



Syllabus

THE 260: The Attributes of God **Genesis Bible Institute**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

We must think rightly about God. “The man who comes to a right belief about God is relieved of ten thousand temporal problems, for he sees at once that these have to do with matters which at the most cannot concern him for very long” (Tozer 2-3).

This course is about right thinking about God. You will gain a theological understanding of the majesty and holiness of God and how he sovereignly works in creation for our good and his glory. You will learn how God’s attributes – from his immutability, to his grace, to his sovereignty – directly apply to our lives.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Define and explain 20 attributes of God and their implications for your life;
- Demonstrate how God’s attributes empower you to experience God in your life;
- Apply course concepts to those you lead;
- Explain the doctrine of the divine unity;
- Compose 12 devotional writings that focus on the attributes of God;
- Analyze Tozer’s “Open Secret” as it needs to be applied to the church today;
- Define six biblical conditions which need to be met for us to know God;
- Quote two Bible verses from memory: Exodus 34:6-7.

REQUIRED READING

Study Guide: *Exploring the Nature of God*

Tozer, A.W. *The Knowledge of the Holy: The Attributes of God: Their Meaning in the Christian Life*. New York: Harper Collins, 1961. Print. (You are allowed to use any edition of this book.)

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- *Study Guide Answers* (45 points / 45% of grade)
The Study Guide consists of 6 units. You will explore the attributes of God and reply to a total of 30 short answer questions. Then you will write devotionals relating to the attributes of God and their implications for your life. Review the “Rubric for Study Guide Responses” in the *Genesis Writer’s Manual* to help ensure your answers are clear and well developed.

- *Assignment 1: Illuminating the Nature of God* (15 points / 15% of grade)
After you carefully read Tozer's *Knowledge of the Holy*, you will succinctly explain the meaning of 20 attributes of God and then explain how they apply to your life.
- *Assignment 2: Haiku* (15 points / 15% of grade)
In this assignment, you will create 3 haiku poems that focus on the attributes of God. Be creative. Create poems that you want to share with others.
- *Assignment 3: Crime of Mercy* (15 points / 15% of grade)
One of the attributes we explore in this course is God's mercy, an attribute we are to reflect in our character and relationships as well. In this assignment, you will examine characters in the Bible who either demonstrated or failed to demonstrate mercy. You will then respond to two writing prompts. Each response is worth 7.5 points.
- *Final Exam* (10 points / 10% of grade)
The Final Exam consists of true/false and multiple-choice questions, Scripture memorization and will measure your knowledge of course concepts.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	45 points	45%
Illuminating the Nature of God	15 points	15%
Haiku	15 points	15%
Crime of Mercy	15 points	15%
Final Exam	10 points	10%
Total	100 points	100%