

The God of Truth

Introduction

- A. Although God is infinitely great He has revealed Himself to us in terms that we can understand – He has told us that He is the fullness of holiness, love, and truth.
 - B. Truth is usually defined as "A correspondence with reality." When we apply this to God it means that His nature and knowledge conform to one another.
 - C. It is important to recognize that all truth – scientific, logical, mathematical, moral, or religious – finds its source in God and His creative work.
- I. God in His Nature – is the God of Truth.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit, thou has redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. Ps. 31:5

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me. John 14:6

Comment: When we use the word "truth" in daily life we refer to such concepts as – honor, veracity, sincerity, honesty, fidelity, accuracy, fact, rectitude, uprightness, faithfulness and trustworthiness.

There is such truth among us only because God in His very nature is not only true (reality) but truth (correct knowledge).

Because of the Fall of Man error is very powerful and attractive. However, life and progress are possible – only because of truth. We need only reflect on the oath we give in court, the search for truth in medicine, and the respect we give to honest men and women to understand the value and importance of truth.

II. God in His Creative Acts – Has Given Us a World Characterized by Truth.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold it was very good. Genesis 1:31

Comment: The word "good" in this profound verse is used to characterize all of creation. It can be translated "right." Because God in His very nature is truth – truth became the distinguishing quality of all that God made. This means not only that finite creation was real – but that it was rational in the sense that the underlying principles could be discovered and utilized. Therefore the possibility of science and other disciplines was "built into" the work of God.

III. Because God is True/Truth -- That Associated with God is Truth.

A. The Word of God – the Scripture – is Truth.

Sanctify them through thy truth. Thy word is truth. John 17:17

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. I Peter 1:24,25

Comment: These verses testify to the firm foundation for belief and life which we have in the holy Scripture. In other areas of life, when you have a guarantee of truth – you can proceed with confidence. How much more in our relationship to the Bible. It is God's spoken Word to us and therefore trustworthy. God upholds His Word.

B. The work of God in judgment – is a display of truth.

Because he (God) hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man (Jesus Christ) whom he hath ordained. Acts 17:31

But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. Rom. 2:2

Comment: Because God is truth, holiness, and love –all activity which has violated His attributes must be brought into judgment. While God is merciful He cannot permit injustice, sensuality, lying, and self-centeredness to go unjudged. While all of us tremble as we contemplate this truth -- we know it is fair and just.

IV. Because God is True/Truth – Great Value Comes to Us Through Truth.

A. Salvation is based on knowing and obeying the truth.

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. II Thess. 2:13

Comment: What could bring more benefits to us than salvation? We must remind ourselves of the importance of giving out the gospel to those who do not know. Matt. 28:18-20

B. Cleansing of the soul is based on knowing and obeying the truth.

Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth I Peter 1:22

Comment: The provision God has made for the believer's continual cleansing is the practice of truth – the Word of God. John 15:2; I John 1:7,9

C. Freedom is based on knowing and obeying the truth.

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32

Comment: While this principle holds truth in sociology and politics – it is even more clear in spiritual matters. The believer can be free!