

The Foundation of Our Faith - Theology
The Existence of God

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. What questions do you have about the existence of God?
2. What would you say to someone who asked why you believe in God?

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Genesis 1:1

Thought:

Tuesday – Romans 1:18-32

Thought:

Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 8:4-7

Thought:

Thursday – Psalm 10:4, 14:1

Thought:

Friday – Job 11:7-9, Isaiah 40:18

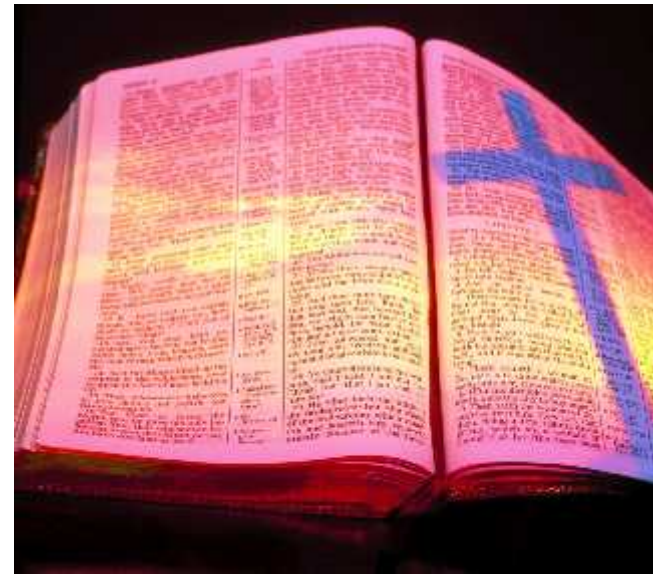
Thought:

Saturday – John 4:21-26

Sunday – “What is God Like in His Nature?”

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Intro: *Is there a God & can we know Him?*

I. Some Different Views of God

- A. Atheism – God does not exist
- B. Agnosticism – God is unknown but not necessarily unknowable – neutral on the existence of God
- C. Pantheism – God is everything that exists – nature, the force that causes nature to exist.
- D. Polytheism – There are many Gods (Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, Mormonism-worship one God but all can become a God)
- E. Deism – God is known by reason & nature – no miracles.
- F. Monotheism – God is the one who created all things and holds all things together (Islam-Jesus is a great prophet, Judaism-Jesus is false messiah, Christianity-Jesus is the messiah & God)

II. Some Arguments for the Existence of God

- A. Cosmological Argument – Anything that exists necessitates that there is someone that caused it to exist. – Psalm 19
- B. Design Argument (Teleological-meaning purpose or ultimate end) – The complexity & intentionality of creation and especially mankind necessitates there be an intelligent mind behind it, not just chance. – Acts 17:22-28, Proverbs 16:4
- C. Moral Argument – The existence of a moral law necessitates that there be a moral law giver. Human guilt witnesses to this. – Romans 2:12-15

III. Some Bible Facts about God

- A. The Bible assumes the existence of God – Genesis 1:1
- B. All men have an inner awareness of God – Romans 1:18-19, 25
- C. God can be known but not fully comprehended – John 14:7, 17:3; Job 11:7-9, Isaiah 40:18
- D. There is one God – 1 Corinthians 8:4-6
- E. God is supreme – 1 Corinthians 8:6, Romans 11:36

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IV. Some Reasons Why People do not Believe in God

- A. They do not believe the Bible – John 5:39
- B. They suppress or exchange the truth – Romans 1:18, 23, 25, 28
- C. They fear accountability – Romans 1:20, 14:12
- D. They like their lifestyle – Romans 1:21-25, Psalm 10:4

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