

A Screenshot of God through Systematic Theology

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Introduction

In this paper the author will give a screenshot of who God is through systematic theology. Describing God through his attributes, what better way to know someone or something then by finding out their makeup, what makes them

tick, how do they feel about different things, what kind of temperament do they have, what kind of heart they have.

Only a screenshot can be given because of who God is, there is so much to tell, or to know about God. The whole picture or story cannot be given all at one time mainly because God's word said that he would reveal himself to those sincerely seeking him. Jeremiah 29:13¹ and John 16:13² when the spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth for He will not speak on his own but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you the things that are to come.

What is Systematic Theology?

Systematic Theology is a Discipline of Christian theology that formulates an orderly, rational, and coherent account of the Doctrines of Christian faith. Having

¹ Niv

² King James

a Systematic way to study the Bible will help you gather important Biblical facts about the Divine one. One important fact to know is that a person is saved by grace and not by his works Eph 2:8-9, this an example of systematic Theology.

In Systematic Theology it is organized for teaching of the Bible into categorical systems.

1. Paterology: is the study of God the father
2. Christology: is the study of God the son, the son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Pneumatology: is the study of God the Holy Spirit.
4. Bibliology: is the study of the Bible.
5. Soteriology: the study of salvation.
6. Ecclesiology: the study of Church.
7. Eschatology: the study of end times.
8. Angelology: the study angels.
9. Christian Demonology: is the study of demons from a Christian perspective.
10. Christian anthropology: the study of humanity.
11. Hamartiology: is the study of sin.

Sub Disciplines:

- a. Dogmatic theology:
 - b. Ethics:
 - c. Apologetics:
 - d. Philosophy of Religion:
 - e. Historical Theology:
- What is Paterology?

Paterology is also called Theology proper, meaning the study of the Father.

The area of Christian Systematic Theology that investigates what the Bible teaches about the father the first person of the triune Godhead. These studies includes arguments for the existence of God, the Attributes of God, and the works of God. It also include a vast range of Ideologies, like Atheism- the belief in no God.

Agnosticism- the uncertainty of Gods existence. Judaism or Islam- multiple Gods.
Pantheism- all is God.

When studying the attributes of God Theology Proper have a division between the attributes that's communicable- able to be shared. And non-communicable- those unique only to those that are seeking to grow and have a better relationship with God. The study of Paterology is a great way to investigate and learn more about God.

What is the meaning of Attributes?

Attributes are qualities and feature that regarded the characteristic or inherent part of someone or something. Quality characteristic, traits, features, and element. Attributes come from the latin verb *Attribuere*, which is made up the prefix *AD* meaning *To*, and *Tribuere* meaning *give or bestow*.³ All Basic Theological Truth depends upon Gods attributes.⁴ Which Norman Geisler nicely puts, Gods attributes is one of the main features in theological truth.

Our spiritual growth is predicated on our concept of God. The characteristic that are attributed to Gods nature is very important to the Doctrine of faith from Gods Word. It is a known fact that human being tend to mimic what they see, or hear. We tend to gravitate to things that appease or fascinate us. Things we take a

³ Cambridge Advanced learners Dictionary& Thesaurus

⁴ Norman L Geisler

great interest in we become. Those things we worship we tend to emulate. A.W Tozer(1897-1963) said what you think of God is the most important thing about you.⁵ This is such a profound statement, just like the old saying you are what you eat. In this case spiritually you are what you worship. God becomes a part of you and you become a part of God.

Some of Gods Attributes

A. God is Pure Actuality and Simplicity

God is pure actuality which means He Exist. He is not a fairytale, fork lord, nor a myth. There is no possibility or potential for the nonexistence of God. God is real and He is here to stay. God is pure Actuality. Biblically God word speaks for itself. I am the Alpha and the Omega. Rev 1:8.⁶ In the beginning, Gen 1:1.⁷ God existed before all things but everything existed because of Him. Without God nothing would exist.

B. God is Holy

The Hebrew word for Holy is Godesh, meaning apartness or sacredness. The Greek word means Righteous. Theologically Gods Holiness means that He is set apart from all creation, 1 Samuel 2:2. There is none like the lord; there is none

⁵ A.W Tozer(1897-1963)

⁶ Rev 1:8- King James Ver

⁷ Gen1:1 - New translation Bible

beside you; There is no rock like our God. 1 Peter 1:16 says you shall be Holy for I am Holy. Isaiah 6 Holy, Holy, Holy. God is not just Holy. He is Holy, Holy, Holy and the whole earth is full of his Glory. This attribute demonstrates his majestic power and His purity. God do no evil nor commit any sin.

God being Holy means that he is morally pure. He is unique and have no rivals or competition. Gods Holiness is very important to every living soul,⁸ especially the ones that He call His own. God's chosen people must learn to take on this great attribute.

C. God is Omniscience

God has all and perfect Knowledge. It classify Him as being all Knowing. That mean there is no need to learn or be though. His knowledge is infinite, nothing can be hide from god. God knows everything, past, present, and future. He knows the actual and the possible. As a metaphor we can clearly understand Gods physicality, His eyes, ears, and hand. We can relate even through His action and capabilities, we also can grasp His mental limitation, like repenting, forgetting, and changing His mind, but there is a new eism on the block, Neotheism – the believe is that God can change his mind and that he does not have an infallible knowledge of the future. But God word state something different, God word also let us know that we can't change the nature of a theistic God that is infinite and all knowing.

⁸ Norman Geisler, Article

Job 21:22- Shall any teach God knowledge? Seeing he judgeth those that are high.

Job 36:4- For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

Job 37:16- Dost thou know the balancing of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge.

Isaiah 42:9- behold the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Matthew 6:8- be not ye therefore like unto them: for your father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

D. God is omnipotence:

Omnipotence mean that God is all powerful. God possess all power, infinite power omni= all, potent=powerful. God can do whatever is possible to do and he also can do whatever not impossible. His power is without limits and uninhibited by anything. In God's word almighty and infinite implies that he has all power. This doesn't mean that God can do what is contradictory. God will not contradict his nature. Omnipotence is not a means for God to do all that he can do, but he has power to do whatever is possible. God is free not to show his power but not free to limit the extent of his power.

Psalm 147:5- Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Job 11:10- if he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?

E. God is omnipresence:

Omnipresence means God is always present. He is everywhere at all times. There is no boundaries as to where God can be or go. God being is ever so present and infinite. This doesn't mean that God is creation, that's pantheism. In theism God made the world; in pantheism God is the world, so he is not in creation, which is pantheism. God is nonspatial which mean he is not in space, He is nontemporal meaning he is not in time, also God is not matter, because he is immaterial, but what it does mean is that God is everywhere at once, God does not have one part here and another somewhere else, because he don't have parts. God is at every point in space at all time.

Conclusion

There are several more attribute about God, but the four that are mentioned are some of the most important ones that people of Christian faith should study, and take notice of. God is Holy so therefore we should be Holy. this is a strong attribute a Christian should possess. Living a holy set apart life is one of the things God desire for his children to do or be. And when you learn that god is everywhere at all time, all powerful, and all knowing then you are on the road to recovery from sin and shame. You will discover that God through his power has sent us a redeemer, through his knowledge we can be though how to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, and his constant present lets us know that he will never leave us or forsake us.

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