

Bible Project
"God"
Fidelis Lesson #4

We're exploring the complex identity of God in the storyline of the Bible and the implications of a God who exists in a constant state of communal love.

1. Triune God
 - a. He's 1 and 3 at the same time.
2. God is transcendent i.e. He destroys our categories and expectations.
 - a. He is the "I AM."
3. God breaks our categories i.e. assumptions of reality, all the time throughout the Bible.
 - a. How was it done in the Hebrew scriptures?
 - i. E.g. Wisdom, is both an attribute of God as well as a person i.e. coworker of God.
 - ii. God's glory
 1. E.g. human figure on a throne.
 - iii. His Word
 1. E.g. can speak to us but the Word also appears as a person.
4. Biblical authors believed in 'one' God but He can be expressed in various ways.
 - a. i.e. talk about Him in different characters.
 - i. This expresses His complex identity.
5. God in Genesis 1:1 i.e. God in the beginning.
 - a. Immediately see "God" at creation hovering above the waters.
 - i. H.S. is God's personal energy.
 - ii. Distinct from God but also is God.
 - b. Authors use this complexity to help us understand who God really is.
6. Son of Man from the Book of Daniel.
 - a. Human is raised up and sits at the right hand of God.
 - i. All humanity will worship Him.
 - ii. He's part of God's identity BUT still distinct.
7. Apostles/scripture writers described Jesus by assigning to him the attributes of God.

- a. He is the Glory of God and the wisdom of God.
 - b. John 1, Jesus is Logos i.e. the wisdom of God.
- 8. Jesus would talk to God as a distinct person.
 - a. Called Him Father.
 - b. Spirit of God communicates message to Jesus, that He's pleased with Him.
 - i. Through the Spirit we can have a relationship with God.
- 9. God is a Trinity i.e. Tri-Unity.
 - a. Should know Him so we can know His love.