MAN’S ATTITUDES ABOUT GOD

Intro: God is the greatest being imaginable. While it is impossible to fully understand God and His nature; Romans 11:33 “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!” there are things which we should know about Him—those things which have been revealed to us by the Spirit; 1 Cor. 2:9-10, 12-13 “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.... 12Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” However, in our study today, let us notice some of man’s attitudes about God.

I. ROMANS 1
A. Reject God
1. Rom. 1:28 “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;”
2. They went into atheism or agnosticism.
3. We see this a great deal in our world.
4. Evolutionary theory has sent our world into a rejection of God.
5. Psa. 14:1 “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”

B. Haters of God
1. Rom. 1:30 “Backbiters, haters of God, despitful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,”
2. There are many who simply hate God.
3. Often when one convinces an atheist of the existence of God, he then brings up the “immorality of God” and say they would rather go to hell than obey God.
4. They ascribe to God what should be placed at the Devil’s doorstep.
   a. Suffering
   b. Pain and anguish
   c. Discord and strife
   d. Wars
      (1) The crusades are often mentioned.
      (2) Not everything done in the name of religion is from God (much of it finds it origin in Satan).
   e. Death
5. They argue that if God is good and He is omnipotent, then He would not allow the evil that is in the world.

C. Change God into idols
1. Rom. 1:22-23 “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.”
2. Much of our world is immeshed in idolatry.
3. Men worship that which has been created by men’s hand more than the Creator.
4. There is also the idolatry of covetousness; Col 3:5 “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:”
D. Refuse to recognize Him as Creator or God
   1. Rom. 1:21 “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”
   2. Though they believe in God they do not give Him His rightful position in their hearts and lives.
   3. They don't worship Him as God.
   4. This is the condition of most in our society.
      a. Most believe there is a God.
      b. Yet, most will not make any attempt to worship, serve, or live according to His precepts.

II. Think God is like man.
   A. Psa. 50:21 “These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.”
   B. They thought they could do what they wanted to do and God would do nothing about it.
   C. Many today also think God is like man in that they can bargain with God getting what they want.

III. Forget God
   A. Jer. 2:32 “Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.”
   B. We are all prone to do this at one time or another.
      1. Do we forget God when it is time to come to worship and Bible study?
      2. Do we forget God when it is time to go to the visitation meetings or do other work for Him?
   C. Psa. 50:22 “Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.”

IV. His servants and serve Him
   A. Rev. 22:3 “And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:”
   B. Mat. 4:10 “Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”
   C. Far too many try to serve other things; Mat. 6:24 “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

Conclusion: Let us make sure we are a servant of God and continue to serve Him throughout our life.