

TO KNOW HIM — IS TO REALIZE HOW LIMITED WE ARE!

Jesus' "come learn of Me" is limited in scope...

Seeing that God is unlimited (in all aspects) and that He is eternal (also in all aspects) then we as limited and mortal beings who communicate with an imperfect and limited language must confess that, in summation, words cannot contain God (neither can space and time).

Perhaps it could be said that, in certain areas, that everything which is meant to describe God with human language is only approximate and inadequate to properly explain God. Since God is infinite and “otherly” from us finite creatures, that words we use to articulate Him might not adequately interpret Him. Attaching properties to God is very difficult simply because He resides in a realm where words falter when there are “wordless” otherworld experiences. This must be a part of what the apostle Paul felt when he stated he witnessed “things unlawful to speak” — not that God had demanded Paul to keep silence about those things but that Paul realized there were no human words capable of explanation.

One dictionary of religion states: “God is far apart from humanly apprehended categories in time and space.”

Scripture seems to avow to this premise also when it declares; “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.” (Ps. 145:3). And in Job 26:14, “Lo, these are

parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?" How expressive also is Isaiah 55:8-9, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" — "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

In essence, the unity of God's attributes are perfect and is far beyond our realm of human experience. God's love, wrath, grace, justice, holiness, patience, and jealousy are continually functioning in a perfectly integrated yet infinitely complex way — He is not so much a possessor of these attributes, He just simply IS these attributes (I Am That I Am).

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deut. 29:29). There are simply some things God has not chosen to reveal.

We must understand that God Is both Incomprehensible and knowable at the same time. While God can never be exhaustively understood, He can be known truly, personally, and sufficiently in those things which pertain to salvation and

life. No one will ever be able to say he lacked the necessary revelation to know God and how to live as God intends.

God's incomprehensibility also means that beliefs can be held with firm conviction even though they may be filled with inexplicable mysteries. Yet part of our faith in God entails the belief that His greatness and majesty far exceeds our finite minds. The totality of the Oneness, the divine and human natures of Jesus Christ and many other teachings of our faith are profoundly mysterious and thus, believing them requires a strong affirmation not only to the "knowable" things of God but also, to a degree, of the incomprehensibility of God.

"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!" (Ps. 133:3-5).

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