

## DRILLING BIBLE BASICS (2)

### GOD

#### Introduction

- 1) A primary and basic principle of spiritual knowledge is knowing **God** (Jn. 17:3)
  - a) God exists and is the Creator of all things (Gen. 1:1; Acts 14:15-17; Rom 1:20)
  - b) Foolish to deny God (Psa. 14:1); God is looking for those who will seek Him (v. 2)
- 2) Seeking God means believing in His divine *nature* and submitting to His sovereign *rule*
- 3) We are to seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33)

#### I) **There is ONE GOD**

- A) Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6; 46:9; 1 Corinthians 8:6
- B) There is one essence of deity/divinity and three share in it: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
  - 1) United in mind, purpose, action, power [Godhead – Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:20; Col. 2:9]
  - 2) United as one, yet distinct persons (Jn. 10:30; cp. Jn. 17:11, 21)
  - 3) Plurality of persons (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 3:16-17; Jn. 15:26; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14)

#### II) **GOD IS...**

- A) *Spirit* (Jn. 4:24; Lk. 24:39 not physical or material)
- B) *Eternal, Self-Existent* (Psa. 90:2; 1 Tim. 1:17)
- C) *Creator* (Gen. 1-2; Col. 1:16; Acts 14:15; 17:24; Heb. 11:3)
- D) *Unique and Personal* (Isa. 42:8; Jer. 29:11; Deut. 4:23-39)
  - 1) No other god beside Him (vv. 32-35, 39)
  - 2) Personal (vv. 24-25, 29, 31, 37; cf. Jn. 3:16)
  - 3) Communicates (vv. 30-31, 33, 36, 40; cf. Heb. 1:1-2)

#### III) **GOD'S DIVINE...**

- A) *Attributes*
  - 1) Omniscient [all-knowing] (Psa. 139:1-6; Isa. 46:10)
  - 2) Omnipotent [all-powerful] (Psa. 139:13-16; Gen. 17:1)
  - 3) Omnipresent [all-present] (Psa. 139:7-12; 1 Kgs. 8:27)
- B) *Character*
  - 1) Goodness and Severity (Rom. 2:4-11; 1 Jn. 4:8; Heb. 12:29)
    - a) Contingent on free-will activity of man (Rom. 11:22)
  - 2) Righteous and Just (Psa. 89:14)
  - 3) Holy (Isa. 6:3; 1 Pet. 1:16)
  - 4) Compassionate and Merciful (Psa. 145:8-9)
  - 5) Unchangeable (Jas. 1:17)
- C) *Rule*
  - 1) The “kingdom” of God is the realm of God’s sovereign rule, royal power, and dominion
  - 2) Where God rules and has dominion, His kingdom exists (Psa. 22:27-28; 145:10-13)
    - a) God *continually rules* over *all things* from His heavenly throne (Psa. 103:19; Isa. 66:1)

#### IV) **God's Sovereign Rule over All Things**

- A) God is supreme as
  - 1) Creator (Isa. 40:21-26; Col. 1:15-17)
  - 2) Authority (1 Tim. 6:15; Dan. 4:34b-37)
  - 3) Lawgiver (Jas. 4:12; Psa. 19:7-8)

- 4) Judge (Gen. 18:25; Acts 17:31)
- 5) Sustainer (Psa. 145:14-16; Acts 17:28)
- 6) Savior (Isa. 45:15, 21b; 1 Tim. 4:10)
- B) Sin is man's rebellion against God's sovereign rule (1 Jn. 3:4)
  - 1) Genesis 3:11, 17; 6:5, 12; Isa. 1:2-4; Jer. 6:19; Eph. 4:17-19; Rom. 3:9-18

**V) Bible Truths about the Kingdom of God Today (Mark 1:15)**

- A) Jesus Christ, the resurrected Son of God, reigns today with all power and authority given to Him by the Father (Eph. 1:19-23; Matt. 28:19; Dan. 7:13-14)
- B) "Kingdom" used both in general sense of God's innate sovereign rule (1 Chron. 29:11-12; Matt. 6:33), and in the specific sense of Christ's faithful followers who have submitted to that rule [territory of obedient hearts] (Matt. 16:18-19; 21:43)
- C) The specific "territory" of God's faithful people today is the church of Christ – those who have been called out of a wicked world into God's blessed realm of grace and love which are available in Christ (Jn. 3:3-5; Col. 1:13-14; Rev. 1:6; 5:9-10)
- D) All men are amenable to the sovereign rule of God (Acts 17:30), but not all submit to obey His will to be citizens in the kingdom of heaven (Acts 13:46)
- E) At the end, after defeating all enemies, Jesus will deliver His delegated rule back to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24-28), and the faithful will inherit the eternal heavenly kingdom (2 Tim. 4:18); those who have not submitted and obeyed God will be eternally lost (2 Thess. 1:8-9)

Conclusion

***“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”*** (Matt. 6:33). Knowing God and His sovereign rule is basic to understanding truth and living godly. Seek God's kingdom and enter it by being born again (Mk. 16:16). Seek His righteousness – do the will of the Father in heaven by submitting to the grace and law of Christ Jesus.