

## Systematic Theology Chapter 9

### The Existence of God

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1. How do we know that God exists?
2. What does Romans 1:18- 25 say regarding humanity's inner sense of God? Meditate on these verses and write down what they mean.
3. Why is it that some people still deny the existence of God? What is repression or suppression?
4. Why do critics say that using Scripture to prove God's existence is circular reasoning?
5. How does God bear clear evidence of His existence in nature?

6. How can you take a more thoughtful look at the creation and become more perceptive about God's existence, eternal power, and divinity?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. The book lists four lines of thought that people have used to help others think rationally about the existence of God. We will look at the two arguments below. Write a brief statement about each. Choose one and study it in depth and be willing to share what you've learned.
  - a. Cosmological argument (the argument from the existence of the cosmos)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Teleological argument (the argument from design in the creation)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What is God's response to the denial of His existence?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What is the first dark exchange that the Apostle Paul writes about the pagans doing?

10. What does it mean that God reveals His glory in the creation so that men might be "without excuse"? What excuse will they lack?

11. What is the best way to approach someone who denies the existence of God?

12. Do most people today believe in the existence of God? Has this been true throughout history?

13. If pagans knew from the creation and their conscience that God existed, why didn't they worship Him?