

9. righteousness:

I Ju. 7^{8, 10}. God is Love. This deals w. ~~God's~~ ~~love~~ ?
 righteousness. The signif. fact is that the same kind of predication
 is made in all cases. We could say God is righteousness,
 This implies that God is not righteous because He wills so to
 be, but because He is righteous, necessarily, absolutely, eternally,
 essentially. His righteous will is the nec. expression of wh.
 He is, even tho we must remember that certain exercises of
 of His righteous will are inherently nec. expression of His
 righteousness but of His sov. will. God does not love because
 he so wills to do, but He is love. His will to love is the
 expression of wh. He is as love. It is sov. exercise of His
 love, just as there are sov. exercises of His righteousness. And
 they are exercises of the right & love that He is. It is re-
 sulting sov. exercise of His love that there is disclosed to us
 the righteousness, & fullness of His being as love. If He is
 necessary, essential, eternal love, He must be so indep.
 of all other being. In the 3rd we have the supreme
 expression of the att. of love. These instances provide us
 w. a clear niche of the direction in wh. we are to
 think re - the relation of the att. to the being of God.
 If we think of the att. of spirituality, we cannot properly
 say God has spirituality, but God is spirituality, God
is not a pure being w. these att. just stuck on. God is
spirituality, love, righteousness, wisdom, power, life

6. The attributes themselves - Classification.

a. Classification.

There are certain perfections in God wh. we
 must conceive as eternally imminent in God, apart from
 wh. we cannot conceive of Him as being, i.e.: Infinity,
 eternality, immutability, immensity, spirituality, love, power,
 holiness, goodness, truth. There are other att. wh. must
 be predicated of Him wh. imply His relationship to the
 creation, as Omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence. This
 distinction has sometimes been expressed as absolute & relative.
 But how are we going to conceive of these relative att.? If
 we say that such att. are att. of the being of God, then