



GOD

Nature &
perfections

NATURE & PERFECTIONS

1. Introduction

2. Importance



IMPORTANCE

A nighttime photograph of a city, likely Jerusalem, featuring a large, illuminated golden dome in the center and a tall, lit tower on a hill in the background. The city lights are visible throughout the scene.

1. Emphasis of Scripture

2. Basis for

Worship

3. Key to

Theology

4. Foundation

for Living

5. Danger of Idolatry

6. Desire of God

GOD'S DESIRE

Jer 9:23-24 Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his **wisdom**, and let not the mighty man boast of his **might**, let not a rich man boast of his **riches**;
24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he **understands and knows Me**, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for **I delight in these things**,” declares the Lord.

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ISSUES

A photograph of the Western Wall in Jerusalem at night. The wall is illuminated by warm lights, and a large crowd of people is gathered in front of it. An Israeli flag is visible on the wall. The scene is dark, with the wall and the crowd being the main focus.

1. Ability to know God

INCOMPREHENSIBILITY



➤ His Incomprehensibility

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Job 11:7 “Can you **discover** the depths of God? Can you **discover** the limits of the Almighty?
8 “They are **high** as the heavens, what can you do? **Deeper** than Sheol, what can you **know**?
9 “Its measure is **longer** than the earth And **broader** than the sea.

**Ps 139:6 Such knowledge is too
wonderful for me; It is too
high, I cannot attain to it.**

Isa 55:8-9 “For My thoughts are **not your thoughts**, Nor are **your ways My ways**,” declares the Lord.
9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways **higher** than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Rom 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of
the riches both of the
wisdom & knowledge of
God! How **unsearchable** are
His judgments and
unfathomable His ways!**

Mt 11:27 “...; and **no one**
knows the Son, except the
Father; nor does anyone
know the Father, except the
Son, and anyone to whom
the Son wills to reveal Him.

INCOMPREHENSIBILITY



- His Incomprehensibility
- His Knowability

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KNOWABILITY

- **Not unintelligible -
cannot frame any idea**
- **Incomprehensible -
very limited
ideas are incomplete**

SOURCES

1. General Revelation



GENERAL REVELATION

Rom 1:19-20 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

SOURCES

1. General Revelation
2. Special Revelation



SPECIAL REVELATION

Deut 4:35 “To you it was shown that you might know that the Lord, He is God; there is no other besides Him.

SOURCES

1. General Revelation
2. Special Revelation
3. Jesus Christ



JESUS CHRIST

Jn 1:18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

ISSUES



1. Ability to know God

2. Knowing God vs. about God

“A little knowledge of God is greater than much knowledge about Him.”

J.I. Packer

KNOWING HIM

- Few know Him well - just facts
- Intellectual vs. Personal


PERSONAL

- **Father and Son**
- **Husband and Wife**
- **Shepherd and Sheep**
- **King and Subjects**

KNOWING HIM

- Few know Him well - just facts
- Intellectual vs. Personal
- Knowing thru Christ
- Grace in Knowing Him
- Knowing & Obeying

ISSUES

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1. Ability to know God
 2. Knowing God vs. about God
 3. Inferior Views

INFERIOR VIEWS

1. Anti-theistic



ANTI-THEISTIC

- **Atheism - denies existence**
- **Agnosticism - insufficient info**
- **Polytheism - pantheon of gods**
- **Henotheism - one god above many**
- **Pantheism - god is everything & everything is god**

INFERIOR VIEWS

1. Anti-theistic

2. Biblical Departures



DEPARTURES

- **Deism** - god is transcendent
but not immanent
impersonal, infinite, holy
but not sovereign
- **Dualism** - 2 eternal & opposing
principles
- **Mysticism** - over emphasis on
immanence

INFERIOR VIEWS

1. Anti-theistic

2. Biblical Departures

3. Christian Perversions



PERVERSIONS

- **God of Love**
- **OT vs. NT God**
- **God after our Image**
- **Santa Claus God**
- **God our Servant**

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4. Essential Nature



ESSENTIAL

NATURE

1. He is Trinitarian

