



NOTES

CHAPTER 1: THE ETERNAL GOD

1. In the outline of the essentials of this truth in this section, I am indebted particularly to Wayne Grudem's treatment of it in his *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994), 168–73.
2. Matthew Barrett draws upon Stephen Charnock for this image. See Barrett, *None Greater: The Undomesticated Attributes of God* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2019), 147.
3. Isaac Watts, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," Hymnary.org, 1719, https://hymnary.org/text/our_god_our_help_in_ages_past_watts.
4. Beeke and Smalley's suggestions of key applications of this doctrine are immensely helpful and have been instructive in shaping the lines of application I develop here. Joel R. Beeke and Paul M. Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology: Revelation and God*, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019), 666–70.
5. Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1983), 61.
6. Watson, *Body of Divinity*, 65.
7. C. S. Lewis, *Collected Letters*, ed. Walter Hooper, vol. 3, *Narnia, Cambridge, and Joy 1950–1963* (New York: HarperCollins, 2007), 76.

CHAPTER 3: THE UNCHANGING GOD

1. Walter Chalmers Smith, “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,” Hymnary.org, 1867, https://hymnary.org/text/immortal_invisible_god_only_wise.
2. Lynn Taylor, cited in Jacquelyn Smith, “How to Manage a Moody Boss,” *Forbes*, June 25, 2013, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jacquelyn-smith/2013/06/25/how-to-manage-a-moody-boss/?sh=e6217cd330a3>.
3. J. C. Ryle, *Holiness* (Darlington, England: Evangelical Press, 1979), xvii.
4. “Support for Same-Sex Marriage Grows, Even Among Groups That Had Been Skeptical,” Pew Research Center, June 26, 2017, <https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2017/06/26/support-for-same-sex-marriage-grows-even-among-groups-that-had-been-skeptical>.
5. John Dick, cited in A. W. Pink, *The Attributes of God* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1975), 50.

CHAPTER 4: THE INDEPENDENT GOD

1. Jonathan Edwards, “Discourse on the Trinity,” *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, vol. 21, ed. Harry S. Stout (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2003), 113.
2. William Perkins, *A Golden Chaine* (Cambridge: John Legat, 1600), chap. 2.
3. John Frame, *Systematic Theology* (Philipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2013), 409.
4. William Walsham How, “We Give Thee But Thine Own,” Hymnary.org, 1858, https://hymnary.org/text/we_give_thee_but_thine_own.
5. A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (New York: HarperCollins, 1961), 34.

CHAPTER 5: THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE GOD

1. Joel R. Beeke and Paul M. Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology: Revelation and God*, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019), 643.
2. A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (New York: HarperCollins, 1961), 8.
3. Thomas Boston, *An Illustration of the Doctrines of the Christian Religion with Respect to Faith and Practice upon the Plan of the Assembly’s Shorter Catechism Comprehending a Complete Body of Divinity*, vol. 1 (Aberdeen, Scotland: George and Robert King, 1848), 80.

4. Matthew Barrett, *None Greater: The Undomesticated Attributes of God* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2019), 18.
5. Attributed to Robert Keene, “How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord,” in John Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns* (London: Thomas Wilkins, 1787), 128.
6. Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1983), 54.

CHAPTER 6: THE ALL-KNOWING, ALL-WISE GOD

1. I was helped by the way in which Rico Tice unfolded the drama of this scene in his exposition at the 2019 Basics Conference. See Rico Tice, “What Is Hidden Under Your Tent?,” Basics Conference, May 6, 2019, <https://www.truthforlife.org/resources/sermon/main-session-rico-tice>.

CHAPTER 7: THE OMNIPRESENT GOD

1. R. C. Sproul, *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1992), 296.
2. Stephen Charnock, *The Existence and Attributes of God* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996), 1:386, 1:398.
3. A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (New York: HarperCollins, 1961), 76.
4. See Matthew Barrett, *None Greater: The Undomesticated Attributes of God* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2019), 182, who draws upon Augustine at this point.

CHAPTER 8: THE GLORIOUS GOD

1. Holly Hedegaard et al., “Increase in Suicide Mortality in the United States, 1999–2018,” *NCHS Data Brief*, no. 362 (April 2020): 1–8, <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db362-h.pdf>.
2. Clay Routledge, “Suicides Have Increased. Is This an Existential Crisis?,” *New York Times*, June 23, 2018, <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/23/opinion/sunday/suicide-rate-existential-crisis.html>.
3. *The Shorter Catechism with Scripture Proofs* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 2012), 5.
4. Saint Augustine, *Confessions*, trans. Henry Chadwick (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008), 3.

5. Harry Dixon Loes, "All Things in Jesus," Hymnary.org, 1915, https://hymnary.org/text/friends_all_around_us_are_trying_to_find.
6. See Timothy Keller, *Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Skepticism* (New York: Viking, 2015), 107.
7. David Foster Wallace, "This Is Water," Farnam Street Media (blog), May 21, 2005, <https://fs.blog/2012/04/david-foster-wallace-this-is-water>.

ET ENCOUNTER THE TRUTH

Encounter the Truth is the Bible teaching ministry of Jonathan Griffiths. Through faithful teaching of the Scriptures, we seek to facilitate encounters with the truth of God's Word—and ultimately, with the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Truth that came down from heaven. Our prayer is that those who do not yet know Jesus will come to a saving knowledge of the truth, that believers will be grounded in the truth, and that local churches will be encouraged in their witness to the truth.

Programs can be heard on Moody Radio and other Christian radio stations in the United States and Canada, on multiple podcasting platforms, and through our website and app.