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LESSON 4: THE EXISTENCE AND BEING OF GOD

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Main Idea: Because God exists and can be known, we ought spend our lives pursuing Him.

I. Is There Really A God? Exploring the Existence of God

Verses Referenced: Genesis 2:7, 2:15-17, 3:8; 2 Kings 6:15-17; John 20:29; Ephesians 2:8-9

Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

A. Does God Exist?

i. Creation has a Cause (Cosmological Argument)

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 102:25; Hebrews 3:4; Colossians 1:15-16

ii. Creation has a Designer (Teleological Argument)

Psalm 19:1-2; Acts 14:15-17; Romans 1:18-21

iii. People reflect the Image of an Intelligent Designer (Anthropological Argument)

Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 8:3-6

iv. Conscience reflects Moral Creator (Moral Argument)

Romans 2:14-16

v. People have an Eternal Sense (Awareness Argument)

Ecclesiastes 3:11; Acts 17:22-28; Romans 1:20; Psalm 10:4, 14:1, 53:1

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B. Can God Be Known?

i. God is Incomprehensible

Psalm 145:3; Isaiah 45:15; Romans 11:33; Isaiah 55:8-9

ii. God is Knowable

Isaiah 55:6; Jeremiah 9:23-24, 29:13; John 17:3

II. What Is God? Beholding the Being of God

A. God is Eternal

Genesis 21:33; Exodus 3:14; Job 36:26; Psalm 29:10, 90:2, 93:2; Isaiah 9:6, 57:15; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 6:15-16; 2 Peter 3:8-9; Revelation 1:8

B. God is Spirit

Deuteronomy 4:15-19; John 1:14, 1:18, 4:24, 10:30, 12:45, 14:9; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3

C. God is One

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 43:10-11, 44:6-8; Mark 12:29-34; John 17:3; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19

D. God is Personal

Genesis 1:26; John 1:1, 14, 17:5; 1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Timothy 2:11-15