

The Attributes of God: Week 1, Preeminence

When we say that God is Preeminent, we mean that:

-He is **supreme** and **above everything** and *everyone else* in **all ways**. He has **always been, is, and always will be greater in every way** than the full sum of everything and everyone else that ever exists.

-He **existed before all things** and His existence before all things is the only thing that allows there to be anything else. **He has no origin**, yet **everything outside of Himself has its origin from Him**. He **depends on nothing**, yet **every other thing depends on Him**, fully.

-Another key element to the preeminence of God is that **God is solitary in all of His attributes**. He alone possess them to the full, to the infinite degree of perfection. He alone is God, He alone is before all. He alone is Ruler, Creator, and Sustainer.

-Another key element to the preeminence of God is that **God was, is and always will be fully God, fully perfect, fully holy, fully excellent and fully satisfied in and of Himself**. Nothing can be added to Him or subtracted from Him.

“God has **no origin** and it is precisely this concept of no-origin which distinguishes ‘that-which-is-God’ from what is not God.” A.W. Tozer

The preeminence of God tells us that there is One who is; **the cause of all but is Himself caused by none!**

The preeminence of God tells us that there is One who is; **accountable to none...but to whom all must give account.**

Personal Notes:

Application: How should this affect me?

Romans 1:18-20

1. We must _____ that there is **One to whom we owe our all**. We must _____ that there is One who is totally beyond us in every way, **to whom we must give account**.

Romans 1:20-21

2. We must begin to _____ that we have a holy, perfect Creator and ruling Sustainer. We must _____ **for all that He has done** and our lives must _____ because of His sovereign ownership over us.

Romans 1:22-23

3. There is no neutral response to the preeminence of God. The creature either _____ **it**, or _____ **it**. And we must not exchange the glory of an **incomparable God** for the **image of created things**. _____ of scorning His rightful rule.

Matthew 6:9-10

4. _____ for **God's kingdom** reign on earth to come.
_____ for **God's design & will** to be done **on earth & in our lives** as it is **perfectly & always** being done in heaven.

Ephesians 5:8

5. **We** _____ **in the light of the truth**, submitting to our Owner's design.
We _____ **the Maker's instruction**, not only because He is the boss, but because we trust that He knows what is best.

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