

### Lecture #4, Part 4

### **Course Information**

### **1. Course Description**

A study of the persons of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit and their unified teaching of the doctrines of the Bible.

# **Survey of the Doctrines of the Bible**

### **II-The Doctrine of God**

1-Cosmological Argument for the existence of God	Rom. 1:20
2-Teleological Argument for the existence of God	<b>Psalm 94:9</b>
3-Ontological Argument for the existence of God	Heb. 3:4
4-Anthropological Argument for the existence of God	Rom. 2:15
5-Nature of God	1 John 4:8
6-Definition of God	John 4:24
7-Anthropomorphisms	Gen. 4:14
8-Simplicity of God	1 John 1:15
9-Immensity of God	1 Kings 8:27
10-Unity of God	<b>Deut. 6:4</b>
11-Wisdom of God	<b>Prov. 9:1</b>
12-Love of God	John 3:16
13-Immutability of God	<b>James 1:17</b>
14-Holiness of God	Lev. 19:2
15-Truth of God	John 14:6
16-Justice of God	Acts 17:31
17-Goodness of God	<b>Mark 10:18</b>
18-Grace of God	Eph. 2:8
19-Comparative Attributes of God	<b>Psalm 139</b>
20-Sovereignty of God	Eph. 1:8
21-Providence of God	<b>Esther 4:14</b>
22-Freedom of God	<b>Isaiah 40:13</b>
23-Will of God	Rom. 12:1
24-Law of God	Psalm 37:31
25-Primary Names of God	Exodus 3:13
26-Call of God	Phil. 3:14
27-Trinity	Matt. 28:19
28-God the Father	<b>Matt. 6:9</b>

## **Introduction to Doctrinal Footnotes**

These theological footnotes are divided into three sections (1) explanation, (2) illustration, and (3) application. When you have absorbed all the notes within one topic area, you will have completed a total survey of that doctrine.



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## 19-Comparative Attributes of God

**Psalm 139** 

**Explanation:** The comparative attributes of God contrast human abilities with the divine nature. Everyone has some knowledge, but only God has all knowledge (**omniscience**). Everyone has presence, but only God has presence at all times everywhere (**omnipresence**). Everyone has some degree of power but only God has unlimited power (**omnipotence**).

<u>Illustration: Psalm 139</u> lays a foundation for understanding the comparative attributes. The <u>omniscience</u> of God is seen in <u>verses 1-6</u>. The <u>omnipresence</u> of God is seen in <u>verses 7-11</u>. The <u>omnipotence</u> of God is seen in <u>verses 12-16</u>.

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## 20-Sovereignty of God

**Eph. 1:8** 

<u>Explanation</u>: "Sovereignty" means God is "the supreme Ruler over all." While we are free moral agents, we are, nevertheless, subject to **His** sovereign will and purposes. Everything is subject to **His** judgment. **He** is ultimately in control, although **He** often works indirectly through others.

<u>Illustration:</u> Even Satan cannot oppose the work of God unless God so permits. Before Satan could attack Job, he first had to obtain the permission of God (<u>Job 1</u>, <u>2</u>). <u>Application:</u> Many Christians find great comfort in knowing that God is in control of their every circumstance.

#### 21-Providence of God

**Esther 4:14** 

Explanation: The word "providence" means "foreseeing" and suggest the idea of providing for the future. In theology the term is used of God's continuous activity whereby **He** makes all events work out according to **His** purposes. Thus the Scriptures teach that God rules over the physical universe (Psalm 103:19), animal life (Job 12:10), the nations of the earth (Job 12:23), and the affairs of individual lives (1 Sam. 16:1). Illustration: While the Book of Esther never records the name of God, the story is one of the fullest biblical illustrations of God's providence, in **His** use of a young woman to protect **His** people.

<u>Application:</u> As we confront situations in life, we should remember these come directly or indirectly from God. We should therefore seek to accomplish **His** will in every circumstance.