



Section 2: Concerning The Godhead (Cont.)

Question 5: Is there more than one God?

Answer 5: No! There is only one living and true God.

Memory Verse: **Deuteronomy 6:4**
Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

Support Verses: **Psalm 86:10**
For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Jeremiah 10:10
But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

Hebrews 3:12
Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Discussion Points:

1. Discuss the exclusive nature of God.

- What is monotheism?
- Monotheism is the belief system that is founded upon the truth that there is only one God.
- The theological position of monotheism was obviously the original held belief (Adam and Eve).
- Yet, it did not take long for this truth to erode and corrupt under the influence of Satan and an environment of sin.
- Satan would bring confusion about the nature of God, and man in his sin would follow with divided devotion.
- Even the heritage of the Jewish nation through Abraham comes from a corrupted position of polytheism, which is the belief in many gods.
- But when Abraham is called by God out of Ur (Genesis 12:1), he is also called by to brake from the culture and beliefs of his countrymen, and to submit to the truth of the nature of God.
- Israel under the influence of Abraham, is unique as a monotheistic nation in the midst of the Promised Land.
- All of the "ites" (i.e. Perrizites, Hittites, Canaanites) were polytheistic.
- Why is it important to lay a foundation of monotheism for our children?
- Just as Israel would be influenced and ultimately fall into idolatry from the polytheistic influences around them, so too, the world today is filled with idolatrous influences that compete for the heart of our children.
- This is the reason it is so important to instill in our children the truth about the nature of God.
- Deuteronomy 6:4 is the foundation upon which all other doctrine was built.
- This same principle truth is carried into the New Testament as well in Ephesians 4:4-6



2. What is idolatry?

- Idolatry is the worship of other (false) gods.
- Idolatry results in divided loyalties, and divided affections.
- Idolatry gives honor and adoration to things, people, or ideas, that usurp the power and authority of the only true God, Who alone deserves that honor and adoration.
- God is a Jealous God, and rightfully so. (Exodus 20:5)
- When worship, which was intended to be exclusively expressed toward the one true God, is given to something or someone else, God becomes jealous, and justifiably angry.
- It is a direct assault on, and insult to His character.
- Is idolatry a problem in our culture today?
- Though our society in America today is not filled with pagan statues and stone idols that are likened unto those in other cultures around the world, we are certainly no less idolatrous.
- A sophisticated people just seem to get clever and refined in their idolatry.
- Our false gods just take on different forms.

3. Since God is the only "true" God, what is a "false" god?

- Anything that steals worship from the one true God.
- An idol or false god is not merely a physical construct.
- An idol or false god can also be an intellectual construct.
- We have exchanged our temples for sports arenas, and shopping malls.
- We have exchanged our stone idols for athletes and celebrities.
- We have exchanged lives designed to be pleasing to God, for the pursuit of our own passions, and as a result have become the very false god that we worship.
- It's all idolatry when those things compete for, and successfully arrest our affections away from God.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Great And Mighty" (Hymn - #12 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Sing Praise To God" (Hymn - #75 - Rejoice Hymns)