

The One To Whom We Pray
Jeremiah 10:1-10

Introduction

- A. The greatest mistake that we could make is to misunderstand Who God is. What we believe about God influences/controls all areas of our life.
 - B. God has revealed Himself in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. This revelation is summarized in the Bible. We do not have to guess about God.
- I. GOD IS A PERSON —not some idea or great power.
- A. God describes Himself as a person. Jeremiah 10:6,10,12
 - 1. As a person God thinks, plans, makes decisions; He loves, cares, can be grieved and made angry; He has personality, character and rights.
 - 2. It is a great sin not to treat Him as a person. We must acknowledge Him, recognize His existence, and respect Him for Who He is.
 - B. God describes Himself as the One True God. Jeremiah 10:1-7,10
 - 1. In contrast to idols God alone is alive, He is the true God, always present with His people. The idols cannot speak, or move, or care for their worshippers.
 - 2. It is a great sin when we treat God as though He didn't care for us, as though He were not present. He has not withdrawn Himself from us.
 - C. God describes Himself as the Living God. Jeremiah 10:10
 - 1. As the Living God He is active in history —our daily history. He teaches us that He is the author of history and is working out His plan.
 - 2. It is a great sin to treat God as though He were not in control, as though has no plan for us, as though He has made no provision for our future, and our daily life.
 - D. God describes Himself as the LORD. Jeremiah 10:10
 - 1. This name that God gives to Himself refers to His loving provision for the salvation of His people. He explained it to Moses, Exodus 3:12,14. The Lord Jesus, our Savior, said that name was fulfilled in Himself. John 8:24; John 14:6 The Lord Jesus died for us and rose again as the great I Am.
 - 2. It is a great sin when we treat God as though He does not care for us and that we have to obtain our own salvation by prayer and good works. It is imperative that we repent of our sin and receive Jesus Christ as our God and Savior. John 1:12; 3:16;36

II. GOD IS A SPIRIT (SPIRITUAL) PERSON -- not an abstract idea.

A. God is HOLY (righteous in all His ways).

1. He always does what is right. Jeremiah 9:24
2. His holiness is the basis of all His actions.
3. His holiness is the basis of all true morality.
4. Therefore: God can be trusted and depended upon.

B. God is LOVE (compassionate in all His ways).

1. His love is the basis for His redemptive kindness. Jeremiah 9:24
2. His love is always a holy love.
3. His love is the basis for all true compassionate actions.
4. Therefore: God can be trusted and depended upon.

C. God is TRUTH (faithful in all His ways).

1. He always does what is honest and true. Jeremiah 9:24; 10:10.
2. His actions of truth are always holy and loving actions.
3. His truth and creation are the basis for all truth. John 14:6.
4. Therefore: God can be trusted and depended upon.

III. GOD IS A SPIRITUAL PERSON OF INFINITE GREATNESS - not limited in any way

A. His Greatness is Demonstrated in the Activity of Creation. Jeremiah 10:12

1. Consider the wisdom and power necessary for creation.
2. Consider the power of God's spoken creative Word. Genesis 1:3, et al.

B. His Greatness is Demonstrated in the Activity of Providence. Jer. 10:12,13

1. God rules over all creation and maintains it according to His plan.
2. God is in control. He laughs at the plans of men to thwart Him. Ps 2:1-4

C. His Greatness is Demonstrated in the Activity of Kingship. Jer. 10:6,7,10

1. As King all creation is subject to Him. He is the sovereign King.
2. As King all persons, human and angelic, are subject to Him. He is in charge of us. To Him we will all bow and give account. Rom.14:10,11

D. His Greatness is Demonstrated in Redemption and Salvation. Jer. 9:24; 10:10

1. We are told that the greatest value is to KNOW God.
2. The reference is to a personal relationship based on the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Savior spoke of this truth.

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3

3. God invites us to come to Him: to repent, believe, worship and pray.

Conclusion: Have you come to Him? Do you know Him as your Savior and Lord?
There is nothing more important than believing in the One True God.