

The Infinite God (2)

Introduction

- A. The word "infinite*" is utilized to signify the immeasurable greatness of the true and living God. In all of His attributes He is without any limit.
- B. This great truth is summarized in the personal name of God "Yahweh" which is written as LORD in the KJV and the NIV. When God called Moses to go to Pharaoh and lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, He gave him this name. By this Moses was told that God would be to him all that he would need.
- C. There are many times when Moses used this name to teach Israel. A large number of these is found in Deuteronomy where Moses prepared the "new Israel" to enter the land of Canaan. Their parents had failed to believe God. (Deut. 1:22-46)

I. As the Infinite God He Supplied the Needs of Israel, Deut. 2:7.

For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand. He knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee, thou hast lacked nothing.

Observation: When you consider the number of the Israelites (600,000 men with their families and the mixed multitudes plus animals, Ex. 12:37,38), and the problems of organization plus the lack of supplies - it is amazing to realize the extend of provision which they needed. But, because God is infinite - that was no problem to Him. The testimony of Moses after some forty years - "lacked nothing." We must apply this principle to our own life and needs today.

II. As the Infinite God He is Worthy of Worship and Obedience, Deut. 4:23,24.

Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Observation: In this important chapter Moses reminds Israel of the necessity of correct worship and practical obedience. As a good man will protect his name, reputation, and family - so the LORD God describes Himself as "jealous." As infinite He is the fullness of spiritual and moral excellence and worthy of all devotion, worship, and obedience.

III. As the Infinite God He is Merciful and Loving, Deut. 4:30-35.

. . . If thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice, (For the LCRD thy God is a merciful God), he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them . . . Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God, there is none else beside him.

Observation: In this section Moses exhorts the people to obey God - but if they do go astray - and turn in heartfelt repentance they can be assured that God will receive them in His infinite resource of mercy. He reminds them that no other nation was ever chosen by God to be taught the truths of God's great person. This places them in a place of high privilege - but also solemn responsibility.

IV. As the Infinite God He is Loving and Faithful, Deut. 7:6-9.

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God. The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. . . Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

Observation: These verses should stagger every believer. Think of the truths - "holy people", "chosen", "special people", "faithful God", "keepeth covenant and mercy". All of these are based on the dimension of His limitless infinity. In all of this He is "faithful."

V. As the Infinite God He Chastens Us so We Will Obey Him, Deut. 8:5,6.

Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

Observation: The word "chasten" is not primarily punish - but train. Here we are reminded that God is infinitely concerned that we give to Him the obedience and reverence of which He is worthy. We do not know now - the importance of such a life - but He does.

VI. As the Infinite God He Promises to Fight for Israel, Deut. 20:1.

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them, for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Observation: This must have been a major concern for Israel. They were to go into Palestine and take the land from those living there. It was promised to them in Abraham - but they had to fight for it. This passage explained to them that the infinite God was among them and He would be fighting for them and with them. The events in the next few years revealed how great and true this promise was.

VII. As the Infinite God He Warned His People Not to Disobey Him, Deut. 28:58,59.

If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD, then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful . . .

Observation: His name is so glorious and fearful because it explains His infinite greatness. For people to be chosen by Him, given His Word and covenant - and then turn from Him - can only result in a most serious judgment. What profit is there in forsaking God?

VIII. Because God is Infinite Moses Exhorted Israel to Love and Obey Him, Deut. 20:19,20.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live, that thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice . . .

Observation: As infinite God is worthy of all love and obedience. He is the source and support of every good. We must choose to love and obey Him in every facet of our daily life.