Text: Various

Topics: Attributes of God, Truth

Series: The God We Love More Than Anything

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God of Truth

I. Grasping the Concept

Truth is *conformity* to *reality*.

God, in His *person*, *knowledge*, and *declarations*, is truth;

God is the only true God... (Deut. 4:35, 39; Jer. 10:10)

God knows all things as they truly are... (Job 36:4-5)

All that God has declared is true...(John 17:17, 14:6)

and therefore, our reliable <u>source</u> and <u>standard</u> of truth.

II. Grasping the Application

<u>Define everything</u> truthfully (John 3:33-34)

Know God truthfully (John 17:3)

Speak truthfully (Eph 4:15, 25)

If I build my life on God's truths,

I'll be able to <u>endure every storm</u> of life. (Matt. 7:24-27)

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

- 1. Can you think of a conversation you had with another person in which they spoke of truth as a personal rather than objective reality? How did it end?
- 2. Read Jeremiah 10:1-11. The Lord tells the people not to follow the ways of the world. Why? The people are urged to instead follow the Lord. Why?

What are some of the world's idols? In what ways are you tempted to follow the world? How can the truths stated in this passage help you resist?

3. In 1 Kings 8 Solomon brought the people together to dedicate the temple and prayed before them. Read how he then blessed them in verses 54-61. What did he desire the people to do, and for what purpose? What did he want God to do?

Think about the things you do in a week's time. Is God's purpose (v. 60), and will (v. 61) generally behind it? Can you reflect the fact that God is truth better? How?

4. In 2 Samuel 7:1-17 Nathan gives David the news that he is not to build the temple that he wants to, but that God will build David's "house" forever. Read David's prayer in verses 18-29. How does he respond to the disappointing, and the encouraging, news? What does he declare in verse 28?

Can you think of an example in which God said no to a good desire you had? Was there a blessing in the future that you were able to see?

Are you, or a loved one, in the midst of a "no" from God right now? How can knowing that God is truth give you encouragement and help you endure?

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?