The Attributes of God Sixty-seven Meditations

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You are about to begin an exciting journey. During the next weeks and months you will be meditating on the attributes, the very nature of God. As you do so you may find that there are things about God which you believe which are not true. Contrastingly you may find there are things which are true about God which you did not previously believe. At the outset it is important for you to come to the point of wanting to know and worship God as He presents Himself to you. Remember, God is not what we believe, rather we believe what God is as revealed in His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. God does not do what we believe, rather we believe what God does as revealed in His holy Word. To know God, to understand God, we must go to His Word and learn from Him.

Christian meditation upon God has never been the eastern practice of emptying ones mind and then waiting for truth to be revealed. Nor is it the western practice of searching out "self-evident" truths concerning God through the natural sciences and logic. Rather Joshua 1:8 instructs us how as Christians to meditate

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success."

For the Christian, meditation upon God is always Word centered. We never, when meditating, empty our minds, but rather we do just the opposite, we fill our minds with the Word of God. This is true for all areas of the Christian life and meditations upon the nature and attributes of God is no different.

We all know, that in any relationship, the best way to get to know someone is to spend time with them learning from them about themselves. Can you imagine a relationship where a young man or woman goes out on a date and spends the whole time telling their date what the date is like, rather than asking them questions and learning from them. It is ridiculous to imagine a person on a date saying "and you are like this, and you are like this" and on the discussion goes. No, if you really want to get to know someone you ask them to share with you their heart, their aspirations, their innermost thoughts and you sit and listen and soak it in.

We must take this same approach to our relationship with God. We do not sit down and imagine what God is like, nor do we sit down and begin to tell God what He is like, nor do we boast with confidence our self derived convictions about what a "loving God" would or would not do. Rather we go humbly go to God, we ask Him to reveal Himself to us from His Word and then we meditate on His revelations concerning His attributes and seek to know Him ever better and ever deeper.

This then is where these Daily Quiet Times Alone With God will take you – to a deeper and more intimate understanding of the attributes of God. Begin by praying and asking God to reveal Himself to you in an ever more intimate way. Next read the passage or passages and seek to understand God as He reveals Himself to you. To help you along the particular attribute is given in parenthesis, look for this attribute as revealed by God to you in the passage. Lastly answer the devotional and meditational questions provided in the Quiet Time.

May God bless you and draw you nearer to Himself as you meditate upon His divine attributes as revealed to you in His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word.

Suggested Reading: <u>Knowing God</u> – J. I. Packer <u>Knowledge of the Holy</u> – A. W. Tozer <u>The Attributes of God</u> – A. W. Tozer <u>The Attributes of God</u> – A. W. Pink

*Note: The third QT on each sheet has an additional aspect to the last question which may require more reflection and mediation. A verse is added with this question to aid you in your classification of this attribute.