

Concept of God

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I. Introduction: Hebrews 1:1-3.

II. The reality of God.

A. In the beginning—God.

1. The Bible does not prove God but assumes God.
2. It invites us to experience God instead.
3. In the difficult times we can become more certain of his reality and grace than any other time.

B. Never doubt in the light what God has shown you in the dark.

C. A hero is one who has penetrated through to ultimate reality and who gives himself to that reality without reservation and in sincerity and humility.

1. We are far too attached to what is not ultimate reality.
2. For Moses, God was ultimate reality.
3. Abraham was strong in faith and gave glory to God being persuaded that God was able to perform what He said. (Romans 4:20)
4. David was made a hero before slaying Goliath. He was hooked into ultimate reality.
5. Paul believed God. (Acts 27:25)
6. Dawson Trotman was a man of destiny.

II. The communication of God.

A. One of the greatest facts of the Universe is that God has spoken and is speaking. (Hebrews 1)

1. He has done this through nature, through conscience and the Prophets recorded in the Scriptures. (Romans 1)
2. The maker of the universe has spoken.
3. In the last days he has spoken to us through a Son. If you want to know what God is like look at Jesus Christ.
4. God is with us.

5. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and it is to be chosen. (Proverbs 1:21, 29)

6. We should long to know God better and to put Him first in our lives.

B. The twin foundations of Evangelicalism: the Person of Christ and the Scriptures. (Ephesians 2:20)

1. The Christian is under authority. (John 13:13)

2. Christ is our authority, and He regarded the Scriptures as authority.

3. Christ invested the Apostles with authority.

4. The authority of Scripture is due to the inspiration of Scripture.

5. The Scripture's authority and Christ's authority stand and fall together.

a. The authority of the Scripture: it is something that will not change.

b. Jesus' authority: He was revealing God, revealing God's love, destroying the works of the Devil, giving us an example, bearing witness to the truth and by Himself was purging our sins.

1) On the basis of Christ's death can we have a clean conscience and fellowship.

2) Christ is interceding for us in heaven as one who can sympathize with us. Christ feels like we feel because He is a man. Therefore also His judgment will be fair.

III. Conclusion: may our knowledge of God be the foundation.

Application questions.

1. What makes a hero? Who are some heroes the speaker did not list?

2. Why are both Christ and the Word authoritative?

3. How shall we know God better? How will you personally engage in knowing God more in light of this message?
