



God Most High

Life Group Study Notes

#1. The Surpassing Greatness of God

Opening Up

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. Psalms 145:3 (NIV)

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV)

Describe the moment you most clearly perceived the greatness of God.

Drilling Down

1. Read each of the following quotes. What strikes you in each one and why?

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” -- A. W. Tozer. *The Knowledge of the Holy* (p. 4).

“So necessary to the Church is a lofty concept of God that when that concept in any measure declines, the Church with her worship and her moral standards declines along with it. The first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high opinion of God.” -- A. W. Tozer. *The Knowledge of the Holy* (p. 8).

“People often think that by the infinity of God is meant immense size or endless duration-as if God were older than anyone could count or bigger than anyone could measure. But by saying God is infinite we mean that we must deny of God the kinds of limitation (like age or size) that raised a question about finite being. Think of it this way. If something is limited, it is limited in terms of something else-it is not what or where the other is. So limitation involves nonbeing. But God, if he exists, is the very fullness of being. So there can be no limitation in God. He must be without limit; that is, God must be infinite.” -- Peter Kreeft; Ronald K. Tacelli. *Handbook of Christian Apologetics: Hundreds of Answers to Crucial Questions*.

2. One of the most astounding attributes of God is his **eternal** nature. He is without beginning and without end. The eternality of God does not only mean that he has and will exist for all time, but also that he is timeless and ageless, ever existing and never changing. We are but for a moment; God is forever and ever. Examine the following Scriptures. What do they teach about God’s greatness?

- Exodus 3:14
- Isaiah 40:28
- Daniel 7:9
- Revelation 1:8
- Job 36:26
- Psalm 90:2
- Psalm 90:4
- 2 Peter 3:8

3. The **self-sufficiency** of God is the declaration of his infinite greatness and His exalted place above all creation. All things depend upon him for their existence, yet he depends upon no one and no thing. Examine the following Scriptures. What do they teach about God’s self-sufficiency and his relationship to his creation?

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 50:8-15

4. The **immutability** of God means that he never changes in his nature or character. He is absolutely unchanging, constant and faithful. He does not evolve, grow or become because he is already sublimely perfect. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. What God was, he is and will always be. He is the only constant in the universe, the only Being worthy of absolute and unreserved trust. Read the following passages and comment on the nature of God's being revealed there.

- Psalm 102:25-27
- Malachi 3:6
- Hebrews 13:8

Looking In

How ought Christians to live differently because of their knowledge of the greatness of God?

Moving Out

As you consider what is to come this week, how will an understanding of God's greatness shape your thoughts and actions?

