

Bible Doctrine 1 – Lesson 2

The Nature of God

Revelation 4:1-8

Introduction: It is important to understand the nature of God from a biblical perspective. There is a difference between the essence of God and the attributes of God. Although the two are always closely tied one to another there are some important differences.

Now essence is that which makes a thing what it is; necessary part or parts; important feature or features.

An attribute is a quality considered as belong to a person or thing; a characteristic. Holiness is the essence of God and this essence allows for the various divine attributes. Why is this fact so important?

Essence is that which constitutes the particular nature of a being or substance, or of a genus, and which distinguishes it from all others; Formal existence; that which makes any thing to be what it is; or rather, the peculiar nature of a thing; the very substance.

There are some important words that we use to describe God. One word is incorporeal. By this we mean something that does not consist of matter. It does not have a material body or in other words it is immaterial. Another word is self-existent. This is a characteristic of having an existence by virtue of a being's own nature, and independent of any other being or cause. This is an attribute that is peculiar to God alone. Then there is the immensity. The immensity of God is His unlimited nature. God cannot be measured for He is infinite.

I. The essence of God: Spirituality.

A. God is _____

B. God is _____

C. God is _____

D. God is a _____

II. The essence of God: Self-existence.

A. The _____ of Self-existence

B. The _____ of Self-existence

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III. The essence of God: Immensity & Eternity.

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B. _____