THEOLOGY

LESSON 5: CHRISTIANITY- SPECIAL REVELATION



CHRISTIANITY

•SECULARISTS DECLARED IN THE HUMANIST MANIFESTO II THAT "NO DEITY WILL SAVE US, WE MUST SAVE OURSELVES."



•HOWEVER, GOD IS THE CREATOR WHO NOT ONLY CREATED THE WORLD BUT INSISTS ON PUTTING BACK RIGHT THE THINGS THAT HAVE GONE WRONG IN THE WORLD



CHRISTIANITY

- •GOD IS KNOWABLE, RELATABLE, AND SELF-AWARE
- •THERE ARE FIVE CHARACTERISTICS CENTRAL
 TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

•HEB 1:10 AND, "YOU, LORD, LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH IN THE BEGINNING, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS;

•ROM 8:28 AND WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD, FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

- •GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS POWER BY
 CREATING THE WORLD AND MOVING THE
 WORLD TO ITS PURPOSEFUL END
- •GOD HAS A PLAN FOR THE WORLD AND NOTHING TAKES HIM BY SURPRISE

•HE SHOWS HIS POWER BY A PLAN IN WHICH HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY AND HUMAN CHOICE ARE KEY COMPONENTS

GOD IS SELF-DETERMINING

•HE IS SOVEREIGN REGARDING HIS WILL;
HE HAS ALL AUTHORITY

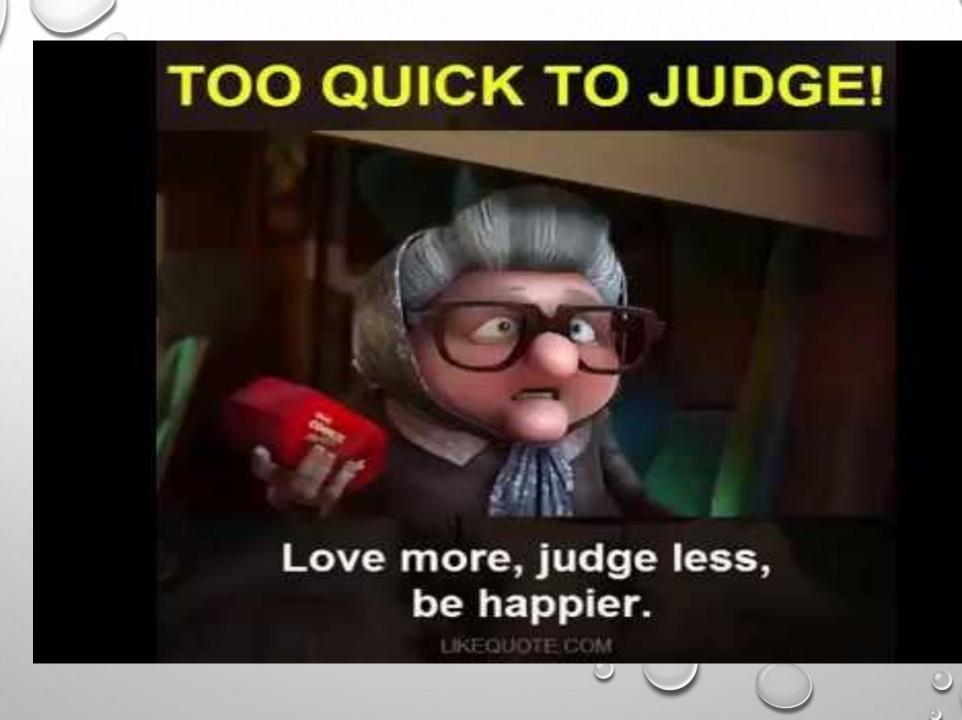
•NEBUCHADNEZZAR; DANIEL 4:28-37



- •THE HEBREW WORD FOR HOLY MEANS, "SET APART, SACRED"
- •GOD'S NATURE IS PURE AND FREE FROM EVIL

GOD IS HOLY

- •GOD'S NATURE IS RIGHT AND HE IS
 KNOWABLE; HUMANS CAN UNDERSTAND
 RIGHTNESS
- •GOD IS A JUDGE OF PEOPLE BECAUSE HE IS HOLY



JUDGING

WHAT DOES IT
MEAN TO JUDGE?
HOW DO LOVE
AND JUDGEMENT
FIT TOGETHER?



GOD IS PATIENT

•GOD IS HOLY, BUT HE KNOWS WE ARE NOT HOLY; SO HE IS PATIENT WITH US

GOD IS PATIENT

• 2PETER 3:8 BUT DO NOT OVERLOOK THIS ONE FACT, BELOVED, THAT WITH THE LORD ONE DAY IS AS A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY.

GOD IS PATIENT

• 2PETER 3:9 THE LORD IS NOT SLOW TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE AS SOME COUNT SLOWNESS, BUT IS PATIENT TOWARD YOU, NOT WISHING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD REACH REPENTANCE.

GOD IS LOVE

•1JOHN 4:8 ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE.



- •LOVE SEEKS GOOD FOR THE PERSON OR OBJECT THAT IS LOVED
- •LOVE AND JUSTICE GO HAND IN HAND