

“What’s the Big Idea?: The Theology of God, Part 2”

Job 38: 4-24

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Introduction: “What comes into our mind when we think of God is the most important thing about us.”
A.W. Tozer

“The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God is the name, the nature, the person, the world, the doings and the existence of the great God he calls ‘Father.’”
J.I. Packer

What is God?

God is a spirit, infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.
FAQ (Larger Catechism) # 7

These attributes begin to address the Creator/Creature distinction.

I. The Creator-Creature Distinction

- a. Articulated to Job
- b. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
- c. Have you commanded the morning?
- d. Where is the way to the dwelling of light
- e. 126 verses of like discourse by God
- f. Is. 55: 8,9
- g. Romans 11: 33-36

II. God is Lord and King over His World

- a. Next logical and biblical step
- b. 1 Timothy 6: 15
- c. Ephesians 1: 11
- d. George Washington rejected an appointment to be Sovereign in America
 - i. The notion is a bit foreign to us
- e. Daniel 4: 34, 35

III. Take Away

- a. Identity
 - i. People wake up every day and don’t like themselves because of bad choices, bad body image, or negative image fed back to them by peers or supervisors
 - ii. Who you are is in part determined by Whose you are
 - iii. 1 John 3: 1 – “Of what country is the love of God, that we should be called children of God, for so we are.”
 - iv. You are a child of God by virtue of your faith in Christ
- b. Inquiry
 - i. When calamity or chaos comes, we are tempted to judge God
 - ii. We inquire of God and sometimes only hear noise or silence
 - iii. Somewhere in the hurricane of your life, there is a place of peace