WELCOME TO THE STUDY OF A BRILLIANT TREATISE BY ONE OF THE MOST PROFOUND AND WIDELY RESPECTED CHRISTIAN AUTHORS OF (WHAT IS NOW) THE LAST CENTURY. THOUGH PUBLISHED IN 1961, A. W. TOZER’S CLARION CALL TO THE CHURCH RINGS AS TRUE AS IF IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN LAST WEEK. IT IS MY PRAYER THAT STUDYING THIS POWERFUL TEXT WILL LEAD YOU TO A DEEPER, MORE SECURE, PERHAPS EVEN AWE–INSPIRING UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF THE MAGNIFICENTLY HOLY GOD WHOM WE SERVE – INFINITELY UNIMAGINABLY LOFTY, YET CLOSER TO US THAN OUR VERY SOULS.

A WORD ABOUT THE FORMAT OF OUR SESSIONS IS IN ORDER. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE OUR SESSIONS DRIVEN BY INFORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS. YOU WILL FIND NO SHORTAGE OF INSIGHTFUL, THOUGHT PROVOKING PASSAGES IN TOZER’S TEXT. TOZER’S WRITING IS TIGHT AND TO THE POINT. YOU MIGHT FIND YOURSELF RE-READING SOME PASSAGES TWO OR THREE TIMES, NOT BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND, BUT BECAUSE IT IS SO STRIKINGLY PROFOUND, AND OFTEN, SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS SO BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THIS BOOK WILL FAST BECOME A FAVORITE OF YOURS, AS IT HAS OF OURS.

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EACH WEEK THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING WEEK. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER THEM AS YOU READ THROUGH THE MATERIAL. YOU MAY WISH TO HIGHLIGHT OR UNDERLINE PORTIONS OF THE TEXT YOU FEEL PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY OR THAT SPOKE TO YOU IN A SPECIAL WAY. HOPEFULLY YOU WILL COME EACH WEEK PREPARED TO DISCUSS YOUR INSIGHTS, QUESTIONS, ETC., HOWEVER, WE REALIZE SCHEDULES, PARTICULARLY IN THE SUMMER, CAN BECOME INSANE AT TIMES, SO PLEASE COME AND PARTICIPATE EVEN IF YOU HAVEN’T BEEN ABLE TO SPEND MUCH TIME READING AND STUDYING THE TEXT, OR IF YOU NEED TO MISS A SESSION OR TWO.

FINALLY, A WORD ABOUT THE NUMBERING CONVENTION: WHEN PARAGRAPH NUMBERS ARE CITED, ASSUME “PARAGRAPH #1” CORRESPONDS TO THE FIRST PARAGRAPH ON THE PAGE, EVEN IF IT IS A CONTINUATION FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE. INDENTED POEMS, PASSAGES, ETC. WILL BE CONSIDERED ONE PARAGRAPH, EVEN IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE STANZAS. ON PAGES AT THE START OF A CHAPTER, CONSIDER THE PRAYER BENEATH THE CHAPTER TITLE TO BE ONE PARAGRAPH. HENCE, ON PAGE 39 OF THE TEXT, CONSIDER THE CARRY-OVER PARAGRAPH FROM THE PRECEDING PAGE TO BE “PARAGRAPH #1”, AND “PARAGRAPH #2” STARTS WITH THE PHRASE “FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING …”. WHILE ON PAGE 38, THE ENTIRE INTRODUCTORY PRAYER WILL BE CALLED “PARAGRAPH #1”, AND “PARAGRAPH #2” STARTS WITH THE PHRASE “THE CONCEPT OF EVERLASTINGNESS …”. LINE NUMBERS WILL BEGIN WITH THE LINE BELOW THE CHAPTER TITLE, AND WILL INCLUDE ALL LINES OF TEXT. THUS, ON PAGE 38, LINE #21 STARTS “EXISTENCE WAS NOT …” WHILE ON PAGE 39, LINE #29 STARTS “THRONE CRY DAY …” EACH OF THE STUDY QUESTIONS WILL, IF APPLICABLE, BEGIN WITH THE LINE OR PARAGRAPH NUMBER WHICH LEADS TO THE QUESTION.

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PREFACE:

1. PARAGRAPH #2. LIST WAYS THE CHURCH HAS “SURRENDERED HER ONCE LOFTY CONCEPT OF GOD.”

HOW HAVE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS DONE THIS AS WELL?

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS EVIDENCES OF OUR “UNAWARENESS”?

2. PARAGRAPH #5. TOZER POINTS OUT AN “ALARMING” DICHOTOMY BETWEEN THE EXTERNAL GAINS AND THE INTERNAL LOSSES OF THE CHURCH. DO YOU AGREE WITH THESE CLAIMS? WHY OR WHY NOT? WHAT EVIDENCES DO YOU SEE TO SUPPORT THE CLAUSE “AND SINCE IT IS … OVER A WIDER FIELD”?

3. HOW **DO** YOU THINK OF GOD? PONDER THIS DEEPLY AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS.

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CHAPTER 1: WHY WE MUST THINK RIGHTLY ABOUT GOD.

1. THE CHAPTER TITLE PRESUMES IT IS POSSIBLE TO THINK WRONGLY ABOUT GOD. IN WHAT WAYS IS GOD WRONGLY CONCEIVED?
   a. BY CULTURE

   b. BY TRADITION

   c. BY INDIVIDUALS

   d. BY RELIGIONS/DENOMINATIONS

   e. OTHERS …

2. PAGE 1, LINES 9 &10, 14 &15, 17 – 19. THESE STATEMENTS ARE THE CENTRAL TENET OF THE BOOK, ARGUEABLY THE ENTIRE REASON IT WAS WRITTEN. DO YOU ACCEPT THESE CLAIMS? WHY OR WHY NOT?

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CHAPTER 1: WHY WE MUST THINK RIGHTLY ABOUT GOD (CONT.).

3. PAGE 1, LAST HALF OF PARAGRAPH #4. HOW HAS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND ITS VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS CARICATURIZED GOD?

4. PAGE 2, PARAGRAPHS #3,4,5 AND PAGE 3, LINE 5 & 6 IN PARAGRAPH #2. COMMENT ON THESE STATEMENTS. IN WHAT WAYS DOES AN IMPROPER CONCEPT OF GOD CORRODE OUR PERSONAL, PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVES? DO YOU AGREE THAT “LOW VIEWS OF GOD DESTROY THE GOSPEL FOR ALL THOSE WHO HOLD THEM”? WHY OR WHY NOT?

5. PAGE 4, PARAGRAPH #3. HOW HAS THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH DEMONSTRATED TOZER’S STATEMENT? TOZER’S CLAIMS MADE IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE QUITE STRIKING. DO YOU ACCEPT THEM? WHY OR WHY NOT?

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CHAPTER 2: GOD INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

1. PAGE 6, PARAGRAPH #3. IN YOUR MIND, WHAT HAVE YOU THOUGHT GOD TO BE LIKE?

2. PAGE 8, PARAGRAPH #2, LINE 3. "WHATEVER WE VISUALIZE GOD TO BE, HE IS NOT.” WHAT ARE YOUR REACTIONS TO OR THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS STATEMENT?

3. PAGE 11, PARAGRAPH #2. THIS ISN’T SO MUCH A QUESTION AS A COMMENT: AS YOU CONTINUE STUDYING FURTHER IN THE BOOK, CONTINUALLY USE THE EYES OF YOUR FAITH TO SEE GOD AS HE HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO BE.

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CHAPTER 3: A DIVINE ATTRIBUTE.

1. PAGE 12, PARAGRAPH #4: WHAT DOES THE AUTHOR MEAN BY AN “ATTRIBUTE”

2. PAGE 14, PARAGRAPH #5, LINE 3: WHY DOES TOZER DEEM THESE WORD IMPROPER WHEN REFERING TO GOD? DO YOU AGREE? WHY OR WHY NOT? (SEE ALSO PAGE 16, PARAGRAPH #2)

3. PAGE 15, PARAGRAPH #4: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE “DIVINE UNITY”? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN MIND WHEN STUDYING GOD’S ATTRIBUTES?

4. PAGE 16, PARAGRAPH #1, LINE 5 & 6: READ THE PASSAGE 1 CORINTH 2:9 – 16. HOW DOES PAUL ARGUE THAT GOD REVEALS HIMSELF?

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CHAPTER 4: THE HOLY TRINITY.

AS YOU READ EACH CHAPTER, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO HIGHLIGHT OR UNDERLINE PASSAGES THAT SPEAK TO YOU. COME PREPARED TO SHARE THESE.

ALSO, YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER THE IDEAS OF THIS CHAPTER IN LIGHT OF TWO OF THE HISTORIC CREEDS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH: THE NICENE CREED AND THE APOSTLES CREED.

The Nicene Creed, ICET Translation

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come again to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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CHAPTER 5: THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES.

4. PAGE 25, PARAGRAPH #5, LINES 1-5. THIS REVEALS THE CHILD IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK, YET MORE MUST BE EXPECTED OF A MATURE MIND. GIVE EXAMPLES OF HOW CHRISTIANS SIMPLY “EXTEND CONCEPTS UPWARD TO GOD”. WHY IS IT IMPROPER TO DO SO?

5. PAGE 26, PARAGRAPH #4, LINE 8. IN WHAT WAYS DO WE “THINK GOD DOWN TO OUR LEVEL”?

6. PAGE 27, PARAGRAPH #3. THIS IS A STRONGLY WORDED PARAGRAPH. PAUSE AND PONDER SERIOUSLY THE SELF-EXISTENT BEING OF GOD. WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND AS YOU THINK OF GOD IN THIS WAY?

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CHAPTER 5: THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES (CONT.).

7. AS YOU READ PAGES 28 & 29, WHAT INSIGHTS FOR PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING DO YOU FIND THAT COME FROM THE FACT OF GOD’S SELF EXISTENCE?

8. PAGE 26, PARAGRAPH #4, LINES 4 - 8 !! ARE WE TRULY LIKE LUCIFER IN THIS WAY? !!

9. PAGE 30, PARAGRAPH #3. THIS IS THE CORE OF THE CHAPTER. GOD’S SELF-EXISTENCE IS DIVINE. WE SIN WHEN WE ATTEMPT TO USURP GOD’S PLACE. LIST SPECIFIC WAYS WE DO THIS. (NOTE THE IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN “SINS” (THE ACTS WE COMMIT OR OMIT) AND “SIN” (OUR STATE OF BEING).)

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CHAPTER 6: THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF GOD.

1. IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU HEARD OF GOD’S RELATIONSHIP TO MAN STATED IN WAYS THAT YOU FELT WERE IMPROPER?

COMMENT: GOD DID NOT CREATE US BECAUSE HE WAS LONELY, OR WANTED FOR SOMETHING TO DO. SEE PAGES 33 & 34.

2. PAGE 33, PARAGRAPH #5 & 6. GOD IS NOT ELEVATED BY OUR PRAISE. SO WHY DO WE DO IT?

3. THE CENTRAL POINT OF THE CHAPTER.

4. PAGE 34, PARAGRAPH #3. TOO MANY CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS MAKE SUCH AN ILL-CONCIEVED APPEAL. HOW MIGHT IT BE MORE APPROPRIATELY MADE IN LIGHT OF GOD’S SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND SELF-EXISTENCE?

5. PAGE 34, PARAGRAPH #4 THRU PAGE 35, PARAGRAPH #1. WHY DO WE TEACH THAT SATAN “FOILS GOD’S PLANS” OR THAT HE IS THE EVIL COUNTERPART TO GOD? WHAT MIGHT WE BETTER TEACH?

6. PAGE 36, PARAGRAPH #4. READ AND SAVOR THIS MARVELOUS PARAGRAPH. SEE 1 COR. 13:12!

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TOZER REFERENCE THE ATHANASIAN CREED, IT IS REPRODUCED HERE.

The Athanasian Creed

1. Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic
faith;
2. Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall
perish everlastingly.
3. And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in
Unity;
4. Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance.
5. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy
Spirit.
6. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory
equal, the majesty coeternal.
7. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.
8. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.
9. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit
incomprehensible.
10. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.
11. And yet they are not three eternals but one eternal.
12. As also there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensible, but one uncreated
and one incomprehensible.
13. So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty.
14. And yet they are not threealmighties, but one almighty.
15. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God;
16. And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.
17. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord;
18. And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.
19. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by
himself to be God and Lord;
20. So are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say; There are three Gods or three
Lords.
21. The Father is made of none, neither created norbegotten.
22. The Son is of the Father alone; not made nor created, butbegotten.
23. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor
begotten, but proceeding.
24. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not
three Holy Spirits.
25. And in this Trinity none is afore or after another; none is greater or less than another.
26. But the whole three persons are coeternal, and coequal.
27. So that in all things, as aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be
worshipped.
28. He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

29. Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the

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incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
30. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man.
31. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of substance of His mother, born in the world.
32. Perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.
33. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood.
34. Who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ.
35. One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of that manhood into God.
36. One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
37. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ;
38. Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead;
39. He ascended into heaven, He sits on the right hand of the Father, God, Almighty;
40. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
41. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies;
42. And shall give account of their own works.
43. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.
44. This is the catholic faith, which except a man believe faithfully he cannot be saved.

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CHAPTER 7: THE ETERNITY OF GOD.

10. PG 38, PGPH 4 & PG 39, PGPH 1. LIST WAYS IN WHICH THE ETERNITY OF GOD GIVES MEANING TO THE VARIOUS “TENETS OF THE CHRISTIAN CREED”.

11. PAGE 39, PGPH 3,5,6. THE FACT THAT TIME HAS NO APPLICATION TO GOD IS A MAGNIFICENT AND POWERFUL CONCEPT. HOW DOES THIS AFFECT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO HIM?

12. PG 40, PGPH 2. PONDER THIS! GOD IS SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THE FINAL MOMENT OF OUR DAYS AND THE EARLIEST INSTANT OF ETERNITY. THIS SIMULTANITY IS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE. HOW CAN IT (ESPECIALLY THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE PGPH) LIBERATE US FROM OUR FEARS, GUILT, SINS, ETC.?

13. PG 41, PGPH 2, LINES 3-5. HOW DO WE “DEAL WITH BOTH”?
CHAPTER 8: GOD’S INFINITUDE.

7. PG 43, LAST PGPH & PG 44, FIRST PGPH. WHY IS THIS SO “DIFFICULT TO GRASP”? (SEE ALSO PG 44, PGPH 4 & PGPH 5, LINES 5-7).

8. PG 46, PGPH 2. THIS IS ONE OF THE DEEPEST AND MOST PROFOUND PARAGRAPHS I HAVE EVER READ. WHAT REACTIONS DO YOU HAVE AS YOU READ (SAVOR) IT?

9. HOW DOES THE MIX OF GOD’S ETERNITY, INFINITUDE, SELF-EXISTENCE, ETC., MAKE EACH OF THEM MORE WONDERFUL?

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CHAPTER 8: GOD’S INFINITUDE (CONT.).

10. PG 47, PGPH 2. WHAT WONDERFUL PEACE THIS PARAGRAPH AFFORDS!

11. PG 47, PGPH 3. IN WHAT WAYS DO WE SOMETIMES RENDER PALTRY THE ETERNITY AND INFINITUDE OF GOD’S GIFT OF LIFE?

12. PG 47, PGPH 4, LINES 5-8. WHAT A WONDERFUL POINT! NOTHING, INCLUDING OUR SIN, IS AS UNLIMITED AS GOD.

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CHAPTER 9: THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD.

1. PG 49, PGPH 3. HOW HAVE THE CHURCH AND/OR INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS FOSTERED “THE CONCEPT OF A GROWING OR DEVELOPING GOD”?

2. PG 51, LAST LINE ON THE PG, AND PG 52, PGPH 1 & 2. TO WHAT SORT OF “DEEPER AND MORE BASIC” CHANGE IS TOZER REFERRING?

3. PG 53, PGPH 4 & 5. (WHAT BEAUTIFUL WRITING!) THE FACT OF AN IMMUTABLE, UNCHANGING GOD SHOULD COME AS A DEEP SOLACE TO THE REPENTANT SINNER. GIVE SOME REASONS WHY THIS IS SO.

4. PG 54, PGPH 1. HOW OUGHT THIS REALIZATION VITALIZE OUR PRAYER LIFE?

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CHAPTER 10: THE DIVINE OMNISCIENCE.

14. PG 56, PGPH 4. IN WHAT WAYS DO WE THINK OF OR TEACH ABOUT A LESSER “GOD” THAN THE TRULY OMNIPOTENT GOD DESCRIBED IN THIS EXQUISITE PARAGRAPH? HOW MIGHT A FULLER REALIZATION OF GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE RADICALLY ALTER A BELIEVER’S (OR A CHURCH’S!) PRAYER LIFE?

15. PG 57, PGPH 2 & 3. THESE TWO PARAGRAPHS DRAW A WONDERFUL CONTRAST BETWEEN THE UNPENITENT SINNER FLEEING FROM GOD AND THE REDEEMED SOUL WHO HAS TURNED TO GOD FOR REFUGE. LIST THE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT THESE TWO RELATE TO THE FACT OF GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE.


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CHAPTER 11: THE WISDOM OF GOD.

13. PG 59, PGAPH 1, LINES 2-4 “WE SHALL NOT … MAY BELIEVE.” IN WHAT WAYS DO CHRISTIANS AS INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES AS CORPORATE BODIES OFTEN GET THIS BACKWARDS?

14. PG 60, PGPH 2, LINES 2 & 3. THIS IS QUITE A BOLD STATEMENT. WHAT EVIDENCES CAN YOU GIVE TO SUPPORT IT?

15. PG 60, PGPH 5, CONTINUING TO PGPH 1 ON PG 61, ESPECIALLY THE SENTENCE “NOT ONLY COULD HIS ACTS NOT BE BETTER DONE: A BETTER WAY TO DO THEM COULD NOT BE IMAGINED.” THE FIRST TIME I READ IT I THOUGHT THIS SENTENCE ALONE WAS WORTH THE PRICE OF THE BOOK. IN WHAT WAYS CAN THIS TRUTH BUTTRESS OUR FAITH IN OUR DEEPEST TIME OF TRIAL, WEAKNESS, OR GRIEVING? SEE ALSO LAST LINE OF PG 61 AND PGPH 1 & 2 ON PG 62.
CHAPTER 11: THE WISDOM OF GOD (CONT.).

16. PG 62, PGPH 3 & 4. WHAT WONDERFUL PEACE THESE PARAGRAPHS AFFORD!

17. PG 62, LAST LINE, & PG 63, PGPH 1 - 3. LIST WAYS WE CAN BRING “THE TRUTH OF GOD’S INFINITE WISDOM” TO BEAR “INTO THE PRACTICAL WORLD OF OUR DAY-BY-DAY EXPERIENCE.

18. PG 63, LAST 2 LINES, & PG 63, PGPH 1, PARTICULARLY LINES 7 – 10 ON PG 64. I STILL GET A BIT CHOKED UP EACH TIME I RE-READ THIS PASSAGE. IT GOES DIRECTLY TO THE HEART OF WHAT KAY HAS SHARED WITH US ABOUT AN APPRECIATION FOR THE MAJESTY OF GOD. THINK OF WAYS YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND OUR CHURCH CAN TRULY “TRUST … AND BE NOT AFRAID.”

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CHAPTER 12: THE OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD.

5. PG 67, PGPH 2. HOW OUGHT THESE TRUTHS BOLSTER THE FAITH OF THE BELIEVER?

6. PG 67, PGPH 2 & 3. IN WHAT WAYS ARE THESE DOCTRINES WRONGLY PERCEIVED (AND TAUGHT) BY CHRISTIANS AND CHURCHES?

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CHAPTER 13: THE DIVINE TRANSCENDENCE.

17. PG 69, PGPH 2. WHAT DOES THE AUTHOR MEAN BY THE TERM “TRANSCENDENCE”?

18. PG 70, PGPH 3. IN WHAT WAYS IS THIS ATTRIBUTE INCORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD BY INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS? HOW MIGHT WE BETTER TEACH ABOUT GOD’S TRANSCENDENCE?

19. PG 71, PGPH 1. PONDER THIS! THIS POINT ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF THE CHASM BETWEEN GOD’S INFINITUDE AND OUR FINITENESS.

20. PG 71, PGPH 3 THRU PG 72, PGPH 3. THESE ARE DEEP AND SOBERING WORDS. GIVE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF HOW “THE SELF-ASSURANCE OF MODERN CHRISTIANS” INHIBITS THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.

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CHAPTER 14: GOD’S OMNIPRESENCE.

19. PG 74, PGAPH 1. WHY DO SO MANY CHRISTIANS NOT “EXPERIENCE THE FULNESS OF JOY” THAT GOD’S OMNIPRESENCE “SHOULD AFFORD”.

20. PG 75, PGPH 2. GIVE EXAMPLES FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE OF HOW “THE WORLD IS MEANINGLESS APART FROM THE SPIRIT THAT INHABITS IT”.

21. PG 60, PGPH 5, HOW HAS THE DOCTRINE (INDEED, THE FACT) OF GOD’S OMNINIPRESENCE GIVEN YOU “COMFORT IN SORROW AND STEADFAST ASSURANCE IN ALL THE VARIED EXPERIENCES OF LIFE”?

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CHAPTER 15: THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.

7. THE FIRST PAGE AND A HALF OF THIS CHAPTER DEAL WITH THE INTERPLAY OF THE VARIOUS ATTRIBUTES OF GOD’S DIVINE UNITY. HOW DOES GOD’S FAITHFULNESS WORK INTO THIS MIX?

8. PG 79, PGPH 4. GIVE EXAMPLES OF AFFLICTIONS OF THE CHURCH THAT HAVE ARISEN IN THIS MANNER.

9. PG 81, PGPH 2. GIVE EXAMPLES OF HOW GOD HAS SHOWN HIS FAITHFULNESS IN YOUR LIFE.

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CHAPTER 16: THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

1. PG 82, PGPH 3-5. WHAT DOES TOZER MEAN WHEN HE WRITES OF GOD’S “GOODNESS”?

2. PG 83, PGPH 2-4. THESE PARAGRAPHS ARE BOTH HUMBLING AND INSPIRING. WHAT COMFORTS AND CHALLENGES DO THESE PARAGRAPHS OFFER FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING?

3. PG 84, PGPH 2&3. WHAT ARE SOME SPECIFIC ACTIONS JESUS TOOK THAT REVEAL THE NATURE OF GOD’S GOODNESS?

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CHAPTER 17: THE JUSTICE OF GOD.

1. PG 87, PGPH 3-5. IN WHAT WAYS DO PEOPLE ERRONEOUSLY PROJECT CONCEPTS OF HUMAN JUSTICE (AND JUDGES) UPWARD TO GOD?

2. PG 88, PGPH 2-4. NOTICE HOW TOZER AGAIN WEAVES TOGETHER THE VARIOUS ATTRIBUTES OF GOD. HOW OUGHT CHRISTIANS ADDRESS THE (ERRONEOUS) NOTION THAT GOD CANNOT SIMULTANEOUSLY BE JUST AND MERCIFUL, OR LOVING AND JUST, ETC.?

3. PG 89, PGPH 3. THIS IS A SOBERING PARAGRAPH, INDEED! WHAT STEPS SHOULD CHURCHES TAKE TO COMBAT THIS “OPIATE FOR THE CONSCIENCES OF MILLIONS”?

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CHAPTER 18: THE MERCY OF GOD.

1. PG 90 THRU PG 91, PGPH 2. WHY DO YOU THINK THERE IS THE POPULAR NOTION, EVEN AMONG CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, “THAT JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT CHARACTERIZE THE GOD OF ISRAEL, WHILE MERCY AND GRACE BELONG TO THE LORD OF THE CHURCH”?

2. PG 91, PGPH 3 THROUGH PG 92, PGPH 3. WHAT DOES THE REALIZATION OF THE DEPTH OF GOD’S MERCY OFFER THE TRULY PENITENT AND FAITHFUL SOUL?

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CHAPTER 19: THE GRACE OF GOD.

1. PG 93. WHAT IS TOZER’S DEFINITION OF GRACE, AND HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM, YET WORK ALONGSIDE GOD’S OTHER ATTRIBUTES?


3. PG 95, PGPH 4 THRU THE END OF THE CHAPTER. WHAT BLESSINGS DOES OUR SAVED SOUL REALIZE WHEN WE ENJOYS THE RICHES OF GOD’S GRACE?

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. PS 145:3
CHAPTER 20: THE LOVE OF GOD.

1. PG 97 THRU PG 98, PGPH 1. TOZER CITES THE DANGERS OF MISINTERPRETING THE CLICHE “GOD IS LOVE”. WHAT ARE SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF “UN SOUND RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY” THAT HAVE ARISEN FROM THIS?

2. PG 98, PGPH 2&3. NOTICE HOW TOZER AGAIN WEAVES TOGETHER THE VARIOUS ATTRIBUTES OF GOD. IN WHAT WAYS DO HIS OTHER ATTRIBUTES FLAVOR OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HIS LOVE?

3. PG 100, PGPH 4 THRU PG 101, PGPH 1. HOW CAN THE FACT THAT GOD “TAKES PARTICULAR PLEASURE IN HIS SAINTS” INSPIRE THE ACTIONS OF BELIEVERS?

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. PS 145:3
CHAPTER 21: THE HOLINESS OF GOD.

1. PG 103, LAST PGPH. THIS IS TRULY A SOBERING PARAGRAPH.

2. PG 104, PGPH 2&3. NOTICE HOW TOZER WEAVES TOGETHER THE DOCTRINES OF HOLINESS, TRUTH AND FAITH. IN WHAT WAYS HAS THE "MODERN" CHURCH TRIVIALIZED THE NOTION OF THE HOLINESS OF GOD?

3. PG 107. HOW DO GOD’S VARIOUS ATTRIBUTES RECONCILE THE SEEMINGLY PARADOXICAL NOTIONS OF A HOLY GOD WHO IS ALSO APPROACHABLE?

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. PS 145:3
CHAPTER 22: THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.

1. PG 108. NOTE AGAIN THE WONDERFUL UNITY OF ALL GOD’S ATTRIBUTES WITH HIS SOVEREIGNTY.

2. PG 119, PGPH 2, LINES 6&7. THIS SENTENCE IS A VITAL PART OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE. WHY AND IN WHAT WAYS DO CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS TRY TO “GET AROUND IT”?

3. PG 110, PGPH 6 THRU PG 111, PGPH 1. I IMAGINE AN ENTIRE SEMINARY CAREER COULD BE BUILT ON THE THEOLOGY ENCAPSULATED IN THIS LITTLE PARAGRAPH. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT? (ESPECIALLY NOTE PG 112, PGPH 1, LAST SENTENCE. IT IS THE KEY!)

4. PG 112 THRU END OF THE CHAPTER. WHAT A WONDERFUL EXPOSITION ON THE HARMONY BETWEEN GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY AND HUMANITY’S FREE WILL.

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CHAPTER 23: THE OPEN SECRET.

1. PG 114, PGPH 1. “ANY STEP FORWARD IN THE CHURCH MUST BEGIN WITH THE INDIVIDUAL.” THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ADMONISHMENT FOR ALL OF CHRISTENDOM!

2. HOW DOES A FULLER REALIZATION OF THE ATTRIBUTES STUDIED IN THIS TEXT LEAD CHRISTIANS AND THE CHURCH TO A CLOSER WALK WITH AND A MORE ACCURATE OBEDIENCE TO THE ONE TRUE LIVING GOD?

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