

Essentials of Reformed Doctrine. Lesson 6. Proof of the Holy Trinity in Scripture

(Scripture ascribes the names, works, attributes and worship of God to the Three Persons of the Trinity)

THE NAMES OF GOD

Mighty God. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace” (Is. 9:6). *Compare Is. 10:21, Jer. 32:18 and Ps. 50:1 where the LORD (Jehovah) is called The Mighty God.*

Lord of lords. “For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty and a terrible ...” (Deut. 10:17); “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords and king of kings ...” (Rev. 17:14).

First and Last. “Thus saith the LORD the king of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts; I am the first and I am the last; and beside me there is no God” (Is. 44:6); “And when I saw him (Jesus), I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me. Fear not; I am the first and the last” (Rev. 1:17).

Alpha and Omega. “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the LORD, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty” (Rev. 1:8); “And behold I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last” (Rev. 22:12-13).

The Name to Whom All Will Bow. “Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear” (Is. 45:22-23). *Compare Phil. 2:9-11.*

I AM. “And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you” (Ex. 3:14); “Jesus said unto them, “Verily, verily I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58).

THE WORKS OF GOD

Creation. “All things were made by him and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3); “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers: all things were created by him and for him; and he is before all things and by him all things consist” (Col. 1:16-17). *Compare Is. 44:24; Job 9:8; Heb. 3:3-4 and Rev. 4:11.*

Providence. “Who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Heb. 1:3). *Compare Neh. 9:6; Ps. 36:6.*

Salvation. “I, even I, am the LORD and beside me there is no Savior” (Is. 43:11); “Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ” (Tit. 2:13).

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Eternal. “Out of thee (Bethlehem) shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting” (Mic. 5:2). *Compare Ps. 90:2; Is. 9:6; John 1:1.*

Omniscient. “Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee” (John 21:17); “I (Jesus) am he that searcheth the reins and hearts and I will give to every one of you according to your works” (Rev. 2:23). *Compare Jer. 17:10.*

Omnipresent. “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man, which is in heaven” (John 3:13). *Compare Ps. 139:7ff; Jer. 23:23-24.*

Immutable. “But unto the Son he saith, “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever ... They shall perish but thou remainest; and they shall all wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up and they shall be changed, but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail” (Heb. 1:8, 11-12). *Compare with Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8.*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Worship. “And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, Let all the angels of God worship him” (Heb. 1:6). *Compare with Is. 42:8; John 5:23; Rev. 5:13.*

THE DEITY AND PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Personality. The Holy Spirit is called God and is “lied to” in Acts 5:3-4 (“Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie unto the Holy Ghost? ... Thou hast not lied unto me but unto God”). The Holy Spirit is “grieved” in Eph. 4:30, “blasphemed” in Matt. 12:31, “teaches” (John 14:26), “commands” (Acts 8:29, 13:2), “knows” (I Cor. 2:11) and “wills” (I Cor. 12:11).

Divine Attributes. The Holy Spirit is eternal (Heb. 9:14), omnipresent (Ps. 139:7-8), omniscient (I Cor. 2:11).

Divine Works. The Holy Spirit is active in creation (Gen. 1:2), providence (Ps. 104:30) and salvation (John 3:8).

Honour. People are baptized (Matt. 28:19) and benedictions are pronounced in His name (II Cor. 13:14).