

## “Who Is God?” \* Psalm 145 \* October 15, 2006

### I. How do we even know that there is a God?

A. Will science ever be able to “prove” God?

**No. God will be found by men & women of faith.**

B. Does God just want us to exercise “blind” faith?

**No, but “reasonable” faith – a faith built on evidence and reason.**

C. So where’s the evidence for God?

**Romans 1:18 – creation leaves us without excuse.**

### II. Where does the knowledge of God come from?

**Through revelation - God’s own self-disclosure.**

A. In what 3 ways does God reveal Himself?

- 1. General revelation of creation.**
- 2. Special revelation of Scripture.**
- 3. Personal revelation of Jesus Christ.**

### III. The General Revelation of Nature

A. What can we learn from creation about God?

**That God is eternal, powerful and divine.**

B. What can’t we learn?

**Not much else. We can’t learn how many ‘gods’ there are, whether God is good or not, or really anything about his character.**

“Nature cannot satisfy the desires she arouses nor answer theological questions nor sanctify us. Our real journey to God involves constantly turning our back on nature; passing from the dawn-lit fields into some poky little church or maybe going to work in an inner-city parish.” ~ C.S. Lewis

### IV. The Special Revelation of Scripture; e.g. Psalm 145

A. **Verses 3-6 – God is great.**

How does God show his greatness?

1. He is **omniscient** meaning...*all knowing*.

2. **Omni-present** meaning...*everywhere present*.

3. He is **Omnipotent** meaning...*allpowerful*.

### B. Verses 4-7 – God is good.

1. Why is this the area where faith becomes very important?

**Because the condition of the world filled with so much pain and suffering makes it difficult at times to believe in a good God.**

2. Unbelievers say Christians can’t say that God is great and good at the same time. Our response: **The existence of evil in a world where God is sovereign is possible because he grants us free will. If he intervened every time something bad was about to happen, we would soon lose our freedom and responsibility.**

3. What makes David’s confession astounding? **Because living 3,000 years ago, his world was even more difficult and painful than our own.**

4. In the end, when does life work best? **When we just choose to believe.**

### V. The Personal Revelation of Jesus Christ

**Vss.11-13 – God is glorious.**

A. What exactly is God doing in the earth?

**God reveals his glory through the establishing of His kingdom in the earth – a process that began with Abraham and continues today.**

*B. What is our assignment, as God's little platoon?*  
**To bear witness to God's greatness and goodness, and  
to invite others to come into his kingdom.**

*C. What has to be explained away about Jesus  
before our faith collapses?*  
**His perfection, his power, his love, his teaching,  
his resurrection.**

**Where do I stand with Him today?**