

The Veracity of God

Intro: We have considered the all-encompassing nature of God's knowledge, presence, and power. These qualities are sometimes referred to as the natural or essential qualities of God. But our knowledge of God is not complete until we know also his moral perfections.

God is a God of Truth

"Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth." (Psalm 31:5, NKJV)

He is the "true" God.

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:3, NKJV)

He is the source of all truth.

"But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:" (Ephesians 4:20-21, NKJV)

He is truthful in His dealings with man.

"And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent. for He is not a man, that He should relent." (1 Samuel 15:29, NKJV)

"in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began," (Titus 1:2, NKJV)

His faithfulness is rooted in His truthfulness.

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war." (Revelation 19:11, NKJV)

What God's veracity means to us

It gives an objective basis for our faith.

We have seen a shift in our societies' attitude toward truth. Now we are told in religious circles that truth is whatever you feel, whatever God says to you in your inner being. The result is that every man does what is right in his own eyes and truth is lost.

But for those who affirm that God is true and that His truth has been made known in his word, there is an objective basis for faith.

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (John 17:17, NKJV)

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32, NKJV)

It gives certainty to our faith.

Faith is certain because it rests on the testimony of God. Social opinions vary according to the mood of society. Even what "scientists" believe in one generation is thoroughly refuted in another. So who do you believe?

"When our faith is an acknowledgment (Col 2:2) of God's knowledge

of us, then our quest for certainty has found its abiding anchor in the veracity of God.”

Through faith in the veracity of God we can say, “we know”.

“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.” (1 John 5:9, NKJV)

It gives answers to the questions man cannot answer!

The problem with science is that it cannot answer the big questions! God has answered those questions. It tells us where we came from, where we are going, and why we are here!

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1, NKJV)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10, NKJV)

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. ” (Ecclesiastes 12:13, NKJV)

It protects us from false gods and false doctrines.

“The words of the LORD are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” (Ps 12:6).

There’s a lot a bad advice out there. God’s word protects us from well-intended but misguided people who advocate wrong conduct based on human reason and experimentation.

It encourages commitment in our service

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23, NKJV)

It gives warning to the disobedient!

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” (John 3:36, NKJV)

There is no greater certainty of perdition than is found in the fact that God, who cannot lie, has said that it shall be so.

It gives hope to the faithful!

It is ever true, because God is true, that “There shall not fail one good word of all that the LORD our God hath spoken.”

“Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.” (Hebrews 6:17-18, NKJV)

Conclusion: Let us put our trust in the faithful God who is truth! The opinions of the world may change; but God’s truth stands firm throughout the generations.