

## Application of Theology

**Theology** - the field of study and analysis that treats of God and of God's attributes and relations to the universe; study of divine things or religious truth; divinity.

- 1) Eliphaz to Job “Acquaint yourself with Jehovah” - Job 22:21-28
  - a. vs 21 - It leads to peace in your heart and life
  - b. vs 22 - It requires receiving His ways and remembering them
  - c. vs 23 - It will build up your morality
  - d. vs 24 & 25 - It will lead to prosperity and safety
  - e. vs 26 - It will lead to a relationship with God Himself
  - f. vs 27 - Jehovah will hear and respond to your requests
  - g. vs 28 - It will establish your plans and actions
- 2) Consider His Dominion – Dan 4:34-37
  - a. It is everlasting in extent (34)
  - b. It is over all kingdoms of men (35)
  - c. It extends to the angelic hosts (35)
  - d. No being can hinder His choices (35)
  - e. No being has the right to question His choices (35)
  - f. All His actions are based on truth (37)
  - g. All His actions are based on wisdom (37)
  - h. He can put any being in his place (37)
- 3) Consider His Holiness
  - a. Hab 1:12-13
    - i. He does not condone or approve of sin
    - ii. His holiness directs His execution of punishment and reward
    - iii. The good and the evil are thoroughly known by Him
  - b. Gen 18:25
    - i. Judgment is bound up with His holiness
    - ii. His holiness leads to proper, right conclusions
  - c. Eze 18
    - i. The just are rewarded for their obedience (5-9, 14-17)
    - ii. The wicked are punished for their sin (10-13, 18)
    - iii. Repentance / obedience are the key (21-22, 24)
    - iv. God’s ways are equal, they are fair (25, 29)
    - v. The righteous that sin will be punished – David 2Sam 12:7-12
    - vi. The wicked that repent will be rewarded – Ahab 1Ki 21:27-29
- 4) Consider His Wisdom
  - a. Pro 3:19-20
    - i. The universe is run based on His wisdom

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- ii. Destruction and blessing are guided by His wisdom
  - b. Jer 10:12; 51:15
    - i. His might and wisdom complement each other
    - ii. All His actions are based in wisdom
- 5) Consider His Goodness [the Goodness of God, sermon, 05/18/2003]
  - a. Ps 145:5-9 – Jehovah’s goodness guides other attributes
    - i. Jehovah’s honor and might in judgment exalted (5-6)
    - ii. The abundant remembrance of His great goodness (7)
    - iii. He is gracious (8)
    - iv. He is full of compassion (8)
    - v. He is slow to anger (8)
    - vi. He shows great mercy (8)
    - vii. He shows His goodness to all (9)
    - viii. His tender mercies are a guide to all His actions (9)
  - b. David trusted Jehovah’s goodness over man’s - 2Sam 24:13-14
- 6) The ground of any reward is faith in God – Heb 11:6
  - a. Must believe Jehovah is Who He declares Himself to be
  - b. Must believe Jehovah rewards diligent seekers
  - c. What a comforting, invitation to know Him!
- 7) Summary conclusions
  - a. His dominion
    - i. Jehovah has always held sway over the affairs of the universe
    - ii. Men and angels are subject to His choices without any right to question Him
    - iii. His actions are based on truth and wisdom
  - b. His holiness
    - i. Jehovah never condones or approves sin
    - ii. His holiness guides His judgment of sin and rewarding of righteousness, always leading to right, proper conclusions
  - c. His wisdom
    - i. All Jehovah’s actions are guided by His wisdom
    - ii. Wisdom guides the power that blesses or curses
  - d. His goodness
    - i. He is abundant in goodness, gracious and full of compassion
    - ii. He is slow to anger, of great mercy, showing goodness to all
    - iii. His tender mercies guide all His actions
    - iv. Wise men will choose His chastisement over human retribution