

The Attributes of God

Chapter One: The Solitariness of God

When God's Word is studied, the Holy Spirit often brings other Scriptures to your remembrance, or highlights other spiritual truths to your thoughts. As you work through the following questions on the solitariness of God, feel free to notate any other Scriptures that come to your mind as you contemplate your answers. May the Lord richly bless your time of meditation on Him.

1. What is the goal of studying the attributes of God, and how can that best be achieved? (See the Preface to *The Attributes of God*.)

2. What is meant by “the solitariness of God?” (Consider Genesis 1:1 for your answer.)

3. What does the solitariness of God teach us about His glory?

4. Read the following verses, and circle repeated words. Based on these verses, what are some biblical reasons to explain why God chose to create?

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1)

“May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.” (Psalm 104:31)

“...yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.” (I Corinthians 8:6)

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him.” (Colossians 1:16)

5. In your own words, describe what it means that all things were created “for him.” (See Col. 1:16) What does this mean for you on a personal level as you relate to the Lord?

6. How would you describe the difference between God’s glory and His “manifestative” glory? (See the third paragraph of Chapter One.)

7. A.W. Pink said, “Nay, we go further: our Lord Jesus Christ added nothing to God in his essential being and glory, either by what he did or suffered.” How would you explain this truth to someone?

8. Isaiah 40:15-18 and Isaiah 40:22,23 speak of man’s insignificance in comparison to God. Which phrases or words from these passages stand out to you?

9. Near the end of Chapter One, A.W. Pink states that God cannot be known through mere searching, or through the intellect alone. What must take place in order for God to be known? (See Matthew 11:27, John 3:3, I Corinthians 2:14, and 2 Corinthians 4:6 to help with your answer.)

10. What is the Christian's duty according to Colossians 1:10 and 2 Peter 3:18? How do we accomplish this in our everyday lives?

11. Although we can never know God in as full a way as He knows us, what hope do I Corinthians 13:8:12 and Revelation 22:4 give us when it comes to the knowledge of God? Is there something you are looking forward to in particular in regard to knowing God more fully in eternity?

12. Is there a truth or insight have you gleaned from meditating on the solitariness of God? As you've gone through this chapter, what leads you to worship God more fervently?