

Theology (part 2)

James 2:19

What is theism and who are the theists?

Theism = a belief in the existence of God.

Monotheism = one God

Polytheism = many gods

Pantheism = everything is god

Atheism = denial of God

Some “isms”

Deism = God is not present.

Skepticism = doubt in the existence of God.

Agnosticism = God cannot be known.

Rationalism = Mind over God.

Humanism = Man is the center of all.

Materialism = all about things

What are attributes and how do they reveal God?

Attributes are distinguishable characteristics of the divine nature, essential qualities that belong to God, which outwardly show to us His person. They are God's perfections.

The Bible gives us God's attributes!

Absolute = descriptive of God independent of His created universe

Relative = involving His universe & creation.

Some are

1. Life
2. Unity
3. Immutability
4. Infinity
5. Omnipresence
6. Omnipotence
7. Omniscience
8. Truthfulness
9. Holiness
10. Righteousness
11. Goodness
12. Love
13. Hatred
14. Grace
15. Mercy
16. Longsuffering
17. Sovereignty

Anthropomorphisms and Anthropopathisms

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| 1. Eyes – Prov.15:3 | 1. Memory – Gen. 8:1 |
| 2. Feet – Nahum 1:3 | 2. Laughter – Ps. 2:4 |
| 3. Ears – Num. 11:18 | 3. Disgust – Lev. 20:23 |
| 4. Hands – Amos 9:2 | 4. Weariness – Isa.1:14 |
| 5. Arm – Jer. 27:5 | 5. Jealousy – Ex. 20:5 |
| 6. Face – Num 6:25 | |

What are God's names and how do they explain God?

1. Elohim – God or gods, “strength, power”
2. YAHWEH – LORD or Jehovah, “I am”
3. Adonai – Lord or master, “ruler”

God is revealed and can be known personally!

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he **understands and knows Me**, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:23,24