Great Is Our God!

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Great Is The Lord: How The Attributes Of God Shape Our Every Day Living! Pt.1

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

—Augustine

1 Chronicles 17:20, "There is no One like You, Lord, and there is no God but You...

Isaiah 45:5, I Am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from Me there is no God.

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

—A.W. Tozer

What Do We Know About Our Great God?

1. God Is Divinely **SIMPLE**

Exodus 3:14, God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I Am has sent me to you.'"

"The doctrine of the divine unity means... The harmony of His being is the result not of a perfect balance of parts but of the absence of parts."

-A.W. Tozer

Deuteronomy 6:4,* Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.*

2. God Is Perfectly HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, And they were calling to one another: "Holy, Holy, Holy is

the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." 6 hen one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

"In reality, holiness is the goal of redemption. As Christ died in order that we may be justified, so we are justified in order that we may be sanctified and made holy."

—J.I. Packer

1 Peter 1:14, As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

Amos 5:21, "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to Me. 22 Even though you bring Me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. 23 Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. 24But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

3. God Is Completely <u>SOVEREIGN</u>

"Is God sovereign only in the 'good' circumstances of our lives? Is He not also sovereign in the difficult times, the times when our hearts ache with pain?"

—Jerry Bridges

Acts 2:23, This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross.

"People are fully responsible for all of their actions (both good and bad), but at the same time, people cannot thwart God's purposes and overrule His good and wise plan. God always has been and always will be in control!"

Isaiah 46:8, "Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, you

rebels. 9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no Other; I am God, and there is none like Me. 10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.' 11 From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill My purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.

The Sovereignty Of God And Mankind's Choice Must Be Held In balance:

- If you lean too far toward God controlling everything, you come down on the side of fatalism.
- If you lean too far toward mankind's free will, you come down on the side of humanism.