

Troubled by God's Attributes

“I remembered God, and was troubled.” Psalm 77:3

He who is the wellspring of delight to faith became an object of dread to the Psalmist's distracted heart. The justice, holiness, power, and truth of God have all a dark side, and indeed all the attributes may be made to look black upon us if our eye be evil. C H Spurgeon

Remembrance of God's Attributes Trouble

Creator and Benefactor – attended with a consciousness of base ingratitude

Lawgiver – remind us that we have broken his law

Holiness – painful to think he must hate our sins, and be angry with us as sinners

Justice and Truth – these perfections make it necessary that he should fulfill his threatenings and punish us for our sins

Omniscience – this perfection makes him acquainted with our most secret offences, and renders it impossible to conceal them from his view

Omnipresence – the constant presence of an invisible witness must be disagreeable to those who wish to indulge their sinful propensities

Power – it enables him to restrain or destroy, as he pleases

Sovereignty – sinners always hate to see themselves in the hands of a sovereign God

Eternity and Immutability – it follows that he will never alter the threatenings which he has denounced against sinners, and that he will always live to execute them

Judge – we shall feel, that as sinners, we have no reason to expect a favorable sentence from his lips

Goodness and Excellence of Character – leaves us without excuse in rebelling against him, and makes our sins appear exceeding sinful

“For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.”

1 John 3:20, 21