

The Attributes of God

Attribute #23

1. Blessed - The blessedness of God refers to His inexpressible perfection – the sum of all His identifying characteristics. When the Scripture state, “Blessed be the Lord,” the idea is this: “Let God be worshipped and adored and praised.”
 - A. Originally, the word “blessed” meant to bow the knees, but it came to be used commonly in the sense of “to worship, adore, and praise.”
 - B. Therefore, to bless God is to exalt Him above all.
 1. Ex. 18:10-11
 2. Ruth 4:14
 3. 2 Chron. 2:12
 4. Dan. 3:28
 5. Luke 1:68; 19:38
 6. John 12:13; 1 Peter 1:3
 - C. The concept of worship, adoration, and praise being given to God is because of His supremacy.
 1. Psalm 50:21
 2. Exodus 3:1
 - D. The absolute and universal supremacy of God is plainly and positively affirmed in Scripture.
 1. The God to be worshipped is the God of biblical revelation not the god of human imagination.
 2. 1 Chron. 29:11-13
 3. 2 Chron.20: 6
 4. Job 23:13
 5. Psalm 115:3
 6. Prov. 21:30
 - E. God's supremacy is demonstrated by:
 1. The works of His hands over inanimate matter and irrational creatures – Psalm 135:6
 - a. Exodus 14 – The Red Sea
 - b. Joshua 10 – The sun stood still

- c. Isaiah 38:8 – The sun went backward 10 degrees on the dial of Ahaz
- d. 1 Kings 17 – Ravens carried food to Elijah
- e. 2 Kings 6:5 – Iron floats on the top of water

2. The perfect rule over the wills of man.

- a. Ex. 34:24 – Canaanites would not desire their land
- b. Prov.21:1 – The Kings heart is in the hand of the Lord
- c. When we read that men resisted the will of God, it refers to the wickedness of man compared to the external word of God whereas the above verses reveal what God purposed in Himself.
- d. The rule of conduct He has given us to walk by, is perfectly fulfilled by none of us, but His eternal “counsels” are accomplished to their minutest details.
 - 1). Eph. 1:11 – works = to work effectually
 - 2). Romans 11:36
 - 3). Prov. 16:9
 - 4). Psalm 31:5
 - 5). Psalm 37:7