

The Doctrine of God the Father

Theology: Core Doctrines Part 1

Session 3

*“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”*
Exodus 15:11

Theme: **God Has Revealed Himself to Us**

1. God Has Revealed His **Existence** to Us

- We Can't Know Him **Fully**: *Incomprehensibility of God*
- We Can Know Him **Truly**: *Knowability of God*

2. God Has Revealed His **Identity** to Us

- **I Am**: *Yahweh*
- **God**: *El/Elohim*
- **The Lord**: *Adon/Adonai*
- **The Rock**: *Tsur*
- **Father**: *Ab*



3. God Has Revealed His **Attributes** to Us

- His **Familiar** Attributes: *Communicable Attributes*
 - Wisdom
 - Truth
 - Goodness
 - Love
 - Grace
 - Mercy
 - Longsuffering
 - Holiness
 - Justice/Righteousness
 - Jealousy
 - Will
 - Glory

- His **Unfamiliar** Attributes: *Incommunicable Attributes*
 - Independence (Aseity)
 - Immutability
 - Infinity
 - Eternity
 - Omnipresence
 - Unity
 - Simplicity
 - Omniscience
 - Omnipotence
 - Perfection

4. God Has Revealed His **Nature** to Us

- **An Explanation** of the Trinity
 - There Is Only One God

 - God Exists as Three Person

 - Each Person Is Fully God

- **Evidence** of the Trinity
 - Plural Names for God

 - Plural Self-References by God

 - Reference to Son of Yahweh

 - Reference of Angel of Yahweh

 - Reference to Spirit as Divine

 - References to One God and Three Persons of God

 - References to Plural Persons of God



- **Attacks** on the Trinity
 - Modalism

 - Arianism

 - Subordination

 - Adoptionism

5. He Has Revealed His **Work**

- His **Providential** Work: *Divine Providence*

- His **Creative** Work: *Divine Creation*

- His **Miraculous** Work: *Divine Miracles*