

The Path -

Day 32: The Oneness of God

Note: Most of the material from this lesson and the material in the next three lessons on the “oneness of God” is taken from David Bernard’s writings. It would be highly recommended that you read the book authored by him by the identical title: “The Oneness of God”.

Christianity is monotheistic. Monotheism comes from two Greek words: “monos” meaning “alone; single, one”, and “theos” meaning “God”. Christians believe there is one God. Below is a list of those who philosophically do not believe in one God:

1. Atheist: One who denies the existence of God
2. Agnostic: One who asserts that the existence of God is unknown and probably unknowable.
3. Pantheist: One who equates God with nature
4. Polytheist: One who believes in more than one God
5. Ditheist: One who believes in two Gods
6. Tritheist: One who believes in three Gods

The Old Testament teaches that there is one God

Deuteronomy 6:4 - “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is _____ Lord.” The Hebrew word for “Lord” is Jehovah

Jesus repeated this scripture in the New Testament as the most important command in the entire Bible in Mark 12:29-30:

“... the first of all the commandments is, ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the _____ commandment.’”

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If our Lord and Savior taught that God's oneness and worshipping Him with all of our heart, mind, and soul, and strength: is the most important command in the Word of God, then it should be the most important command to all Christians.

Why is it so important to believe in and worship only one God? First, in a very real sense, who we worship is our religion. Those who worship Buddha are Buddhists, etc. If we worship more than one God, we are worshipping (a) false God(s).

The first of the ten commandments God gave in Exodus 20:3 commands:

“Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.” Verse 5 says: “Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them or serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God...”

In Matthew 4:10 Jesus commanded Satan to leave Him saying: “Get thee hence Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him _____ shalt thou serve.”

Second, the God that we worship and serve is the one we look to for help in our time of need. Only the real God can truly help us and save us. Jesus proclaimed in John 8:24:

“...if you believe not that I am He (The Father) ye shall die in your _____.”

Why? Because we won't ask Him to forgive our sins and help us. False gods cannot help us. The Lord instructs us regarding idols (false gods) in Jeremiah 10:5:

“...be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.”

Third, God does not want us to be confused about who He is. Romans 1:20 says,

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and godhead; so that they are without _____.” Failing to understand the Godhead is without excuse!



The above are the reasons why we must study the Godhead. We must be able to clearly explain who Jesus is and why He is the only true God of the universe. Remember what Peter said in 1 Peter 3:15:

“...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

People of every persuasion need to understand who God is and why they should worship Him only.

Discussion:

1. What is monotheism?
2. What is Deuteronomy 6:4, and why is it the most important commandment in the Bible?
3. Explain this: “The one that we worship, is our religion?”
4. Why is it important for us to believe that there is one God and that His name is Jesus?