

THE ANATOMY OF GOD

INTRODUCTION:

- A. God is not flesh and bones Jhn 4:24; Lk 24:39
- B. Personified in scripture as possessing similar sensory perception as mankind.
- C. We can learn much about divine nature by studying these characteristics.

DISCUSSION:

I. THE EYES OF GOD

- A. He sees all Prov 15:3; Jer 23:24
 - 1. Not only does God see all, He fills all Eph 4:6
 - 2. We cannot conceal our actions from God Heb 4:13
- B. He looks favorably upon those who respect Him
 - 1. Noah found grace in the eyes of God Gen 6:8
 - 2. To be found just be a doer of God's will Rom 2:13
 - a. No action yet assume salvation is self-deception Jas 1:22
 - b. More to salvation than calling on Lord's name Matt 7:21
 - 3. God looks at heart; sees inner person 1Pet 3:3-4

II. THE EARS OF GOD

- A. He hears the prayers of the faithful Ex 2:24-25
 - 1. God would hear Israel's prayers 2Chron 7:14-15
 - 3. Open to prayers of righteous 1Pet 3:12
- B. He is deaf to the prayers of the unrighteous Psa 66:18
 - 1. Those whose prayers are heard understand sin hinders communication with God
 - 2. As surely as God hears prayers of righteous, He is distant from the wicked Prov 15:29
 - 3. Not a matter of can he but will he hear Isa 59:1-2
 - 4. Knowing God does not hear sinners forces certain conclusions Jhn 9:31; Yet Acts 10:4

III. THE NOSE OF GOD

- A. God "smelled a soothing aroma." Gen 8:20,21 - No less than forty-one times after, O T describes as a "sweet aroma" the burnt offerings sacrificed to God.
- B. Jesus is sacrifice God received as "a sweet-smelling aroma" Eph 5:2
- C. Our acceptable sacrifices are well pleasing to Him Phil 4:18; Heb 13:15; Rev 5:8
- D. God rejects offering by disobedient, even what otherwise would be received as fragrant and sweet aroma Lev 26:27, 31

IV. THE MOUTH OF GOD

- A. Voice of God's mouth is awesome and mighty Psa 29
 - 1. Power of God's voice formed all that is Psa 33:6-9

- 2. God spoke creation into existence Gen 1:1-3,6-7, 9,11,14-15,24,29-30; understood by faith Heb 11:3
- 3. Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding come from mouth of God Prov 2:6
- 4. Words from God's mouth are life-sustaining Matt 4:1-4; Jhn 6:63
- 5. All scripture is from breath of God 2Tim 3:16-17
- B. Consider His sense of taste
 - 1. The Son of God tasted death! Heb 2:9
 - 2. Although death is what we've earned, He willingly provided life eternal Rom 6:23
 - 3. Even more distasteful to Christ than the sour wine they gave Him at the cross (Matt 27:34) is a lack of zeal among His people Rev 3:15-16
- C. Consider the powerful breath of God Job 41:19-21
 - 1. Breath of Lord's mouth will consume and destroy the lawless 2Thess 2:8
 - 2. Isaiah prophesied Christ would slay the wicked with His very breath Isa 11:4

V. THE HANDS OF GOD

- A. Creation by hands of Lord Heb 1:10; (Psa 102:25)
 - 1. Creation is evidence of this Psa 19:1; Heb 3:4
 - 2. Jesus only one to be described as God in flesh, and was made through Him Jhn 1:1-3,14
 - 3. All things celestial or terrestrial were created by, for, and through Him Col 1:15-17
- B. David prophesied of one who would take a place of honor, seated at God's right hand Psa 110:1
 - 1. Christ fulfilled prophecy, certifying Him as Lord and Christ, Prince and Savior, (saved in Him through repentance and baptism Acts 2:32-38)
 - 2. Christ superior over angels and all else Heb 1:13
 - 3. In view of Christ's position disciples seek heavenly goals, putting off worldly things Col 3:1-10
- C. Considering honor at God's right hand, we understand blessing to have hand of the Lord with us Lk 1:66
- D. God's hands will also punish Heb 10:26-31

CONCLUSION:

- A. Is God pleased when He sees you?
- B. Does the Lord hear your prayer?
- C. Are your works, your sacrifices, sending a soothing aroma up to God
- D. Have words of God given life to your soul or will He vomit you from His mouth and consume you with His breath?
- E. Will the hands of the Creator uphold you or crush you?