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Lesson Four

THEOLOGY
“The Study of God”

Psalms 104:1-31

- The Attributes of God
- The Decrees of God
- The Providence of God

Key Verse: Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Introduction: Theology “The Study of God” has raises some very interesting questions: **Isaiah 40:18a** to whom then will ye liken God? **Isaiah 40:18b** what likeness will ye compare unto him? **Exodus 3:13b** what is his name? **Exodus 15:11a** who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? **Exodus 15:11b** who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders

What is Theology? Theology is a rational teaching about God. Systematic Theology is a systematic study about God. Theos (God) and Logos (Word, Teaching, Doctrine)

Theology grows from God. If God did not exist there would be no theology. God has revealed Himself by different means i.e. creation, intuitive sense of man and the revelation of Scriptures:

- Perception: we perceive the facts about God from the Word of God
- Systematize: the facts about God are arranged in an orderly fashion
- Disbursement: to set forth the results of its teachings

The idea of systematic study found in **Romans 6:15-17** Paul taught a “specialized system of truth” Form of Doctrine. Form “*tupos*” an impression made by a blow

1. The Attributes of God: The essential, prominent and distinguishing quality or characteristics of God.

- Attributes that are absolute to God: His self-existence; His immutability; His infinity; His Unity of Uniqueness
- Attributes that He shares with human beings: Spirituality; Intelligence; Morality; Volition

2. The Decrees of God: His eternal plan by which He has rendered certain, all the events of the universe, past, present and future. The nature of God’s Decrees: **Romans 11:36** and **Revelation 4:11**. The final cause “*is to the glory of God*”

- Of Him “*everything came from God*”
- Through Him “*everything that happens is by His agency and instrumentality*”
- For Him “*to His glory the ultimate aim*”

3. The Providence of God: **Ephesians 1:11** and **Colossians 1:17** God’s hand over nature, individuals and nations of the world. It is God’s care for each part in relation to the whole.