

GOD THE FATHER (WE BELIEVE SERIES – PART 2)

There is only one God, but within the Godhead there are three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Each one equal in every divine perfection and attribute, fulfilling distinct but complementary roles in the great work of redemption.

There is a song, the lyrics say: You're a good, good father, that's who you are, that's who you are, and I'm loved by you, that's who I am, that's who I am.

When we can find the basis for who we are in the love of God our father, we will stand firm and not be moved.

We need that revelation of who God is as our father.

With God's help, we need to cultivate a strong desire to know God for who He is.

There are two lines of arguments to support the existence of God, the naturalistic side and the biblical side.

On the natural side there are several arguments, a couple of them stem from the idea that someone had to create everything that exists.

Another one is based on the idea that most people have a conscience along with some idea of right from wrong. Where does that come from? From God.

Another one is based on the idea that many people have a natural desire for a relationship with their creator. Where does that come from. From God.

However, our strongest arguments come from the Word of God.

Let's look at some of the names of God:

- El – The most elementary name of God, means the first, the strong, the powerful Lord.

Used in various compound names for God

- Elohim – The plural form of the name of God which indicates fullness of power.
- El Elyon – The most high God.
- El Shaddai – The all powerful or almighty God.
- El Olam – The eternal God.
- Jehovah – “I am,” from the verb “to be” in hebrew, embraces all three tenses, past, present and future. The most sacred name of God.

Used in various compound names of God related to His promises.

- Jehovah Rapha – The Lord who heals me.
- Jehovah Nissi – The Lord is my banner.
- Jehovah Shalom – The Lord is my peace.
- Jehovah Raah – The Lord is my shepherd.
- Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord is my righteousness.

- Jehovah Jireh – The Lord will provide.
- Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is there for me.
- Adonai – The Lord is ruler over all. He has all power and dominion.

The names of God describe not only who He is, but also what kind of relationship He wants to have with His people.

He wants to be “I am” to you.

He wants to be Almighty to you.

He wants to be the God who speaks things into existence in your life.

Now let's look at some of the attributes of God (facets of His character):

- God is Spirit.
- God is infinite.
- God is one.
- God is almighty (has all power).
- God is omnipresent (present everywhere).
- God is omniscient (knows all things).
- God is wisdom (perfect application of His knowledge).
- God is king (absolute right to govern).
- God is holy (absolute moral purity).
- God is righteous (holiness in action).
- God is just.
- God is faithful.
- God is merciful.
- God is love.
- God is good.

God wants to spend time with you, kind of like taking a road trip on the highway of life.

God wants to show you His glory and the primary aspect of His glory is a revelation of who He is.

He wants to reveal His glory in you.

The revelation of who God is, is not primarily in the external things that He does for us.

Moses was still asking God to reveal Himself to him, even after seeing numerous miraculous events.

God allows some things to happen in our lives in order to reveal Himself to us.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Hebrews 11:6
Genesis 1:1
Psalm 19:1-4
Romans 1:18-21
Genesis 14:18
Exodus 6:3
Genesis 21:33
Exodus 3:14
Exodus 15:26
Exodus 17:8-15
Judges 6:24

Psalm 23:1
Jeremiah 23:6
Genesis 22:14
Exodus 48:35
Exodus 23:17
Isaiah 11:2
1 Kings 8:27
Deuteronomy 6:4
Psalm 91:1
Psalm 139:7-10
Psalm 139:4

Psalm 104:24
Daniel 4:35
Exodus 15:11
Ezra 9:15
Psalm 19:7
Lamentations 3:22
Ephesians 2:4
Psalm 34:8
Exodus 33:12-34:7
James 4:2-3