

# Study Guide to Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology*

## Part 2 The Doctrine of God

**Read:** Chapter 9: The Existence of God

**Q1:** Why do some people deny the existence of God?

**Q2:** Choose one argument for the existence of God and defend it. Present it as though writing to someone looking for answers.

**Read:** Chapter 10: The Knowability of God

**Q3:** What evidence can you present to demonstrate that God is both relational and knowable?

**Read:** Chapter 11: The Character of God: "Incommunicable" Attributes

**Q4:** What is the difference between the communicable and incommunicable attributes of God?

**Q5:** In your own words, define the following incommunicable attributes: independence, unchangeableness, eternity, and omnipresence.

**Q6:** Now explain some the practical implications of each of the incommunicable attributes defined.

**Read:** Chapter 12: The Character of God: "Communicable" Attributes (Part 1)

**Q7:** In your own words, define the following communicable attributes of God: spirituality, knowledge, wisdom, truthfulness, goodness, love, mercy, patience, grace, holiness, righteousness, and jealousy.

**Q8:** Now explain some the practical implications of each of the communicable attributes defined.

**Read:** Chapter 13: The Character of God: "Communicable" Attributes (Part 2)

**Q9:** In your own words, define the following communicable attributes of God: will, freedom, omnipotence, blessedness, beauty, and glory.

**Q10:** Now explain some the practical implications of each of the communicable attributes defined.

**Read:** Chapter 14: God in Three Persons: The Trinity

**Q11:** How would you explain the Trinity to a brand new believer? Be careful to avoid false views. Use Scripture.

**Q12:** What are some of the practical points of application derived from the doctrine of the Trinity?

**Read:** Chapter 15: Creation

**Q13:** The doctrine of creation shapes our worldview. Fill out the following chart contrasting the common worldview with the biblical worldview which creation into account.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>COMMON VIEW</b>	<b>BIBLICAL VIEW</b>
<b>Reality</b>	"There is no God"	God is real. He is the Maker, Ruler, and Owner of everything.
<b>Origins</b>		
<b>Morality</b>		
<b>Purpose</b>		
<b>Afterlife</b>		

**Q14:** How do you deal with the apparent tension between biblical revelation and modern science?

**Q15:** Choose one of the views on the age of the earth. Defend it and critique it. Explain the strengths and weaknesses of this particular view.

**Read:** Chapter 16: God's Providence

**Q16:** What is meant by the providence of God? In your own words define providence. Use Scripture.

**Q17:** Explain the relationship between the providence of God and the evil actions of men and angels?

**Q18:** How should the doctrine of God's providence impact our day to day lives?

**Read:** Chapter 17: Miracles

**Q19:** What purpose do miracles usually serve in Scripture?

**Read:** Chapter 18: Prayer

**Q20:** The Bible is clear that certain things can hinder our prayers (Psalm 66:18; 1 Peter 3:7). That being the case, what can we do which will lead to increased effectiveness in our prayers?

**Q21:** Explain the relationship between the sovereignty of God and prayer. Clearly state the theological tension often felt between the two and then try to resolve this tension. Use Scripture in your answer.

**Read:** Chapter 19: Angels

**Q22:** How is knowledge of the angelic realm at all applicable to our daily lives?

**Read:** Chapter 20: Satan and Demons

**Q23:** What can Satan and the demons actually do in the world? Be specific.

**Q24:** How do we, according to Scripture, engage in spiritual warfare?

Turn in your answers to the elder in charge of this study and set up a meeting with him to discuss the doctrine of God.