

Study No. 2 - Knowing God

There is no knowledge that is greater than knowing God. Every man, woman and child has a basic need to know God personally, and God has made this possible by revealing Himself to us through the Bible. Those who sincerely seek to know God by reading the Bible will find Him. However, God is so great and infinite that He cannot be fully known in this present life. From the moment we begin to know God we have only started on a never-ending but ever-growing knowledge of God for eternity.

This increasing knowledge of God brings us into fellowship with Him. The knowledge of God in the heart gives rise to love for Him and obedience to Him. This is the purpose that God intended for us when He created us:

*“And this is life eternal, that they might **know Thee**
the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.”*
(John 17:3)

*“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he **understandeth and knoweth Me**, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.”* (Jeremiah 9:23,24)

I. How Do We Know That God Exists?

1. The Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God. It just assumes it: *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”* (Genesis 1:1)
2. The existence of God is obvious to all who will listen to the testimony of creation: *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.”* (Psalm 19:1)
3. Only fools refuse to believe that God exists: *“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.”* (Psalm 14:1)
4. Many who do believe in God's existence, do not have the right ideas about Him:
 - a. Some believe that God is an impersonal force.
 - b. Some believe that God is in everything, and every person is a part of God.
 - c. Some believe that there are many gods.
 - d. Some believe that God has left us without any way of knowing Him.
 - e. Some believe that God is found in a statue, a rock or a tree.
5. In the Bible, God Himself tells us what He is. Look up the following verses in your Bible and fill in the blanks:
 - a. **John 4:24** - God is a _____.
 - b. **Job 11:7-9** - The knowledge of God is as _____ as heaven, _____ than hell, _____ than the earth, and _____ than the sea. This means that He is infinite.
 - c. **Psalm 90:2** - God has been in existence from _____ to _____. This means that He is eternal.
 - d. **James 1:17** - With God is no _____, neither shadow of _____. This means that He does not change.

- e. **Exodus 3:14** - God said, “__ ____ that __ ____.” This refers to His eternal being.
 - f. **Psalms 147:5** - Great *is* our Lord, and of ____ ____: His ____ *is* infinite. These attributes of God are sometimes called His omnipotence and His omniscience respectively.
 - g. **Revelation 15:4** - Only God is _____. His _____ are made manifest. This means that God never does any wrong or evil (which we call “sin”) and must punish those who do them.
 - h. **Exodus 34:6** - God is _____ and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in _____ and _____.
 - i. **Deuteronomy 6:4** - The Lord our God is _____ Lord.
 - j. **Jeremiah 10:10** - The LORD is the _____ God, He is the _____ God.
 - k. **Matthew 28:19** - Baptism is done in the name of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____. This means that there are _____ persons within the Godhead, not three gods.
6. All the above may be summarised as follows:
- a. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.
 - b. There is but one only, the living and true God.
 - c. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
7. In our later studies you will find out that God:
- a. Created you in His image and for His own pleasure.
 - b. Cannot allow you to spend eternity in heaven because He cannot tolerate your sins.
 - c. Loves sinners so much that He became a man in order to save them from their sins.
 - d. Commands you to be saved, so that you may spend eternity with Him in heaven.

Assignment:

- 1. If you have filled in the blanks on this sheet, **submit it** so that you will receive **Study No.3 - “Jesus Christ: God and Man”**
- 2. Memorise this verse: “*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.*” (Psalm 19:1) Repeat it aloud a few times until you can say it from memory.

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