



## SEMESTER 4 - WEEK 1

# The Attributes of God [Part 3]

### REVIEW: Why should we study the attributes of God?

- First, our salvation is tied to knowing and believing in God. **Romans 10: 13-14**
  
- Second, eternal life is tied to knowing God the Father and Jesus. **John 17:3**
  
- Third, our ability to endure in faithfulness is tied to knowing Him - **Psalms 121:1-2**
  
- Finally, pursuing an intimate knowledge of God is a wise practice. - **Proverbs 9:10**

*“What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”*

- A. W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy

## THE PATIENCE OF GOD

**Definition:** God's goodness in withholding punishment over a period of time toward those who sin. God's wrath delayed.

- Exodus 34:6
- Numbers 14:18
- Psalm 103:8
- Nahum 1:3

*The glory of [God's patience] shines forth on almost every page of scripture.*

**- A. W. Pink, *The Attributes of God***



## **1. God is slow to anger**

- Psalm 86:15

## **2. God chooses to delay His wrath**

- Romans 2:3-8
- Romans 9:22-23

## **3. God's patience is present in our salvation**

- Romans 3:25-26
- 2 Peter 3:9

## **4. God's patience alludes to a wrathful God**

*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.*

**- 2 Peter 3:9**



## THE WRATH OF GOD

**Definition:** God intensely hates all sin and will express that hatred in judicial punishment of all wrongdoing as a right and necessary reaction to evil.

- Nahum 1:2
- Isaiah 53:5-11
- Revelation 20:11

*The wrath of God is his eternal detestation of all unrighteousness. It is the displeasure and indignation of divine equity against evil. It is the holiness of God stirred into activity against sin.*

**- A. W. Pink, *The Attributes of God***



**1. God hates all sin**

- Proverbs 6:16-19
- Hebrews 1:9 and Psalm 45:7
- Proverbs 15:9

**2. God's wrath proves that God is faithful.**

- Nahum 2:13

**3. God's wrath shows His eternity**

- Matthew 25:41
- 2 Thessalonians 1:9

**4. God always rightly punishes sin.**

- Romans 6:23

**5. God's wrath comes with a way of escape.**

- John 3:36
- II Corinthians 5:21



## THE GRACE OF GOD

**Definition:** God's goodness manifested toward the ill-deserving. It is unmerited favor. A free gift to those who don't deserve it.

### Common Grace

- Psalm 145:9
- Romans 13

### Saving Grace

- Ephesians 2:4-9

*Grace is a provision for men who are so fallen that they cannot lift the ax of justice, so corrupt that they cannot change their own natures, so averse to God that they cannot turn to Him, so blind that they cannot see Him, so deaf that they cannot hear Him, and so dead that He Himself must open their grace and lift them into resurrection.*

**G. S. Bishop**



## Manifestations of God's Grace in the Believer:

1. Grace supplies the gift of ministry (Romans 1:5)
2. Grace provides material and spiritual blessings (II Corinthians 9:8)
3. Grace sustains in the midst of affliction (II Corinthians 12:9)
4. Grace will glorify believers at the 2nd coming (I Peter 1:13)

*"... but the people who know their God will display strength and take action."*

***Daniel 11:32b***

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## QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. How do you use truths about God and His attributes to direct your thoughts, prayers, and worship of Him?
2. How should you shepherd your heart with truth about the patience of God?
3. How often do you think about the wrath of God? How should you shepherd your heart with truth about the wrath of God?
4. How should you shepherd your heart with thoughts about the grace of God?

