

Lesson 13

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What we mean by infinite is that God knows no bounds and no ends. What God is, He is without boundaries. He had no beginning, no end, no past, no future, no birth, no inevitable death. Absolutely no boundaries. All that God is, He is without bounds or limits. There is nothing boundless but God and nothing infinite but God, and nothing unlimited, but God. God is self-existent and absolute; everything else is contingent and relative.

Boundless, unlimited and infinite. These words describe God. They do not describe space or time or matter or living creatures or motions or energy. These words do not apply to man, or sand or stars or anything that can be measured. Measurement is a way created things have of accounting for themselves.

For an illustration, C.S. Lewis said that if one could think of a sheet of paper infinitely extended in all directions, and if one took a pencil and made a line one inch long on it, that would be time. When one started to push their pencil it was the beginning of time and when one lifted it off the paper it was the end of time. And all around, infinitely extended in all directions is God.

- Let us take all that can be known; past, present, future, spiritual, psychic, and physical, everywhere throughout the universe. If God had all the knowledge there is except one bit of information that somebody else had, then we couldn't worship God because God wouldn't have infinite knowledge. He has all knowledge.
- Let us also take power. If God had all the power there is except a little bit, and if somebody else had that little bit of power hoarded that God couldn't get it, then we couldn't worship God because then God wouldn't have infinite power. He has all power.
- Now if we take good and say that God had goodness, but there was one speck in God that wasn't good, than God wouldn't be our God and Father. We wouldn't be able to worship God because than God wouldn't have infinite good. He is total good.
- If God had love, joy, enthusiasm, song, and enjoyment but didn't have all the love, than God still wouldn't be God. God, to be God, must be infinite in all that He is. He must have no bound and no limit, no stopping place, no point beyond which He can't go.

When we think of God or anything about God, we have to think infinitely about God.

Educated Americans can create gods just the same as heathens. One can make a god out of silver or wood or stone, or one's own imagination. And the god that's being worshiped in many places and churches is simply a god of one's own imagination. Its not the one true God. Instead, God calls such a belief a joke and only a fool would worship something made. I don't know where man ever got the idea they could 'make' a god and worship the idol to give that idol thanks for man's own existence and guidance from that idol and expect direction and help in their own lives. The only thing an idol will do is sit there and gather dust. The imagination god (idol) is not the infinite, not the perfect, not the all-knowing, not the all wise, not the all loving, not the infinitely boundless, not God. The imagination god or any other "god" is far, far, far short of God. Christianity will decay if the god of modern Christianity is not the God of the Bible.

- *1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

God's infiniteness extends into all things. All power, all knowledge and all good is only a peep into the character of God. The Bible says that God wants to give man abundant joy. In John 10:10 we read "*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*" Unlike a thief, the Lord Jesus does not come for selfish reasons. He comes to give, not to get. He comes that people may have life in Him that is meaningful, purposeful, joyful, and eternal. We receive this infinite abundant life the moment we accept Him as our Savior

The word “abundant” in the Greek is *perisson*, meaning “exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate.” In short, Jesus promises us a life far better than we could ever imagine, a concept reminiscent of 1 Corinthians 2:9: “but just as it is written, “THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.” The apostle Paul tells us that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, and He does it by His infinite power, a power that is at work within us if we belong to Him (Ephesians 3:20 *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,*).

Where does all this desire for us to have an abundant, joyful come from?

This may be a bit of a shock. Whereas we know we have an all perfect God, we sometimes neglect to dwell on what this means. God takes pleasure in Himself and He rejoices in His own perfection. God delights in His works.

God created the heaven and the earth and all things that are upon the earth. He then said, “It was good.” (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 23)

When God created man in His own image, He looked and said, “It was very good.” (Genesis 1:31)

Redemption is something God did joyfully. He created the heaven and the earth, man, animals, angels, plants, all things joyfully and loved His work. God took pleasure in Himself, in His own perfection, and in the perfection of His work. Adam and Eve were created and they were created perfectly and God was fully pleased and joyful concerning all things with them.

When it came to redemption, God joyfully wanted to redeem. There was no moral necessity upon God to redeem mankind. God didn’t have to send His son, Jesus Christ, to die for mankind. He sent Him, but at the same time, Jesus did it voluntarily. If God was willing, it was the total happy willingness of God.

God delights in salvation.

Read Luke 15:4-5 4 “*What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? (5) When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.*

The verb in this passage is *rejoicing*. God is not only pleased with Himself, delighted with His own perfection and happy in His work of creating and redeeming, but He is also enthusiastic. The entire trinity is all enthusiastic in redeeming each and everyone of us. This is God’s will, He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should ever lasting life. 2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

God cares for us all with this awesome, external, invisible, infinite, all-wise, omniscient God, the God of our fathers, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the God we call “our Father which art in heaven.” He is boundless and infinite. He can’t be weighed or measured, you can’t apply distance, or time or space to Him, for He made it all and contains it all in His own heart. While He rises above it all, at the same time, this God is a friendly, congenial God, and He delights in Himself. The Father delights in the Son. The Son delights in the Father. And certainly the Holy Spirit delights in the Father and the Son.

- Matthew 3:17 *and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”*
- Matthew 11:25 *At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.*

The infinite God invites us to share in all the wonders of an infinite God. Jesus Christ is the way to accept. Take a look at the moon and the earth. Science tells us that these two bodies turn in a way that man only sees one side of the moon from earth and never see the other. The eternal God is so vast, so infinite, that I can’t possibly hope to know all about God and all there is about God. But God has a manward side, just as the moon has an earthward side. Just as the moon always keeps that smiling yellow face turned earthward, so God has a side He always keeps turned manward, and that side is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God’s manward face. Earth’s Godward side, Jesus is the way God sees us. He always looks down sees us in Jesus Christ.