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Apprehending our Incomprehensible God-3 (2-18-18)

Opening: Titus 2:11-3:8; Psalm 73:23-24.

A. Authentic robust life in the LORD by proper knowledge and proper love:

Matt. 22:37-39; 5:44-48; Gal. 5:13-23; 1 Jn 4:5-12; James 1:21-26.

1. The true nature of love is objective, unchanging, universal, & eternal.
2. (1) is impossible if the meaning of love is based on language (cf., LT).
3. (1) is impossible if the meaning of love is based on the mind, affections, or emotions.
4. The metaphysical nature of love in the Bible that conforms to (1): Gen 22:2; 29:20; 29:32; Rom 5:8; Col 3:19; 1 Thess. 1:3; 4:9; Jn 13:34.

B. Through the Bible, Ephesians 3:14-21. Principles on interpretation.

C. Bible Doctrine: Apprehending our incomprehensible God.

1. The need to speak of our incomprehensible LORD (Exod. 3:13-14; Psa 139:6; 145:3; Job 5:9; 9:10; 11:7; 36:26; Isa. 40:28; Rom. 11:33-12:2).
2. 4 choices: Univocity, equivocity, analogy, and referential multivocity.
3. Natural knowledge of God (Rom 1:20) vs. supernatural knowledge of God (Acts 16:30-31; Rom 10:17; 1 Thess; John 6:63-69; 1 John 4:16).
4. The nature of and need for apophatic theology.
5. The nature of and need for cataphatic theology.

D. Philosophical Foundations/Reality: Natural Law 42 (4 principles).