

God's Immensity – Part 1

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I. Introduction. (Matthew 10:39, Colossians 3:3, Philippians 3:7)

II. Two kinds of faith.

A. Nominal faith.

1. Accepts what it is told.

B. Real faith.

1. It was not what Abraham believed, but who he believed that mattered.

2. The man of true faith has found an answer to the question: what is God like?

a. He has found this through illumination and revelation.

1) The church too often stops with God's objective revelation (the Word of God).

2) The man of real faith believes the Word through illumination. This is more than being a good Bible teacher.

b. The text of a Bible is never an end. It is the means to another end, namely God.

III. God's immanence.

A. Pascal's thoughts: "We are half-way between immensity and that which is infinitesimally small." Man, made in the image of God, is half-way between God and that which is nothing.

B. Above and beyond the vastness of the universe and the space in between - the stars, the planets, and all matter -stands God.

C. God is immanent in that He is in everything - He is right here.

Application questions.

1. What is the difference between illumination and revelation? Why does this matter?

2. What is the difference between God's infinitude (as the speaker makes reference to previously) and His immanence? What is the speakers point in using the vastness of the universe to point to God's immanence?

3. The speaker goes out of his way to make it clear that God, not His word, should be the object of our belief? How does this impact your thinking? In what ways have you or others improperly thought about faith?
