



“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

- A.W. Tozer -

In 1 Kings 18, there is a contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal atop Mount Carmel. On that rocky stage, there were two altars, two piles of wood, and two bulls, but no fire. The flames had to come from heaven in order to reveal which deity was the true God.

If you know the story, you know that Baal didn't answer, not even with the shouting, dancing, and self-mutilation of his followers to entice him. Then it was Yahweh's turn. For good measure, Elijah had his altar drenched with water before praying and asking God to make Himself known. Immediately, fire fell from the sky to consume not only the bull, but also the wood, the stones of the altar, every drop of water, and the dust itself. “When all the people saw it, they fell facedown and said, ‘The LORD, he is God! The LORD, he is God!’” (vs. 39)

The miracle that day on Mount Carmel was not merely that God sent fire from heaven to consume Elijah's sopping wet sacrifice; **it was also that He made Himself known to His people.** After all, who are we to demand that God show up? God reveals himself to us because we insist on it or deserve it, but because He loves us.

As we are preparing to study through the Attributes of God reading plan, we should be humbled again and again by the fact that God has given us language with which to talk about His unique nature, however imperfect our attempts may be. But He has done so because He loves us, and because He wants us to know Him.

This plan is not meant to be a theology textbook, but rather God's Word to God's people about God's nature. There's something beautiful in that. For each day's reading, there is a short essay, (from various authors and websites) designed to help you reflect on the meaning and implications of that day's attribute, along with study questions and an easy format to pray through your daily takeaways.

Whenever we talk about one of God's attributes, there is the danger of stepping into the theological mud, saying something that obscures one of God's attributes or that limits Him in some way. For that, there is grace. But more important than our words are our hearts. We hope the next three weeks will be a catalyst for worship, and that you would encounter the majesty of our great God, and like the Israelites on Mount Carmel long ago, declare in your heart, “The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!”