

In the Beginning



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PART 4

Genesis 1:1

Exodus 20:1-21; Psalm 99

Do You Know God?

- Do you know the God of the Bible?
- Knowing God is critical for salvation, worship, daily living, and for our children's safety. (John 17:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; Hosea 4:1, 6)
- You cannot believe in a God that you do not KNOW.
- You cannot worship a God that you do not KNOW.
 - If you do not know God then you are worshiping an IDOL - a god after your own design! Keep yourself from idols. (1 John 5:21; 1 Cor 10:14)
- You cannot live a life pleasing to God without knowing God. (Col 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:4; 1 John 3:22)

Is the God You Worship Awesome? (Psalm 33:8)

- (Psalm 33:8) "fear" and "awe" are commands! It is a command given not to Old Testament people but "all the inhabitants of the earth".
- Definition of AWE: A feeling of deep respect or reverence mixed with dread, fear, and wonder, inspired by something majestic or powerful.
- Does He take your breath away?
- Does He cause your knees to become weak?
- Does He silence your complaints and murmuring?
- Does the thought of Him cause you want to bow in fear and reverence?
- **DO YOU KNOW the GOD of the BIBLE?**

Genesis 1:1 - Parts 1 -3

- Genesis 1:1 - most important verse in the Bible.
- God existed before "the beginning".
- God is unique (Job 23:13). God is NOT like us. (Psalm 50:21)
- God inhabits eternity (Isaiah 57:15).
- God owns and rules time – ALL TIME.
- God does not/cannot change! (Malachi 3:6)

- God is **complete** and **perfect**. If God changed He would not be complete nor would He be perfect.
- God works **all** things according to His counsel (plan, thoughts, will, desire). (Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; 21:30; Daniel 4:35)
- God is ALMIGHTY - all power/authority belong to God. (Psalm 62:11; John 19:10-11). **God does not TRY to do things. He DOES them.**
- God is ALL-WISE. (Psalm 147:5; Romans 11:33-36)
- God is SPIRIT. He ONE. He is INVISIBLE. He is INDIVISIBLE.
- God CREATED - בָּרָא (*bara*). *Bara* is a verb that is **only** used for God. It is used 46x times.
- God created everything for Himself. (Proverb 16:4; Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:11; Isaiah 43:21)
- God created the heavens to declare His glory. (Psalm 19:1-6)
- God created *all time*. (Hebrews 1:2-3)
- God created the earth to be inhabited. (Isaiah 45:18)
- God, the Creator, created everything in SIX DAYS. (Exodus 20:8-10)
- God is the LORD of all. He is the OWNER, RULER, and MASTER of everything. (Deuteronomy 10:14; Job 41:11; Acts 17:24-25)
 - He has ALL right, authority, and power to do as He pleases with His Creation. (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; 22:28; 47:8; Proverbs 21:1; Rev 19:6)
 - NOTHING happens in the universe unless God commands it. (Lamentations 3:37-38; Ephesians 1:11; James 4:13-15)
 - All creation exists to SERVE its/their Creator.
- God is the POTTER and we are the CLAY. (Isaiah 64:8; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13-16; 33:15; Zechariah 12:1; Isaiah 37:26; 46:9-11)

GOD Does Not Have a Name; He Has Names

- God does not have ONE name but MANY.
- God's name is much more than just a title.
 - It (they) represent all that He is.
 - They tell us who He is and His ways.
 - Example: God revealing Himself to Moses - read Exodus 34:5-7.
- GOD (אֱלֹהִים - Elohiym - plural) created. This name describes MAJESTY and EXCELLENCE.
 - ✘ These are two things that 21st Century man does not HIGHLY value.
 - *Elohiym* ought to generate GREAT AWE in us. READ Psalm 33:8.
- God reveals Himself by MANY, MANY, MANY names. One, or two or three, cannot make this God known. When we enter into a relationship (eternal life) with God we enter into a relationship with ALL who God is.

- Some (a very short list) names that God has revealed Himself:
 - El Haggadod: The Great God (Deuteronomy 10:17)
 - El Shaddai: The All-Sufficient One, God Almighty (Genesis 17:1)
 - El Roi: God who sees (Genesis 16:13; **Psalm 139:1-12; Heb 4:13**)
 - Elohiym Shama: God who hears (Genesis 16:11)
 - Yahweh-Yireh: God, My Provider (Genesis 22:13-14)
 - El Qadosh: God, the Holy One (Isaiah 57:15)
 - El Yeshuati: The God of My Salvation (Isaiah 12:2)
 - YAHWEH: "I AM who I AM" - used more than 6,800 times. Translated in our English Bibles as "LORD" or "GOD". (See Exodus 15:3) - this is God's covenant name.
 - YAH: **I AM** (Exodus 3:14) Literally, God revealed Himself by the verb *hayah* meaning "to be" or "to exist". (Isaiah 26:3-4)
 - YAHWEH Makkeh: The LORD who strikes (disciplines). (Ezekiel 7:9)
 - El Gibbor: the Mighty God. (Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 24:8; 45:3)
 - YAHWEH Raah: The LORD is my shepherd. (Psalm 23:1)
 - Alpha and Omega: The First and the Last - Everything. (Rev 21:6)
 - El Olam: God, the Eternal One (Genesis 21:33)
 - El Elyon: GOD MOST HIGH (Genesis 14:20; Psalm 7:17; 47:2)
 - Adonai: Lord (Ruler, Owner, Master) (Psalm 8:9; 37:17; **68:19**; 135:5)
 - YAHWEH Elohiym: LORD God (Genesis 2:4)
 - Adonai YAHWEH: Lord GOD (Genesis 15:2; Psalm 71:5) - "the Sovereign LORD".

Lord GOD Is Sovereign Over ALL

- DEFINITION: "God is the Almighty, the Possessor of all power in heaven and earth, so that none can defeat His counsels, stop or slow His purpose, or resist His will."
- God does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases; with whatever He pleases, how He pleases, whenever He pleases."
- Job 23:13; Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11
- God's will (desire) **cannot** be **resisted**. (Romans 9:19-21; Job 42:2; Chronicles 20:6)
 - "The sovereignty of God is **absolute**, **irresistible**, and **infinite**."
- An example of **earthly sovereignty**: Daniel 5:18-20

God's Sovereignty Is INFINITE (Psalm 103:19; Matthew 28:18)

- Over **HISTORY**: See the word "determined" in Dan 9:24, 26, 27. See Isa 44:7.
 - "in the fullness of time God sent His Son" (Galatians 4:4)
 - "according to determined purpose and foreknowledge of God" Christ died. (Acts 2:23; 4:28; 1 Peter 1:18-20)
 - "things which **must** shortly take place" (Revelation 1:1)

- Over **NATIONS**. (Job 12:23; 2 Chron 20:5-6; 29:11; Psa 47:2, 8; Jer. 27:5-8; Dan 4:17)
- Over **WEATHER**. (Psalm 107:25, 29; 148:8; Amos 4:7; Job 28:26)
- Over **HEALING**. (John 5:1-15; 9:1-3; 11:1-6; Luke 7:1-8)
- Over His **MERCY**. (Romans 9:15, 18)
- Over His **GRACE**. (Matthew 20:15)
- Over His **LOVE**. (Ephesians 1:3-5; 2:3 (children of wrath); Romans 9:13; Psalm 5:5; 7:11; 10:3; 11:5; Proverbs 16:5; Zech 11:8; Malachi 1:3)
 - God is under **no rule** when it comes to giving His love. (Eph 1:3-5)
- Over **HIS SALVATION**: (Romans 9:16; John 1:13; James 1:18)
- Over **SUFFERING**. (1 Peter 4:19; Philippians 1:29; Job 1:8, 12; 2:3, 6-7)
- Over **GOOD** and **EVIL**. (Lamentations 3:37-38; Job 2:10; Isaiah 45:7; Amos 3:6)
- Over the **WILLS of MEN**. (Revelation 17:17; Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 37:26-29; Proverbs 20:24; 16:9; 19:21; Micah 4:11-12)
- Over **LIFE** and **DEATH**. (Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Sam 2:6; 2 King 5:7; Job 5:18; 12:10; Acts 17:25, 28; James 4:13-16)
- Over the **DESTINY** of every man. (Daniel 5:23)
- Over **TONGUES of MEN**. (Proverbs 16:1)
- Over **“CHANCE EVENTS”**. (Proverbs 16:33)
- Over **EVERY MAN’s DAY!** (**James 4:13-16**; Proverbs 19:21; Lam 3:37; Acts 18:21; 1 Corinthians 4:19; Hebrews 6:3)

Our Response

- Do you know God?
- Do you stand in **AWE** of Him? (Psalm 33:8)
- Those who know God keep His commandments. (1 John 2:3-4)
- Those who know God trust Him. (Psalm 9:10; Psalm 2:10-12)
- Those who know God hallow His name. (Matthew 6:9)
- Those who know God never take His name in vain. (Exodus 20:7)