



It's Time Ministries

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Men's Bible Study: The Power of Sonship

Part 1: The Father's Nature

Attributes of God

GOD IS SPIRIT - John 4:24; Exo. 20:4

❖ Why is Exo. 20:4 important?

❖ Don't confuse anthropomorphisms with who God really is – Gen. 3:8; Psa. 34:15-16; 1 Kings 8:29

SELF-EXISTENCE - Exo. 3:14; John 5:26; Acts 17:28

SURE - God has never been confused about who He is – Isaiah 43:10; 44:6-8

ETERNAL - Psa. 90:2; Psa. 102:12

INDEPENDENCE - Job 41:11; Psa. 50:10-12

IMMUTABILITY – Unchanging - Psa. 102:25-27; Psa. 33:11; James 1:17; Mal.3:6

LOVE - 1 John 4:7-11; John 3:16

GOODNESS - Mat. 19:17; Psa. 100:5; Psa. 34:8

TRUTH - John 1:17; John 17:3

FAITHFUL - Num. 23:19; Lam. 3:23

HOLINESS - Holiness is not optional – its mandatory – Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:16

GRACE - Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7; Eph. 2:8

JUST - Psa. 99:4; Rom. 1:32; Rom. 2:5-7

PROVIDER – Psa. 23; 2 Cor. 9:8; Phil. 4:19; Mat. 6:31-32; Mat. 7:11

TEACHER – Psa. 94:12; Psa. 32:8; Heb. 12:1-8

VALIDATOR – Mat. 3:17; Rom. 8:28-34

PROTECTOR – Psa. 46:1; Psa. 91; Nahum 1:7

3 O's TO CONSIDER

GOD IS OMNISCIENT – ALL KNOWING

- ❖ He knows us inside out – Psa. 139:1-6; Heb. 4:13
- ❖ There is nothing that He is waiting to find out – Isa. 46:9-10; Acts 15:18
- ❖ What's the big deal?
 - Truth and Knowledge is determined by God – Psa. 33:4; John 17:17
 - True wisdom points to God and not us – Jer. 9:23-24; Pro. 3:7
- ❖ We shouldn't reject God because we don't understand Him in a situation – Job 14:14; Mat. 16:13-23; 1 Cor. 2:8

FATHERS SHOULD KNOW THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR WIVES

- ❖ Know and know how to minister to our children – Eph. 6:14; Col. 3:21
- ❖ Dwell with wife according to knowledge – 1 Pet. 3:7

GOD IS OMNIPOTENT – ALL POWERFUL

- ❖ Because He is All-Powerful, He reigns – Rev. 19:6
- ❖ God is not struggling to handle anything – Gen. 18:14; Psa. 115:3; Jer. 32:17
- ❖ He has all power over even the demonic – Mark 9
- ❖ What's the big deal?
 - The power of God can cause us to do the miraculous – Luke 1:35; Acts 1:8
 - As believers serving the all-powerful God, we are to expect the miraculous – Mark 16:17
 - If God has all power and I am His child, what do I have?

FATHERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN GREAT RESPONSIBILITY & AUTHORITY

- ❖ Leadership of the family: Eph. 5:23
- ❖ Spiritual authority to establish and release matters: Num. 30:1-7

GOD IS OMNIPRESENCE

- ❖ Jer. 23:23-24; Psalm 139
- ❖ If He is always present, why can't we always feel His Presence?
 - We don't approach God properly. How should we approach God?
 - Heb. 10:12-22
 - Is our heart sincere? (vs. 22) – Isa. 29:13
 - Are we confident of the work He has done in and for us? (vs. 22) – Phil. 1:6;
 - Are we bold? (vs. 19)
 - ◆ In Old Testament, priest had to approach with fear and trembling (Lev. 16; Luke 1:21), but now we can come before God boldly (Acts 4:13; Heb. 4:16; Eph. 6:19-20)
 - Do we approach by the blood of Jesus? (Heb. 9:7; Lev. 16:14; Heb. 9:22)
 - Do we go beyond the veil? (Exo. 26:31; Mat. 27:51; Heb. 10:20)
 - Is He your High Priest? (Heb 2:17, Heb 3:1, Heb 4:14-16, Heb 6:20, Heb 7:26, Heb 8:1)
 - Are we in faith?
 - ◆ The Kingdom's language is faith – Heb. 11; Luke 17; Luke 22:32; Acts 26:18; Rom. 10:8, 17; 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:8; Eph. 4:13; Heb. 11:6

FATHERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PRESENT IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES