

“Getting to Know God”

Open:

- Sadly, many people, including Christians, go their entire life talking about and acting like they know God; but truly deep down inside they do not know much about Him.
- Many people, including Christians, spend their entire life claiming to believe in God; but deep down inside they question His existence and His interest in their life.

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- God does not debate His existence; He states His existence to us in His word, and then proves it to all mankind by the fulfilling of His promises He has given us in the Word of God. **Rom. 1:20** *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”*
- It is a human instinct to believe in God – there is no such thing as an Atheist.
 - The Bible tells us that all men have the knowledge of God, they just choose to accept it as truth or reject His existence and replace God with a form of god. **Rom. 1:21-23** *“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. [22] Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, [23] And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.”*
 - The Bible tells us that it is in man’s nature to live by a certain moral compass. **Rom. 2:14** *“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:”*
- People who claim not to believe in a God, have merely chosen to reject the reality of God because they do not want to accept their responsibility of obeying God.
 - **Ps. 10:4** *“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.”*
 - **Ps. 14:1** *“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”*
- Everyone believes in something. Some have chosen to replace God with something tangible.
 - **Ps. 115: 2 – 8** *“Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?[3] But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.[4] Their idols are silver & gold, the work of men's hands.[5] They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:[6] They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:[7] They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.[8] They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.”*
- What I choose to believe about God does not erase the reality of God. **Rom. 3:3 & 4** *“For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? [4] God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.”*

I. Who Is God?

- A. He is the Creator of everything.
1. **Gen. 1:1** *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”*
 2. **John 1:3** *“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*
- B. He is Omnipotent (All Powerful). **Gen. 17:1** *“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.”*
- C. He is Omniscience (Source of all Truth). **Ps. 147: 5** *“Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.”*
- He knows how many hairs are on each person’s head (Matt. 10:30)
- D. He is Omnipresent (All places) **Ps. 139: 7-10** *“Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? [8] If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. [9] If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; [10] Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”*
- E. He is the one who made all thing and is working all things out according to His will.
1. **Rom. 8:28** *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”*
 2. **Ecc. 3:11a** *“He hat made every thing beautiful in his time...”*
 3. **Eph. 1:11b** *“... who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*
- F. He is the one who from the beginning of the world had a plan set in place to redeem man to himself, if man sinned. **Eph. 1:3-12**

II. Attributes of God.

- A. Loves **John 3:16** *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*
- B. Hates **Prov. 6:16** *“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:”*
- C. Jealous **II Cor. 11:2a** *“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy...”*
- D. Merciful **I Peter 1:3** *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”*
- E. Longsuffering **Ps. 86:15** *“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.”*
- F. Holy **Lev. 11:44** *“For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”*

III. Physical Characteristics of God.

- **Rev. 1:14-16** *“His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; [15] And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. [16] And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”*

- A. White Hair – God’s Purity
- B. Eyes of Fire – God’s convicting by truth
- C. Feet of Brass – God’s righteous judgment
- D. Voice of many Waters – Gods Majesticness
- E. Right Hand – God's Might
- F. Mouth of Sword – God's Supreme Authority
- G. Radiant Countenance – God's Glory

Close:

- Regardless of what man says and regardless of what you think; there is only one God, and He is real.
 - **Mark 12:32b** *“...for there is one God; and there is none other but he:”*
 - **I Cor. 8:4b** *“...and that there is none other God but one.”*
 - **I Tim. 2:5a** *“For there is one God...”*
- Decide today that, no matter what man says, you are going to believe in God, not because of what man says but because of what the Bible teaches. **Rom 3:4a** *“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar...”*

Psalms 95:3

“For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.”