

## Chapter Three Summary of Convicted by Brad Harrub

### One God, a Multitude of Gods, or No God?

1. Not a Problem in the Past
  - a. Many in the Old Testament never wrestled with this question
    - i. God spoke at various times/ways to the fathers – Hebrews 1:1
    - ii. God now speaks through the Bible – Chapter 5&6
  - b. However, just talking to God didn't make them immune to straying/false gods
2. All Gods or Almighty God?
  - a. A Warning Against False Gods – Molech, Dagon, Baal, Ashtoreth, Merodach, Zeus
    - i. Doesn't a multitude of gods imply there is not an all-powerful god?
    - ii. A warning of the Israelites (Exodus 20:3) and Christians (Acts 20:30)
  - b. Covetousness: The New Idol – Colossians 3:5 -
3. Characteristics of God
  - a. God is Eternal – Deuteronomy 33:27
  - b. God is the Creator – Psalm 33:6,9 ; Psalm 148:5 ; Exodus 20:11 ; Acts 17:28-29
  - c. God is Alive – Hosea 1:10 ; Hebrews 3:12 ; Matthew 22:31-32 ; John 4:23-24
  - d. God is Love – I John 4:8 ; Genesis 2:15 ; I John 3:7-10 ; John 3:16 ; Matthew 6:26-33
  - e. God is Holy – Isaiah 6:5 ; I Peter 1:16 ; Psalm 99:3 ; Isaiah 5:16 ; Leviticus 11:44 ;
  - f. God is Longsuffering – Exodus 34:6 ; Numbers 14:18 ; II Peter 3:9
  - g. God is Just – Revelation 16:7 ; Acts 10:34-35 ; Hebrews 9:27 ; I John 4:17
  - h. God is Omniscient (all-knowing) – Psalm 147:4-5 ; Acts 15:18 ; Hebrews 4:13
  - i. God is Omnipresent (present everywhere) – Jeremiah 23:23-24 ; Psalm 139:7-10
  - j. God is Omnipotent (all-powerful) – Job 42:2 ; Matthew 19:26 ; Jeremiah 32:27
  - k. God is Immutable (unchanging) – Hebrews 6:17-18 ; Malachi 3:6 ; James 1:17
4. Why Not God?
  - a. Pride
  - b. The atheistic community has waged war on Christianity
    - i. "Religion poisons everything" – Hitchens
    - ii. "I am attacking...anything and everything supernatural" – Dawkins
    - iii. Free speech works both ways
  - c. Turning from God is not new
    - i. Israel turned from God many times
    - ii. They even committed "abominable customs"
5. What About the Innocent People Who Don't Know About God?
  - a. Are there any "innocent" people? Romans 3:23 says that "all have sinned"
  - b. Sadly, there are people on the planet who have never heard the Gospel
    - i. This wasn't always the case!
    - ii. We have seen populations increase while evangelism has been in decline
  - c. God has given ample evidence of his existence, such that none are without excuse
  - d. Knowing the Truth places a tremendous burden on us!