

Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and My God!” (Jn 20:28)

✠ Lecture V: Our Lord Jesus Christ & God’s Attributes ✠

I) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Omniscient:

a) God is Omniscient (All-Knowing):

- King Solomon prayed to God saying, “give everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know, for You, **only You**, know the hearts of all men.” (1 Kgs 8:39)
- In the Holy Book of Proverbs, King Solomon said, “The Lord weighs the hearts” (Prov 21:2) and “The Lord tests the hearts” (Prov 17:3). King David said the same in (Ps 7:9; 44:21).
- The Lord said, “I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways” (Jer 17:10). Jeremiah the Prophet said the same in (Jer 11:20).
- St. Paul said, “we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.” (1 Thess 2:4)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Omniscient (All-Knowing):

- Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “And all the Churches shall know that **I am who searches the minds and hearts**. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.” (Rev 2:23)
- Our Lord Jesus Christ knew the thoughts of the Jews who accused Him of blaspheming when He forgave the paralytic’s sins (Mt 9:4), He knew the thoughts of those who suggested that He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons (Mt 12:25), He knew the thoughts of the Pharisees (Lk 6:8-9)
- Our Lord Jesus Christ knew the thoughts of His disciples on many occasions (Lk 9:46-47; Mt 16:7-8), He also knew the thoughts of the Pharisee who invited Him to his house (Lk 7:39-40), He knew about the doubt of St. Thomas (Jn 20:27), He knew the past of the Samaritan woman (Jn 4:18), He knew the story of the fig tree and Nathanael (Jn 1:47-50), He knew about the fish & the money (Mt 17:27), He knew that St. Peter will deny Him (Lk 22:34). Indeed, “**He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.**” (Jn 2:24-25)

✠ Conclusion:

Only God is Omniscient and knows the hearts of men (1 Kgs 8:39), Christ declares clearly that He Searches the minds and the hearts (Rev 2:23). **Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

II) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Omnipotent:

a) God is Omnipotent (All-Powerful):

- “O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty like You, O Lord? ... **You rule the raging of the sea**; when its waves rise, You still them.” (Ps 87:8-9) “I am Almighty God.” (Gen 17:1)
- “Behold, God is exalted by His power.” (Job 36:22) “Seek the Lord and His strength.” (Ps 105:4)
- “May God Almighty bless you.” (Gen 28:3) “The Lord strong and mighty.” (Ps 24:8)
- “He **alone** spreads out the heavens, and **treads on the waves of the sea.**” (Job 9:8)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Omnipotent (All-Powerful):

- Isaiah the Prophet said, “His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God.**” (Is 9:6)
- “Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace be still!’ And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.” (Mk 4:39) → (Compare to Ps 87:8-9 above)
- “He came to them walking on the sea.” (Mk 6:48) → (Compare to Job 9:8 above)
- “Jesus our Lord, as **His divine power** has given to us all things that pertain to life.” (2 Pet 1:3)

✠ Conclusion:

Only God is Almighty, ruling the raging sea and walking on its waves. Our Lord Jesus Christ was called Mighty God, ruled the raging sea and walked on its waves. Moreover Our Lord Jesus Christ’s power and authority was obvious through His innumerable miracles; He had power over sicknesses, demons, and nature (Mk 15:33; Lk 23:44-45). **Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

III) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Omnipresent:

a) God is Omnipresent (All-Present):

- “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.” (Ps 139:7-10)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Omnipresent (All-Present):

- “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” (Mt 18:20)
- “I am with you always even to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:20)
- “No one has ascended to haven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man **who is in heaven.**” (Jn 3:13)

✚ Conclusion:

Only God is Omnipresent. Our Lord Jesus Christ is in the midst of any two or three who gather in His name; He is in multiple places at the same time (Think about Sundays). He said to Nicodemus that He was in heaven at the same time of their conversation. **Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

IV) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Eternal:

a) God is Eternal (without beginning or end):

- “Thus says the Lord, ‘**I am the First and I am the Last**; Besides Me there is no god’.” (Is 44:6)
- “I am He, **I am the First, I am also the Last.**” (Is 48:12)
- “I am He. **Before Me there was no God** formed, nor shall there be after Me.” (Is 43:10)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Eternal (without beginning or end):

- “**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the End**, says the Lord who is and who was and who is **to come**, the Almighty.” (Rev 1:8) Also read (Acts 1:11; Rev 22:20)
- “Do not be afraid; **I am the First and the Last**. I am He who lives, and **was dead**, and behold I am alive forevermore.” (Rev 1:18)
- “And behold, I am coming quickly, ... **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the first and the Last.**” (Rev 22:12-13)
- St. Paul said, “**He (Christ) is before all things**, and in Him all things consist.” (Col 1:17)
- “I am the **Root** and Off-spring of David.” (Rev 22:16) How could He be his off spring and his root?
- “The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the **Root** of David has prevailed.” (Rev 5:5)
- “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be ruler of Israel, whose goings forth have been **from the old, from everlasting.**” (Micah 5:2)
- Our Lord Jesus Christ also said, “Before Abraham was, I AM.” (Jn 8:58)
- Archangel Gabriel said to St. Mary, “Of His Kingdom there will be no end.” (Lk 1:33)
- Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You **before the world was.**” (Jn 17:5)

✚ Conclusion:

According to the Holy Book of Isaiah, only God is the First and the Last. Our Lord Jesus Christ declares in the Holy Book of Revelation that He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. The only logical conclusion is that the Lord Jesus Christ and God are one. Moreover, our Lord Jesus Christ is unchangeable “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb 13:8) and only God is unchangeable, “with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (Jam 1:17) **Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

V) Our Lord Jesus Christ is LORD:

a) God is LORD:

- “I am the Lord, **that is My name**; and My glory I will not give to another.” (Is 42:8)
- “I am the Lord your God ... you shall know no God but Me.” (Hos 13:4)
- “The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords.” (Deut 10:17)
- “I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God beside Me.” (Is 45:5)
- “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.” (Lk 4:8)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is LORD:

- “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘**Lord, Lord**’ have we not prophesied in Your name?” (Mt 7:22)
- St. Steven’s last words were, “**Lord Jesus**, receive my spirit.” (Acts 7:59)
- The right thief said, “**Lord**, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.” (Lk 23:42)
- St. Paul said, “One **Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom are all things.” (1 Cor 8:6)
- St. Thomas said, “**My Lord and My God.**” (Jn 20:28)
- “He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King of Kings and **Lord of lords.**” (Rev 19:16)
- “The lamb will overcome them, for He is **Lord of lords** and King of kings.” (Rev 17:14)
- “The Son of Man is **Lord** even of the Sabbath.” (Mt 12:8)
- Our Lord told His disciples to say to the owners of the colt, “The **Lord** has need of it.” (Mk 11:3)
- “That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is **Lord.**” (Phil 2:11)
- The angel said, “See the place where **the Lord** lay.” (Mt 28:6)
- “Surely I am coming quickly. Amen. Even so, come, **Lord Jesus!** The grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be with you all. Amen.” (Rev 22:20-21)
- “**Lord**, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” (Lk 10:17)
- “Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, it is **the Lord!**” (Jn 21:7) “None of the disciples dared ask Him, ‘Who are You?’ – knowing that it was **the Lord.**” (Jn 21:12)
- “There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is **Christ the Lord.**” (Lk 2:11)
- “Look, **Lord**, I give half of my goods to the poor.” (Lk 19:8)

✚ Conclusion:

Only God is Lord, Christ was called many times by this title to refer to His divinity. This title confused the Pharisees when Our Lord asked them, “If David calls Him [The Christ] ‘**Lord**’, how is He his Son?” (Mt 22: 45). **Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

VI) Our Lord Jesus Christ is GLORIFIED:

a) God is GLORIFIED:

- “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.” (Is 6:3)
- God said, “My glory I will not give to another.” (Is 42:8)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is GLORIFIED:

- “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.**” (2 Pet 3:18)
- “In all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong **the glory and the dominion** forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Pet 4:11)
- “To God **our savior**, who alone is wise, **be glory and majesty**, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 25)
- “Worthy is the Lamb **who was slain** to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor **and glory** and blessing!” (Rev 5:12)
- “Blessing and honor **and glory** and power be to Him who sits on the throne, **and to the Lamb**, forever and ever!” (Rev 5:13)

✚ Conclusion:

God declares clearly in the Holy Book of Isaiah that He will not give His glory to another. Since glory is also given to our Lord Jesus Christ, then obviously He is not another. **Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

VII) Our Lord Jesus Christ is HOLY:

a) God is HOLY:

- “There is none who does good, no, not one.” (Ps 14:3)
- “Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For **You alone are Holy.**” (Rev 15:4)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is HOLY:

- “That **Holy one** who is to be born will be called the Son of God.” (Lk 1:35)
- “You denied the **Holy One and the Just**, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you.” (Acts 3:14)
- “Who is **holy**, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners...” (Heb 7:26)
- “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth.” (1 Pet 2:22)
- Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “These things says He who is **holy**, He who is true” (Rev 3:7), and “Which of you convict Me of sin?” (Jn 8:46)
- Even the demons knew Him and said, “I knew who You are – the **Holy One of God!**” (Mk 1:24)

✚ Conclusion:

Only God is Holy, but our Lord Jesus Christ is also Holy. **Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

Q: Why did our Lord Jesus Christ answer the rich young man saying, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but One, that is, God?” (Mt 19:17)

A: The Jews had the habit of calling the rabbi ‘good teacher’. So our Lord Jesus Christ was basically saying to this young men, “Are you calling Me good as a routine title or because you are acknowledging My Divinity? Because if you were just using the routine title of your teachers then know that no one is good but One, that is, God”. Notice that Our Lord never denied His goodness; on the contrary He said, “I am the **good** shepherd.” (Jn 10:11)

VIII) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Immutable:

a) God is Immutable (Unchangeable):

- “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above; and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is Immutable (Unchangeable):

- “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Heb 13:8) – (see also Heb 1:8-12)

✚ In a Nutshell:

Our Lord Jesus Christ possesses all of God’s attributes: **Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

1. He is Omniscient (All-Knowing).
2. He is Omnipotent (All-Powerful).
3. He is Omnipresent (All-Present).
4. He is Eternal (Without beginning or end).
5. He is LORD.
6. He is GLORIFIED.
7. He is HOLY.
8. He is Immutable (Unchangeable).

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