

## The Three Moral Attributes of God

### Introduction

- A. The greatest truth and encouragement we could ever receive – would be to know the kind of a Person God really is. Think of it: God is infinite in love, in truth and in holiness – and He wants us – and wants to be a Heavenly Father God to us!!
- B. I join with you in admitting and confessing how little that marvelous truth means – in the practice of my daily life. Almost any trivia seems to be – at the moment – more powerful and life changing. That is not the way it should be and not the way I and we want it. Let's pray and talk out this issue! What's wrong with me/us – life?

### I. God is Love and He Loves You and Me – with an Infinite and Eternal Love.

*The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." Jeremiah 31:3*

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9*

A. Tentative suggestions as to what God's love may or should mean to us.

1. God totally accepts and recognizes us as persons and gives us our rights.

God created us in His image – a person – with great value and ability. We have the right to know we were created by Him, that we are important and valuable to Him and others, and to develop and use our abilities. We have the right to grow, learn, work, be heard, have opinions, be responsible, have needs, have our needs met, be accepted, to love and be loved, enjoy life, and many more.

2. God gives us our rightful place in His life and plan.

He seeks to establish a loving relationship with us that is shared by no one else. He created us for fellowship and involvement in His plan to exalt the Lord Jesus.

3. God pledges to do what is right by us, sacrificially for our good..

God's love is always in harmony with His truth and His holiness. His actions toward us are governed by what He knows about us, plus His plan for us. This would include, at least, our salvation, His will for us, and any creative decision of faith that we would make in harmony with those relationships. His love does not limit us in any way but the very opposite – we are free to grow and serve creatively. He proved and demonstrated His sacrificial love for us in that He died for us – in our place (Romans 5:8).

4. God makes a distinction between who we are and what we do.

God loves us totally, unconditionally, and with full acceptance and approval as a person – even though we may do many things that He does not approve of.

## **II. God is Truth and He Provides for Us and Treats us in Harmony with Infinite Truth.**

A. A tentative definition is: “Truth is a correspondence with reality.” The emphasis would be that reality (what is) is real, i.e., is really there (rejecting the idea that all thought and life is fantasy).

Truth is a most important possession. Without it there would be no hope, no meaningful communication, and right and wrong would be meaningless. Almost all life is based on the necessity of truth, and is reflected in terms such as justice and honesty.

B. The basis for truth is found in the character of God, His Word and His creative work.

*“Redeem me, O LORD, God of Truth.”* Psalm 31:5

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”* John 14:6

*“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”* John 17:17

*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.* Genesis 1:31

The word “good” may be translated “right.” It would indicate that what God created was designed not only to reflect Him and His glory, but to be in harmony with angelic and human thinking processes. And that it would form the basis for what we know as science, provide for a compatible manner of life, and the potential for creative activity.

C. God relationship with us in truth – is always in harmony with His love and holiness.

*The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.* Psalm 111:7,8

## **III. God is Holy and He always Treats us in Harmony with Infinite Holiness.**

A. The basis of all right and wrong is found in God’s character and holy Word.

*For it is written, “Be holy, because I am holy.”* 1 Peter 1:16

“God is morally spotless in character and action, upright, pure and untainted with evil desires, motives, thought, words, or acts. God is *holy*, and as such is the source and standard of what is right. God is free from all evil, loves all truth and goodness.”

*(Evangelical Dictionary of Theology (Baker)).*

B. Because God is holy – He will always do what is right – He can be trusted.

*For God does not show favoritism.* Romans 2:11

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