 40:18-20

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

20 He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.

He can't be compared to:

- any likeness (there is no comparison)**
- a graven image made with molten gold or silver**
- any wood that will rot**
- any work from a gifted craftsman for a large graven image**

Primary Attributes: Incorporeal (spiritual in nature)

Isaiah 40:21-24

²¹ Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

²³ that bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

²⁴ Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown:

yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

Attribute: Immensity

Isaiah 40:25-26

²⁵ To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number:

he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

Psalm 147:4-5

⁴ He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Primary Attributes: Incomprehensible / Infinite , Omnipotence

Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷ Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

²⁸ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

²⁹ He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

³¹ but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Primary Attributes: Omnipotence

, Aseity (self existent and self sufficient) , All Knowing - Omniscient

Immanence & Mercy

Psalm 102:26-28

²⁵ Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth:
and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

²⁶ They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a
garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

²⁷ but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

²⁸ The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established
before thee.

**Primary Attributes: Immutable / Never Changes , Eternal ,
Immanence , Mercy , Sovereignty**

Malachi 3:6

⁶ For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

**Primary Attributes: Immutable / Never Changes , Eternal ,
Immanence , Mercy , Sovereignty**

Hebrews 13:8

⁸ Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Primary Attributes: Never Changes , Eternal , Is God !

Summary

Attributes of God that we know through special revelation in these passages:

- Omniscient / All knowing – he knows all things, nothing can surprise him
- Sovereign – in complete control in directing all things according to his purposes
- Aseity – so independent that He does not need us. He is self existent and self sufficient.
- Immanence – He is interested and directly involved in His creation
- Omnipresent – being present everywhere
- Eternal – existed in eternity past and will live forever into the future
- Omnipotent – all powerful – almighty
- Immutable – does not, and cannot change, even his judgments are unchangeable
- Immensity – extends beyond our physical space
- Transcendent – is not bounded by physical realm, small or large, exists outside of it
- Incomprehensible – he cannot be fully known, understood or comprehended. He is infinite.
- Incorporeal – spiritual nature of God that cannot and should not be represented by anything
- Perfectly Righteous – and will judge sin according to his perfect standard
- Merciful