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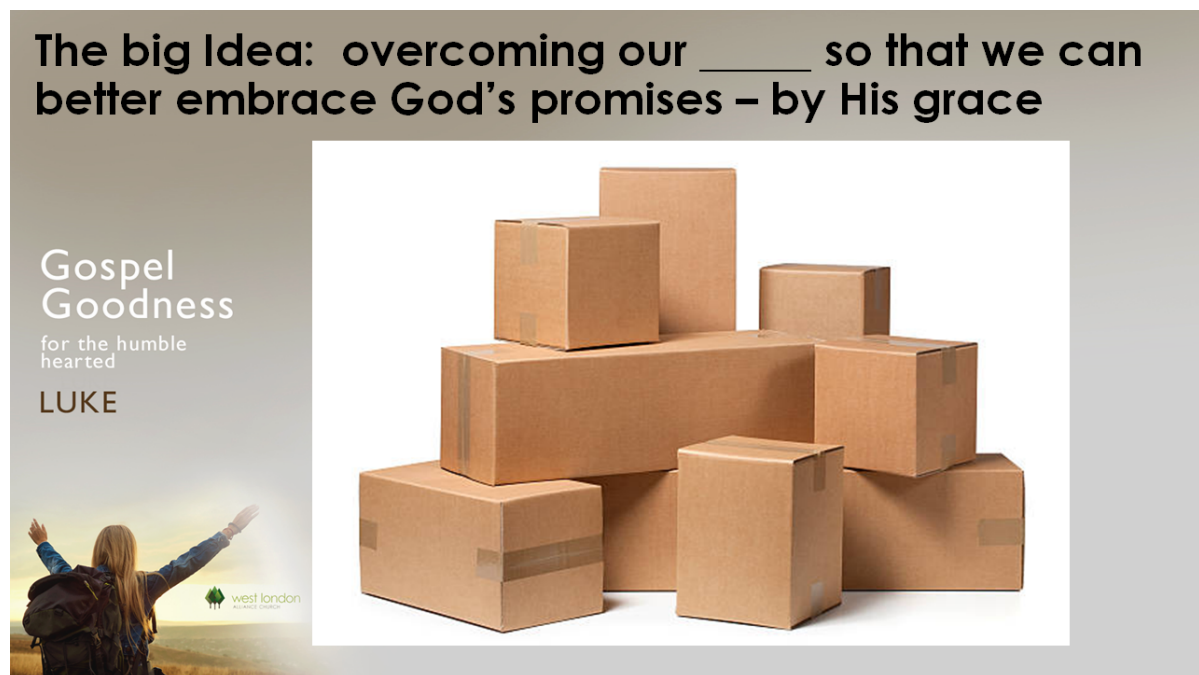
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SCRIPTURE FULFILLED

Luke 4:16-30
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Good morning. I count it a privilege to be able to bring God’s Word to you today from Luke 4:16-30. May you be encouraged as our God speaks to our hearts through His Word.

I intend to frame this sermon on a visual illustration – boxes.



Please allow the inside of these boxes to represent the way we act and the way we feel about ourselves, our world and our God at any given moment. Let the sides of the boxes represent what we believe to be true. What we believe to be true at any given moment will determine how we act and what we feel.

As you can imagine, some of our boxes may become more permanent, some boxes change, we can have contradictory boxes, and we can move very quickly between our boxes, that is what we perceive to be true and how we feel. This all affects how we embrace God’s promises.

Let us pray – Dear Lord, speak to our hearts today. Help us to see the places where by our lack of understanding or misunderstanding we have put limits on

You. Open our eyes today to better see You in Your glory, and in Your steadfast love for us that we might fully entrust ourselves to You. Send forth your Word today to accomplish Your purposes in our lives.

Please follow me with your “bible device” as I read Luke 4.16-30. As I read ask yourself what “boxes” the Nazarenes had when they heard Jesus.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” 23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” 24 And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” 28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.

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Jesus declared to the Nazarenes, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing”. Jesus by these words declared that He was **the Son of God, the promised Messiah**, the One whom the people of Israel were waiting and longing for to come as their Deliverer. We know from the way the people responded that they clearly understood what He meant.

I trust that from all the sermons that have been preached over many years, and particularly from Luke 1.1 to 4:15 and the recent sermon series on ‘The Atonement’ that it is very clear to you that the bible declares that Jesus is indeed the Son of God.

The first point relating to these “boxes” is that God is the only One who is “boxless”. He is perfect truth, He is without limit. As many of you well know we are to strive, by God’s grace, to build the sides of our boxes with Jesus as our ultimate truth. The better we align ourselves with God the better we will act and feel. Herein is our challenge.

We see an example of our challenges mirrored in the lives of the Nazarenes in this passage.

JESUS REBUKE: vs 22-27

- They all spoke well of him and marveled at His gracious words

While Luke does not tell us the other details of Jesus ministry between the time that He was tempted and His return to Galilee, the following are some highlights from John 1:35-4:54

- the wedding in Cana where Jesus turns the water into wine,
- Jesus goes to Jerusalem, cleanses the temple, prophesizes about His death and resurrection and does many signs.
- Jesus returns to Galilee via Samaria. He meets the woman at the well and demonstrates to her and the townspeople that He is indeed the Son of God, and their Saviour.
- Jesus returns to Cana where an official from Capernaum comes to Jesus and asks Jesus if He will come to heal his son. Jesus immediately heals the boy

Jesus knew that many of the Nazarenes knew Him personally and that they had heard enough about His ministry that they ought to have known that He was their long awaited Saviour.

As you can see from v22, they initially spoke well of Jesus and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth. Quickly, however, they begin to doubt for they said “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

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- Jesus said ...What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”
- the Israelites rejected Elijah and Elisha and you have rejected Me

Jesus spoke to what was on their hearts for He knew that they wanted Him to do miracles for them in Nazareth even though their hearts were hard. Jesus instead rebukes them by telling them that they have the same unbelief as the Israelites had under the prophets Elijah and Elisha.

v28,29 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.

Instead of repenting, as we all ought to in the presence of the Son of God, the Nazarenes:

Think about the Nazarene's "boxes". The sides of their boxes were at least partially built on the Word of God, their Torah, which is our Old Testament. They had God's revelation of who He is, that the Israelites were God's chosen people, God's view of what mankind is like and they had the prophecies regarding the coming Messiah.

They also had their personal experience with Jesus. They thought of Jesus as the son of Joseph and Mary. They knew that Jesus lived amongst them and that He had brothers, sisters and friends. Though we don't know the details, it is likely that Jesus grew up like other children, except that He lived without sin. He played in the streets, went to school at the synagogue, worked alongside His father, and was trained as a carpenter. Perhaps some of the townspeople had been helped by Jesus, and likely some were recipients of His carpentry skills.

Their boxes - they mixed the truth of God with their own 'truths', and that affected how they felt and how they acted. They were filled with wrath such that they wanted to kill Jesus. They were so sure that they knew who Jesus was that they rejected God's Word and the evidences that Jesus had demonstrated to prove that He was their long awaited Messiah!

God, through Jesus, had given the Nazarenes enough to enable them to believe Jesus was their Messiah but they were not open to His leading. Their boxes, their view of God and His Son were more important than the truth that was before them.

GOD'S WARNING TO US

Today we have the complete revelation of God in His Word, the bible, and 2,000 years of testimony from those who have walked with Jesus and found Him to be faithful.

If you do not believe, or you are struggling in your belief and one of the causes is your doubt that the bible is the inspired Word of God I plead with you to work this out. I have included a brief list of books that may be of help to you on the back of the sermon notes page.

As I have thought about Jesus rebuke to Nazarenes, I see this as a warning to me and to us that we need to listen to God, and ask Him to expose our unbelief.

To keep with my box illustration. This is where we need to remind ourselves that the sides of our boxes are made up of God's truths and many other 'truths', perhaps better described as misbelief and unbelief, that we have learned over the years.

How can we tell that we have a mixture of beliefs? Think about how we feel and act in the circumstances of our lives.

As I look back over my life I see that my insecurities have significantly affected the way I have responded in many circumstances. It's not that I see my insecurities directly, but

rather my emotional responses, such as worry, fear, embarrassment, confusion, stress help me to see my insecurities and my lack of trust in our God in those moments.

Contrast that with God's truth – I am His child, I am secure in Him. Even when I make mistakes, find out that I am a mess, I am one of His beloved children. I believe God's precious truths and I need His help to battle my boxes.

Similarly, we as men want to be seen as strong. Our greatest fear is that people will see our weaknesses. Some emotions that we might feel in our fear, is fear itself, anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, grumpy, and yes, insecure. Yet God teaches us that we are all weak and only in Christ we are strong.

I have been told that it is a woman's right to worry, and you may experience the same emotions that men feel, but in the context of being worried. Yet God says "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Phil 4.6) Praise be to our Lord for He knows we all get anxious. His remedy is that we turn our anxiety into prayer and praise.

This is not to lay a guilt trip on anyone. This is who we are, and God loves us just as we are. Will we love ourselves just as we are? The good news is that God does not leave us as we are. He is faithful to complete the good work He has started and we are privileged to join Him for the ride.

I encourage you to listen to your emotions and learn to go deep to see your underlying mixture of beliefs in comparison to God's truth. I have found this practice to be very helpful to me to help me become more resilient to my unbeliefs and thus better able to embrace God's promises.

Let us remember that our God is:

"Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth"

And because of who He is He can only do what is the absolute best all the time. He wastes no time. He makes no mistakes. This is so hard for us to grasp, because of our many boxes, yet by God's grace we can grow in our intimate relationship with Him throughout our lives.

This is a lifelong process. God knows this about us and He walks with us every step of the way. The better we strengthen the sides of our boxes with His truth, and reduce our unbeliefs, the better we will be able to embrace the promises of God!

In this context, consider God's promises in Luke 4:18,19

GOD'S PROMISES - Lk 4.18,19

v18,19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news to the poor**. He has sent me to proclaim **liberty to the captives and**

recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

JESUS PROCLAIMS GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR.

Mt 5:3 **"Blessed** are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Our boxes. We might think, I'm not poor, nor am I poor in spirit. And it may be that we are not physically poor, especially compared to so many who live in this world. Yet God declares that He provides our food, shelter and clothing, in fact everything that we need for life and godliness. We are poor indeed without God.

Similarly God makes clear that we are all 'poor in spirit'. Our boxed response is often - "Lord I'm good! I don't need any help. I can do this on my own."

The better we see ourselves and this world from God's perspective the better we will see that we came into this world, in desperate need of God, spiritually poor, failing to understand how much we need God as our Saviour and Friend in every detail of our lives.

When we agree with Jesus, and are willing to seek Him on His terms, He frees us to delight in Him and find joy and strength in Him in the midst of our brokenness.

JESUS PROCLAIMS LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES, THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND

Isa 42:7 **to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out** the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Our 'box'. What do you mean Lord, that I am "a captive and/or that I am blind." Just like being poor, God tells us that we were all born slaves to sin, dead because of our disobedience. We are under the power of the devil and we are ruled by our old sinful flesh.

When we say 'I'm good, I'm no one's slave, I can see just fine,' we deny God. God gives us over to our boxes. He tells us that He did not come to heal those who think they are healthy; rather He comes to heal the sick.

When we realize that we are captives and blind it such a joy to let go of our pretenses and cry out like the psalmist in:

Ps 107:13-15 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 14 **He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.** 15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

What are some emotions that you feel in your troubles and distress? Some emotions that I can identify with are feeling boxed in, ashamed, beaten down or depressed.

Sometimes I struggle with not loving myself the way God loves me. Maybe you are not earning enough to pay your bills, or it is taking a long time to find a job? Or you are getting impatient because life is a mess, or things are not going your way?

Back to those 'boxes'. We cry out: God, don't you know what I need and want? Don't You know that I am coming to the end of my resources, or even the end of my rope? I can't take any more.

Whatever we feel our God says 'cry out!' But we must come to Him on His terms. How often in our troubles do we cry out to God with the thought – You must answer me now. You need to take away my trouble, or you need to fix my trouble the way I expect you to fix it!

God delights to restore us to Himself, He promises to deliver us and burst our bonds apart – on His terms – and that will be what is the very best for us.

Will this be hard? Sometimes. Too often we have settled into our boxes! Sometimes it's our pride. At other times we see ourselves as too weak to be able to grab a hold of God and overcome our trials / or we feel we not worthy, useless, no good. The wonderful news is, that God tells us to use the faith He has given us, even if it is as small as a mustard seed, to get started in trusting God to be who he says He is. By His grace and power He enables us to obey Him, to hold onto Him, to lean into Him and to grow in our faith such that we can delight and trust in Him to carry us through all our days and all our troubles.

GOD'S PROMISES - the Lord's favour

Does God know? Absolutely!

Ps 139:2 You discern my thoughts from afar. 3 You ... are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

Ps 34:18 **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Ps 147:3 **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Col 1:13 **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,**

We need to surrender ourselves (and I know that you have heard this many times). Well, we need to be reminded on a daily basis. Lay down our lives and take up our crosses. Every day, even multiple times a day, we need to be a living willing sacrifice in God's hands.

We need to diligently give up what we think to be true, and hold fast to what God tells us to be true. We need to joyfully surrender to our great and loving God who only does

what is best for us. That means we pray, with open hands, striving with the Holy Spirit's power to rest in our God in order to bear these trials until He sees fit to deliver us. Can this be hard, even seem impossibly hard? Don't give up. God knows what He is doing!

CONCLUSION:

Imagine what our lives would be like if we could clear our misbeliefs and unbeliefs and simply embrace how much our Lord loves us? We ought to long for seeing God in all His glory, knowing that while we only see Him dimly now, God enables us to "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and ... run with endurance the race that is set before us, always keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus (para - Heb 12.1,2)

Ps 103.2 says Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

- who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- (our) LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
- the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,

Our boxes keep coming. Lord, do you really love such a mess as me? Hey God, You're the God of love – if You really love me You should make my life easy for me and my loved ones. Do I really need to suffer? Is that really what is Your very best for me?

And God says:

Rom 5.3-5 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

And our God tells us in 2 Pet 1.3,4 that:

- His divine power, has given us everything we need for life and godliness
- Through our knowledge of Him who called us
- Embrace His precious and very great promises
- In order to become partakers in God's divine nature

Is this hard? Not from God's side. On our side, I hope you have seen that much of our difficulty lies in our letting go of who we think God is, and letting God be who He has declared Himself to be our lives. Yes, it is often hard to switch gears, but the more we surrender ourselves to God in praise in and for all things the more we will learn and embrace His path of victory.

Can we claim the promises of God if we do not yet believe in Him? No!

God invites each one of us to believe. God makes Himself plainly known by His creation, by His Word and by His power in the lives of those who have believed that Jesus is Lord. For those who do not yet believe, and for those of you like me who sometimes struggle in our faith, He says

- “without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek Him.” (Heb 11.6)
- “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Eph 2.8,9)
- “confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Rom 10.9)
- “.... and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Rom 5:5)

God assures us, those who love the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that whatever has happened in our lives, and what whatever is happening in our lives right now, and whatever will happen in our lives in the future, even in the midst of our misbelief and unbelief that,

- For those who love God all things work together for good,to be conformed to the image of his Son, (Rom 8.28,29)
- For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, (2 Cor 4:17)
- For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Rom 8:18)

Our understanding of who God is, and how much He loves us can never be too great. Take God up on His invitation to cast all your cares on Him. Hold fast to Him as you step out in faith to experience Him as your great and loving God.

One more time to our “boxes”. We are not to be anxious about our anxiety or any other feelings. By God’s grace we are to strive to consolidate our boxes into one box whose sides are made whole by the God’s truth. This is a life long journey with our Lord at our side and He is the one who gives us victory.

Let us cry out with Paul to know “You Jesus and the power of Your resurrection, not that we have already obtained this or that we are already perfect, but we press on to make it our own, because You Christ Jesus have made us your own. (paraphrase Phil 3.10,12)

Join with me, to cry out to Jesus to help us to surrender ourselves and grasp how overwhelming is His amazing love towards us.

Join me in prayer: Thank You precious Lord, Father, Son and Spirit that You are who You are, that You save us by Your mighty power, fill us with your Spirit and much more. We need Your help to surrender and learn to rest deeply in you. You know how often we surrender to You and then take back what we have surrendered. Help us Lord to surrender again and again, that we may grow in our trust of who You are. Thank you that You will help us to learn, to trust, and to grow. The better we truly know you the more clearly we will know and experience Your steadfast love towards us and have more and more confidence that You always do what is best for us. Help us to go through this day with your amazing love on our hearts and minds. To You be all the glory! Amen

APPENDIX A: Good Books:

Dear Friends, Family, Neighbors, World Ray Majoran <https://yourbreathinme.com/book-dear-friends/> He has about 100 copies left of the paperback version

Ray's note: "I spent about 10 years gathering evidence on that exact question (the best books that address the evidence that the bible is the inspired Word of God) and used it as the first section to my book. The section is called "My Case for God. My Case for Christ."

The book evaluates and encompasses a number of resources including OT prophecies (and their NT fulfillment), Lee Strobel (Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary & The Case for Christ), P. C. W. Davies (Other Worlds), Kevin A Miller (How We Got the Bible), Matt Slick (Christian Apologetics and Research), Peter W. Stoner (Science Speaks), Richard M. Fales (Archaeology and History attest to the Reliability of the Bible), A Ready Defense (Josh McDowell), and Norman Geisler (Christian Apologetics).

Recommended by Gerald Hayes: ***Theistic Evolution***: Crossway

Gerald's note: This book is in WLA's library and it is an excellent resource for those who are struggling to believe the Bible because of the prevalent secular teaching (and faulty assumptions) in the area of origins. Even the introduction to this publication which can be accessed through (Crossway) is a compelling resource in this area.

All that the Prophets have Spoken Yehia Sa'a.
slanted more to inquiring minds in the area of philosophies and religion

The Signature of God: Astonishing Biblical Discoveries. Grant R. Jeffrey

Rob Bell recommends: ***Scripture Alone*** by James White.

And an article through this link:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/top-10-books-on-the-bibles-authority/>

Jude's recommendations: ***Inerrancy and the Gospels*** by Vern Poythress. This book deals specifically with harmonizing the gospels.

Hermeneutics, Authority, and Canon by Carson and Woodbridge. This would be for more advanced readers.

Dave DeSmit's recommendations ***Taking God at His Word*** by Kevin DeYoung.

It's not a long book, but it's tag line is "Why the Bible is knowable, necessary, and enough and what that means for you and me." It's essentially a highly readable introduction to Scripture's teaching about Scripture.

A Peculiar Glory by John Piper. Another great book addressing some of those same topics. It's Piper at his finest!

Ron's recommendations:

"Evidence that Demands a Verdict:" Josh McDowell

"More Evidence that Demands a Verdict:" Josh McDowell

"More than a Carpenter" Josh McDowell

APPENDIX B: WHAT IS GOD? GOD IS SPIRIT,

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question #4: What is God? A: God is Spirit,¹ infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being,² wisdom,³ power,⁴ holiness,⁵ justice,⁶ goodness,⁷ and truth.⁸

1. Jn 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

2. Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Mal 3:6 "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

1 Kgs 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!

(See also Jam 1:17, Jer 23:24, Isa 40:22)

3. Ps 147:5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Rom 16:27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

4. Rev 19:6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. (See also Genesis 17:1)

5. Isa 57:15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: (See also Jn 17:11, Rev 4:8)

6. Deut 32:4 The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

7. Ps 100:5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (See also Rom 2:4)

8. Exodus 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, (See also Ps 117:2)

"PROBABLY THE BEST DEFINITION OF GOD EVER PENNED BY MAN."

That is what no less than Charles Hodge said about the following quote:

"God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth."

Where is that definition found? The Westminster Shorter Catechism Q.4. ("What is God?")

Not only did Hodge give high praise to that particular question in the above quote ...but he went a lot further than that.

If you look at the table of contents of his 3-volume Systematic Theology, you will notice that he actually uses Westminster Shorter Catechism Q.4 as an outline of sorts for nearly his entire treatment of the attributes of God (p.376-439 in particular). He goes through every word in the definition (i.e. Spirit, infinite, eternal, unchangeable, etc.) one by one and provides a detailed treatment of each one!

Clearly Dr. Hodge held the Shorter Catechism (and all of the Westminster Standards) in very high regard, particularly Q.4.

Jn 4:24 God is spirit ...

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

1Ti 1:17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Isa 57:15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,

in His being,

Ja 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Jer 23:23, 24 - 23 "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? 24 Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

Isa 40:21-23 Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; 23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Wisdom

Xref Ps 147:5 - (Ps 147:5 NLT) How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!

Ps 135:5 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

Ps 145:3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Jer 32:17 'Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who has made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

Jer 32:19 great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds.

Isa 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Ro 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

power,

Genesis 17:1 (NLT) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am El-Shaddai — 'God Almighty.' Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life.

XRef - Rev 19:6 - Ps 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Ps 99:1 The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Heb 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

holiness

Jn 17:11 - Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.

Re 15:4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Rev 4:8 - And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

1Sa 2:2 “There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

Justice –

Deut 32.4 (NLT) He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

Xref Deut 32.4 - Ec 3:14 I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

Mt 5:48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

De 10:18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

Ge 18:25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”

Ps 97:2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Ps 99:4 The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Isa 30:18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Jer 9:24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

Goodness XRef to Ps 100.5 –

Ps 86:5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Ps 106:1 Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Ps 107:15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Ps 119:68 You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Ps 36:5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Ps 103:17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

Ps 136.1-26 See all that God is and all that He has done in this psalm – 26 times “for his steadfast love endures forever;” (ie. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,to the God of gods,to the Lord of lords,

.... to him who alone does great wonders, to him who by understanding made the heavens, to him who spread out the earth above the waters,to him who made the great lights, the sun to rule over the day, ...

the moon and stars to rule over the night, to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,and brought Israel out from among them, to him who led his people through the wilderness,to him who struck down great kings, and gave their land as a heritage, he who gives food to all flesh,for his steadfast love endures forever.)

Rom 2:4 (NLT) Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Truth

Jn 14.6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Jn 8.26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.”

Jn 17.17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Ps 19:7-9 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Jer 10.10 But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

Joh 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

1Jo 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

De 32:4 “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

Heb 6.18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

Nu 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

1Sa 15:29 And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.”

Ro 3:4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, “That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.”

Tit 1:2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began