**Study Guide**

**The Doctrine of God**

**Module One – What We Know About God**

Instructions: Each study guide is divided into sections with time codes that correspond to the main categories covered in each module. Sections contain two main components: an **Outline for Taking Notes** and **Review Questions**. You should utilize the **Outline for Taking** **Notes** while you watch the video lectures, and then answer the **Review Questions** in preparation for the module quiz. For more information about best ways to utilize the study guides, refer back to the Student Orientation Manual. Also, be sure to save the study guides as they will be an excellent resource to prepare for this course’s Final Exam.

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**OUTLINE FOR TAKING NOTES on minute 0:00 – 43:59**

Introduction

I. Revelation and Mysteries

 A. Divine Revelation

 1. Basic Concept

 2. Types

 B. Divine Mysteries

 1. Basic Concept

 2. Types

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. What is the doctrine of God sometimes called?

2. What does it mean that God is "transcendent"?

3. Divine revelation is "God's self-disclosure, always given in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ terms, and most fully given in Christ."

4. When the Bible talks about God's eyes, ears, and emotions, these are examples of what is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ revelation, speaking in metaphorical terms so that humans can understand.

5. What is a "theophany"?

6. According to the lesson, is all revelation "anthropomorphic"?

7. God has revealed Himself most fully in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. What is "general revelation"?

9. What is "natural theology"?

10. According to the lesson, what is the proper attitude toward "natural theology"?

11. Does general revelation show the way of salvation in Christ?

12. What is "special revelation"?

13. Does special revelation show the way of salvation in Christ?

14. Which kind of revelation is explained in Romans 1:20? General or special?

15. Which kind of revelation has taken the form of dreams, visions, auditions, and the person of Christ Himself? General or special?

16. What are "divine mysteries," as explained in the lesson?

17. What does the lesson teach about whether we can truly know things about God?

18. According to the lesson, why should the following doctrines should be considered "divine mysteries"?: The doctrine of the Trinity, the fact that Jesus was truly God and truly man, and the fact that God is totally sovereign, but man is also responsible.

19. What are temporary divine mysteries?

**OUTLINE FOR TAKING NOTES on minute 43:59-1:21:23**

II. Attributes and Works

 A. Divine Attributes

 1. Basic Concept

 2. Types

 B. Divine Works

 1. Basic Concept

 2. Types

Conclusion

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. "The '\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_' of something is the unchanging reality that underlies all of its outward, changing manifestations."

2. What do each of the following illustrate about God, as used in the lesson?

A mysterious nebula in outer space.

Stained glass windows around the nebula.

A system of stars and planets around the stained glass windows.

A more distant system of stars and planets.

3. According to the lesson, has God revealed His divine attributes?

4. List some the eternal attributes of God mentioned in the lesson.

5. What are God's "incommunicable" attributes?

6. List the "incommunicable attributes" of God mentioned in the lesson.

7. Do the Scriptures call humans to imitate both God's incommunicable attributes and His communicable attributes?

8. What are God's "communicable" attributes?

9. Ephesians 1:11 says, "Him who works out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in conformity with the purpose of his will."

10. What does it mean that God is the "first cause" of all things?

11. What are "second causes" of events?

12. Explain the difference between a "first cause" and "second causes"?

13. What is the meaning of God's "providence"?

14. According to the Scriptures, is it valid in some cases to say that God was the author of evil?

15. Does anything happen outside the will of God?