

KNOWING GOD

Discovering what the Bible
says about our wonderful God

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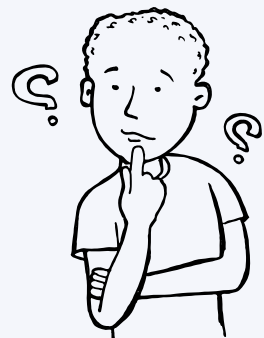
The God who created the entire universe – the supreme God, the God of all the nations- wants people to know who He is and what He is like. He has revealed himself so that we can know and experience Him personally. He wants to be the answer to our deepest needs and longings.

This Bible study offers vital discoveries about God that can bring new meaning and security and confidence to your entire life. It is designed to be the first step in the most exciting adventure a man can enjoy – the adventure of knowing and experiencing God.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, this book can help learn about God, and help you make intelligent decisions about what you choose to believe and what you want from life. You may already know God personally and feel eager to deepen your understanding of Him. You may have serious questions about God's existence, or be confused about what He does. Perhaps you are a bit indifferent, not caring much at this point.

Wherever you are, this study can open a door to a more meaningful and enjoyable life. God has promised, –You will seek Me and you will find Me when you seek Me with all your heart". This study can help you seek and find Him as you consider the four topics:

1. God is the Creator
2. God is a Holy Person
3. God is just but loving
4. God wants you to know Him



Before you start these studies, begin with prayer and ask God to give you understanding to see what He is like and how you can know Him.

The quotations are from the Bible. The Bible is a collection of 66 books. These individual books were written by 40 different people from several countries and many occupations. They were written over a period of about 1600 years (1500B.C. to 100A.D.) and in three different languages— Hebrew, Aramaic (a language related to Hebrew) and Greek.

In the Bible, God reveals who He is and how He has been involved with people throughout the centuries, especially during the time of the early formation of Israel, followed by the Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian and Roman empires. Finally the Bible explains how men and women can come into an intelligent and intimate relationship with the living God.



Chapter 1: God is the Creator



Read through the following passages and underline the facts about God that most impress you.

1. Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2. Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

3. Isaiah 40:25-26

"To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

4. Isaiah 45:18

For this is what the LORD says— he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited— he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other"

5. Jeremiah 32:17

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

6. Acts 17:24-28

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'"

7. Romans 11:33-36

How great are God's riches! How deep are His wisdom and knowledge! Who can explain His decisions? Who can understand His ways? As the scripture says, "Who knows the mind of the Lord? Who is able to give Him advice? Who has ever given Him anything, so that He had to pay it back?" For all things were created by Him, and all things exist through Him and for Him. To God be the glory forever!

8. Revelation 4:11

"Our Lord and God, You are worthy to receive glory, honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were given existence and life".

Review what you have underlined above and write down 3 or 4 facts that most impressed you.

Chapter 2: God is a Holy Person

God is a living person who thinks, sees, speaks and acts in a holy manner. He is not man but the holy, eternal, infinite and living God. Read through the following passages and underline statements that show that God is not just an impersonal force but a living person.

1. Leviticus 11:44

I am the LORD your God, and you must keep yourselves holy, because I am holy.

2. Numbers 23:19

God is not like men, who lie, He is not a human who changes His mind. Whatever He promises, He does; He speaks and it is done.

3. Deuteronomy 10: 17

The Lord your God is supreme over all gods and over all powers. He is great and mighty, and He is to be feared. He does not show partiality, and He does not accept bribes.

4. 1 Samuel 2:2

No one is holy like the LORD; there is none like Him.

5. Isaiah 6:3

Holy, holy, holy! The Lord Almighty is holy!

6. Isaiah 55:8,9

"My thoughts", says the LORD, "are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours. As high as the heavens are above the earth , so high are my ways and thoughts above yours."

7. Jeremiah 10:10

But you, LORD, are the true God, you are the living God and the eternal king.

8. 1 Timothy 1: 17

Now to the king eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever.

9. Jeremiah 23:23, 24

I am a God who is everywhere and not in one place only. No one can hide where I cannot see him. Do you know that I am everywhere in heaven and on earth?

10. Hebrews 4:13

There is nothing that can be hidden from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before His eyes. And it is to Him that we must all give an account of ourselves.

11. Leviticus 26:1

Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the Lord your God.

12. Acts 17:24, 25

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he not served by human hands, as if he needed anything because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

13. 1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

14. Prov. 6:16-19

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes... a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Read through the passages again and write down any word or phrase that shows that God is holy, eternal and everywhere.

Chapter 3: God is Just and Loving



We have seen that God is the creator. Yet He is holy and righteous and is a God of absolute justice. He is loving and wants to forgive us if we turn to Him. Read through the following passages and underline statements that relate to God's love and forgiveness.

1. Deuteronomy 32:4

The Lord is your mighty defender, perfect and just in all His ways; your God is faithful and true; He does what is right and fair.

2. Psalms 7:11

God is a righteous judge and always condemns the wicked.

3. Psalm 86:5

You are good to us and forgiving, full of constant love for all who pray to you.

4. Psalm 145:8,9

The LORD is loving and merciful, slow to become angry and full of constant love. He is good to everyone and has compassion on all He has made.

5. Isaiah 5:16

But the LORD Almighty shows His greatness by doing what is right, and reveals His holiness by judging His people.

6. Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them turn to the LORD, our God; He is merciful and quick to forgive.

7. Isaiah 61:8

The LORD says, "I love justice and hate oppression and crime"

8. Lamentations 3:22

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end

9. Romans 2:11

For God judges everyone by the same standard

10. Ephesians 2:4

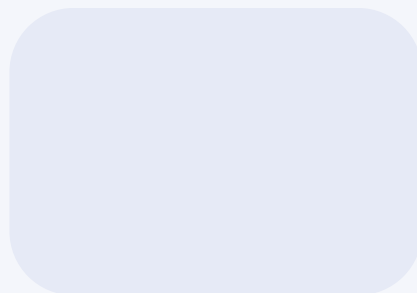
But God's mercy is so abundant, and His love for us is so great.

11. Hebrews 9:27

Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God.

12. 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to do what He has promised, as some think. Instead He is patient with you, because He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins.



Read through the above passages and write down statements that reveal God's justice.

Chapter 4: God wants you to know Him

God is the creator. He is a Holy Person, and absolutely fair and just. Yet He is also loving and wants very much for us to know Him in a deep and personal way. Read through the passages below and underline statements that show God is personally interested in you.

1. Psalm 139:1-6

LORD, you have examined me and you know me. You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts. You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know all my actions. Even before I speak, you already know what I will say. You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power. Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding

2. Psalm 139:13,15,16

You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb. When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was; you saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book before any of them began.

3. Isaiah 55:6

Turn to the LORD and pray to Him, now that He is near.

4. Jeremiah 9:23,24

The LORD says, –Wise men should not boast of their wisdom, nor strong men of their strength, nor rich men of their wealth. If anyone wants to boast, he should boast that he knows and understands me, because my love is constant, and I do what is just and right. These are the things that please me. I the LORD have spoken.

5. Jeremiah 29:11

I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for.

6. Jeremiah 31:3

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness.

7. Hosea 11:3,4

I took my people up in my arms but they did not acknowledge that I took care of them. I drew them to me with affection and love. I picked them up and held them to my cheek; I bent down to them and fed them.

8. John 3:16

For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life.

9. Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that He will forgive your sins.

10. Romans 10:13

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

11. 1 Timothy 2:3.4

This is good and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth.

Read through the above passages again and write down below one or two things you feel God wants you to do in response to Him.

The Next Step

You have seen that God is the creator. He is holy and just. Yet He is full of love and quick to forgive our sinful ways.

This great God loves you intensely and has a wonderful plan for your life. He has provided a simple and exciting way for you to have a vital personal relationship with Him.

God has summarized His plan in this statement found in the New Testament:

“For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its Savior.”

John 3:16, 17

You can understand God's plan for your life more fully by continuing your study in the New Testament. Here God reveals Himself more fully through His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who became a man and entered human history. The next book 'Knowing Christ' will explain how you can have salvation now and enter into a vital, personal relationship with the living God.

