

“LET US CONSIDER GOD”

Delivered to DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Lord's Day Afternoon Oct. 15th 2016

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1. His Knowledge:

Jn. 8:19

Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, “Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also”

Benjamin Keach: The Morrow of True Justification

(The word Antinomian is use. Translated lawless/unlawful/iniquity)

The Travels of Godliness

(Allegorical Personification of Godliness)

Q. Is true knowledge of God attainable?

A. The world's opinions are not unanimous. (For CENTURIES men have considered God=
-Deism-Pantheism- Polytheism-Panentheism)

Neither are Baptist. (Too much opinion. Misuse of the sources of Theology)

Pastors develop philosophy:

God gives us unclear or problematic passages so we will not understand and there be differences in church. There are doctrines no one will ever understand!!

How foolish.... I do not subscribe to that philosophy!!!

(Ones philosophy can tell us how strong or weak our Theology is!!)

Discuss this issue: Doctrines of Grace defined by the Decree of the Pure or Depraved. Also the Synod of Dort are modified Catholics.

2. His Justice:

Ps. 89:13-14

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.¹⁴ Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face

1- Absolute Justice – That rectitude of Divine Nature that is essential to Him and has existed before there was a creation.

2- Relative Justice- Justice that is exhibited towards his creation.

3- Subcatagories- Commutative/mutual obligation or grace.(1 John 1:9)

Distributive/rewards and punishment of creature.

**Both of these subjects seem to be hard for men to reconcile...

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A Ky. Theologian:

“The Justice of God differs in no respect from this attribute as seen among his rational creatures.”

Difference is in the execution of Justice; not in Justice itself...

Our issues:

A. Lack of understanding how important the importance of Reasoning is!!

(Not the Ultimate Authority- **Rationalist**= Kant-Descartes-Spinoza)

- Paul warns of vain philosophy (**Col. 2:8**) not all philosophy is vain!!

-There is no well-defined consensus about polity and doctrine among true Baptist.-

B. Lack of knowledge of God's Word.

- Spinoza (Benedict) asserted he had a clear concept of God as a triangle.

This philosophy promised its disciples an absolute knowledge of the Divine essence. Spinoza tried to perfect geometric epistemology.

His most famous student is Albert Einstein

-This point is apparently deficient in Baptist pulpits today.-

C. A disregard for the beatitude “Pure in Heart”

Doctrinally we will have problems when **His knowledge & His Justice** are not understood.

Specific:

What does this mean, “a false profession”?

“Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness; and let him reprove me, it shall be an excellent oil which shall not break my head.”- Psalm 141:5

There's not a STRONGER INDICATION of a person unreconciled to God **than the unwillingness to receive reproof.**

There are different view offered to us concerning the Kingdom of God...

One view is: {K. of G.} is one and {K. of S.} are distinct!!

This causes disciples to consider this is a question: Should we destroy those that are lost?

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Matthew 13: 28-29

“He said unto them, An Enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares: ye root up also the wheat with them.”

This is a truth given to us by Christ, but it does not devalue our responsibility to draw conclusions.

But this does not mean you should not:

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...” 2 Cor. 13:5

What is meant by “Spiritual Adultery”? (A term everyone knows is true but don't consider)

John 4: 23-24

But the hour cometh and now is, when the **TRUE** worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: God is a Spirit, and they that worship him **MUST** worship in spirit and truth –

1 Tim. 4:1

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”.

1 Tim. 4:16

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them:”

Note: Remember we have to “make disciples”

Disciple: a learner (thought accompanied by endeavor)

We have a signed Eternal Contract written in Blood!!

What sets the standard for piety (devotion to the Lord) also sets the standard for orthodoxy....and measures the distance of apostasy! (Bro. King)

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