

Sermon Notes for Hebrews 11:1-2, 6: God is... Part 2

It shouldn't surprise any believer that unbelievers misidentify and misrepresent God because he tells us that "a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised" (1 Cor. 2:14)

God delights in His people knowing Him (Jeremiah 9:23-24) – Memorize these verses

We can't afford to be confused or ignorant about knowing God because:

- You don't want to be a fool (Ps. 14:1; Rom. 1:22-23)
- You don't want to be forsaken (Ex. 20:2; Rom. 1:24, 28; 2 Thess. 1:6-9)

God is a big God and there are two bold statements about who He is:

1. **God is incomparable** (review from Part 1 – June 17th)
 - a. **None compare to God's uniqueness** (Jer. 10:6-7; Ex. 15:11; Isa. 43-46) – There is none like God, He is the Most High God
 - b. **None compares to God's reality** (He is "true" – 2 Chr. 15:2-3; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Jn 5:20-21) – All other gods are fake and false gods (Jer. 10:12-15)
 - c. **None compare to God's eternity** (Jer. 10:10; Gen. 21:33; Deut. 33:27; Isa. 40:28; 1 Tim. 1:17) – God is timeless and spaceless, but all other gods are man-made creatures of time and space

- d. **None compare to God's life** (Jer. 10:10; 1 Sam. 17:26; Dan. 6:26; Matt. 16:16; Acts 14:15) – God has life in Himself (John 5:26)
- e. **None compare to God's creation** (Jer. 10:11-12, 16; Isa. 44:24; Rev. 4:11) – God creates “all things” and He is “the Maker”, yet people are continuously exposed to the Satanic theory of evolution which deceives many about the existence and identity of God.
- f. **None compares to God's nature** (1 Peter 1:2; Gal. 4:8; 1 Cor. 10:20-21) – God is uniquely true and tri-Personal (one God who exists in three co-equal, co-eternal Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit), so all other gods are false and Satanic (Gal. 4:8; 1 Cor. 10:20-21)

2. **God is irrefutable** (Hebrews 11:1-2, 6)

- We need to remember a few important truths:
 - **You can't logically argue anyone into Christianity** (1 Cor. 1:21; Eph. 4:18; 2 Cor. 4:3b-4)
 - **God uses our faithful witness and “gentle and reverent” defenses of “the hope that is in you”** (1 Peter 3:15)
 - **God doesn't present any intentional proofs of His existence, but boldly claims that He exists.** (Gen. 1:1; Isa. 43:13)

God has given us several pieces of evidence that point to His existence.

- **God has His common grace evidence** (Psalm 145:9; Matt. 5:45; Luke 6:35; Acts 14:16) – How can we explain the common blessings given to humanity in beauty, refreshment, food, oxygen, accomplishment, etc.

- **God has His chastening evidence** (Psalm 103:19; Rom. 1:18; 8:20-21) – If God sovereignly rules over all (Ps. 103:19) and He put the world under the curse of sin, you would expect that curse to be evident with all its evil and painful consequences.
- **God has His conscience evidence** (Romans 1:19; 2:14-15; Acts 28:3-4; John 1:9; Ecc. 3:11) – How can we explain the inner awareness of God and morality that points to a supreme Lawgiver? God put a sense of Himself in everyone.
- **God has His creation evidence** (Rom. 1:20; Psalms 19:1-2; 139:13; Col. 1:16-17) – How do we explain the evidence of order, beauty, and design unless there is a supreme Designer?
- **God has His communication evidence** (Isa. 45:8) – God shares His existence and identity by His special revelation of the Bible.
- **God has His conversion evidence** (2 Cor. 4:6) – How can we explain the transformation of billions of people who credit God with their radical life change?
- **God has His centerpiece evidence** (Heb. 1:1-2; John 1:1-3; 14:9b) – The ultimate evidence is in the life, ministry, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the visible image of the invisible God.