

The Infinite God

Introduction

A. One of the most important truths that we must know and understand about God is that He is infinite. This means that He is completely without any limitation. This applies to all His attributes. (Example: in regard to time He is eternal.)

B. The Bible often speaks of His infinity. (Psalm 147:5; Isaiah 66:1; Rom. 11:33)

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145:3)

C. This truth is summarized in the important name Yahweh (LCKD in the KJV and NIV). The Lord often used this name to remind His people that He was infinite and therefore could keep His Word, and be to His people all they would need.

I. God Desires to Display His Infinity to His People, Exodus 6:6-8.

Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians . . . And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God, and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God which bringeth you out . . . And I will bring you into the land

Observation: God had promised Abraham that He would accept his descendents as His own and give them Canaan. He allowed them to become enslaved in Egypt so they could see more clearly the infinite power and wisdom of God in their deliverance. He wanted them to know His greatness. This truth is the same today for every believer.

II. Because God is Infinite We May Not be Idolatrous, Exodus 20:2-6.

I am the LORD thy God . . . Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them (idols and images), nor serve them, for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Observation: We may not utilize idols and images in worship because they give a wrong impression of God - He is infinitely more than anything we can produce. He guards His reputation and reminds us of the serious family consequences such actions will produce. We must worship Him with the truths He has given us - spiritually (John 4:24).

III. Because God is Infinite We must Be Holy People, Leviticus 11:44,45.

For I am the LORD your God, ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy, for I am holy, . . . For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God, ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Observation: In this section of Leviticus many instructions were given so Israel would know how to obey God. By such they would learn to be holy people. Because God is infinite in holiness - every believer must learn to obey His Word and thereby become more and more holy. We learn a great lesson here: the reason for godliness is not our reputation or success - but the very character of God!

IV. Because God is Infinite We must Be Separated People, Leviticus 18:2-4.

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. After the doings of the land of Egypt, therein ye dwelt, shall ye not do, and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do, neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. Ye shall do ay judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein, I am the LORD your God.

Observations Both Egypt and Canaan were characterized by false religions and the unholy actions they produced. The GELd Testament believer was not to pattern his life after them. The reason - God was not like false gods.

V. Because God is Infinite We Must Be Practical in Holiness, Leviticus 19:2.

Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

Observation: In this chapter God refers to Himself as LORD 19 times in 37 verses. The subjects range from care for parents and the poor, love for the neighbor, obedience regarding sacrifices and commandments, how to care for the land and its crops and the use of just weights. We are taught by this how practical we must be in our walk with God.

VI. Because God is Infinite We Can Trust Him For Every Need, Psalm 81:10,11.

I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice, and Israel would (have) none of me.

Observation: The name of Yahweh (LORD) was specifically given to Israel when the time had come for their deliverance from Egypt. One facet of that name had to do with the promise to supply their every need. They often failed to understand God's infinite resources. Each of us must ask if we are walking by faith and receiving all He desires to give us. Our level of expectation is always too low.

VII. Because God is Infinite Nothing is Too Hard for Him, Isaiah 43:3-5.

For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour, I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable and I have loved thee . . . Fear not, for I am with thee

Observation: In these verses we are reminded that God is all-powerful and is infinitely able to work out His will for His people. He is the very author of history. Nothing can hinder Him. Because of this we are told not to be afraid. Wfe must learn to trust Him.

VIII. Because God is Infinite He can Discharge all Responsibility, Isaiah 31:22,23.

Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people. Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury, thou shalt no more drink it again. But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee

Observation: In using all three of His names God reminds us that He is able to protect His people and judge their enemies. The principle is clear - He can care for us - no matter what the issue may be.