**NPBC Attributes of God Series – Lesson 5 – June 3, 2020**

Attribute – a quality or feature regarded as a characteristic or inherent part of someone or something,

God’s attributes help us understand Who God is. We will discover how His attributes uniquely define who He is. Look at His qualities, nature and character.

We will discuss

1. God is merciful
2. God is patient
3. God is faithful

**Merciful**

**Deuteronomy 7:7-9 New International Version (NIV)**

7The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. 8But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

**Psalm 145:8-9 New International Version (NIV)**

8The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

9The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

1. Define merciful.
2. In the verses above there are other attributes of God. List them and how are these attributes shown through His mercy?
3. List additional attributes of God included in these verses. How are these attributes shown through His mercy?
4. Read Deuteronomy 7:7-8. Why did God choose the Israelites?
5. Over time how did God show the Israelites mercy? How is His mercy shown to His people today?

**Patient**

**Nehemiah 9:16-17 New International Version (NIV)**

16“But they, our ancestors, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and they did not obey your commands. 17They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

**Joel 2:12-13 New International Version (NIV)**

12“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” 13Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

1. Define patience.
2. How is God’s patience displayed in the verses above?
3. As a nation, how are we like the Israelites in the above verses?
4. Why does God continue to be patient with them and with us? How is patience necessary for salvation?

**Faithful**

1 John 1:9 New International Version (NIV)

9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 Corinthians 1:9 New International Version (NIV)**

9God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. Define faithful.
2. What are some benefits believers experience because of God’s faithfulness?
3. How did Jesus show His faithfulness at the cross?

Find other scriptures that minister to you about God’s mercy, patience and faithfulness. Share how these scriptures ministers to you.

How can you use these attributes in your daily prayer time?