



Section 2: Concerning The Godhead (Cont.)

Question 12: Is God a God of truth?

Answer 12: Yes, God is truth.

Memory Verse: **Deuteronomy 32:4**

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Support Verses: **Romans 3:4**

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Psalm 31:5

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

Discussion Points:

1. Defining truth:

- Webster's 1828 says, "Truth is conformity to fact or reality."
- This is very important to understand because it dictates to us what truth is... Truth is what God says it is!
- Therefore, the best Biblical definition of truth that there is... God is truth!
- Truth is the state of being conformed to the absolute standard.
- To say that, "God is truth" is to say that He is always, and in every way conformed to the absolute standard of His character.
- There are times that this becomes very difficult to comprehend for the finite mind, as the reality is that within the person of God is every one of His attributes and character traits existing harmoniously and simultaneously.
- So, for example, it is the "truth" that God is merciful and just at the same time.
- These two conformations to the reality of God are never contradiction to one another.
- They are, in fact, perfectly harmonious, and consistent within the nature of God.
- They are in agreement with the reality of His character.

2. Is truth relative or absolute?

- What do we mean by "absolute" when discussing the concept of truth?



- The definition of "absolute" according to Webster's 1828 is, "Complete in itself; independent of anything that is extraneous; existing independent of any other cause; unlimited by extraneous control."
- It is extremely clear that we understand the nature of truth according to its Biblical definition, (i.e. God is truth.) demands that it be absolute.
- There is no external circumstance that moves or provokes truth to change.
- Truth exist independent of any other cause, and truth is not controlled by, or limited by any circumstance other than the character of God.
- Why can truth never be relative?
- Because God is absolute and unchanging... "I am the LORD, I change not."
- Situational ethics is a foreign concept to God, and is completely contrary to His nature.
- God does not wait to see how a situation or circumstance develops before decides how to respond.
- God responds the only way He can... in truth!

3. What is the relationship between truth and justice?

- The Biblical concept of "truth" is very closely related to the previous concept of justice.
- Without an objective, absolute standard, there can be no basis for justice.
- Right execution of judgment is dependent upon a consistent, absolute standard.
- You would want no one but an absolutely true, and absolutely just one to determine the outcome of your eternity.
- We ought to be very grateful that God, who is truth, is also the justifier.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Worthy of Praise" (Hymn - #53 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Almighty Father" (Hymn - #61 - Rejoice Hymns)