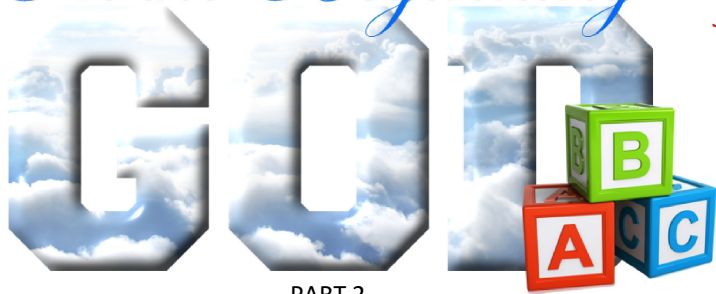


In the Beginning



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PART 2

Genesis 1:1

Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Do You Know God?

- Teachers or Babies? (Hebrews 5:11-14)
- Do you know the God of the Bible?
- “My people do not know Me!” (Isaiah 1:1-4; **Hosea 4:1,6**; Jeremiah 4:22; 5:4; Romans 1:28; 1 Corinthians 15:34; 2 Peter 3:5)
- Have you studied His revelation of Himself or do you just have opinions of Him?
- MANY “self-professing” Christians DO NOT KNOW God.
- The ONLY way to know God is to study His revelation of Himself?
Who does He say He is?
- Is it important to KNOW God? Is it important to salvation? Is it important to worship? Is it important to how we live our daily lives? The answer to all these questions is ____ !
- Are you boasting that you **KNOW** God? (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

Knowing God - Part 1 Review (Genesis 1:1)

- Genesis 1:1 is the MOST IMPORTANT verse of the Bible. Reject ALL that Genesis 1:1 says and the rest of the Bible is meaningless.
- Genesis 1:1 are the first words that we are to live our lives on. God and His Christ taught that man is to live on EVERY word that comes from God’s mouth. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4)
- God never argues His existence.
- God existed BEFORE the beginning. God is ETERNAL. He inhabits ETERNITY. And, immediately, we learn that God is NOTHING like us. The ONLY way to KNOW God is study what He has revealed for our understanding. (Isaiah 57:15) God created ALL time.

- God is SELF-EXISTENT - He is always I AM! (Exodus 3:6)
- God is INTOLERANT/narrow-minded. HE states in several places that He is the ONLY God and there is NO OTHER. (Isaiah 43:10-11; 44:6, 8; 45:6)
- God is UNIQUE. There is NO ONE/NOTHING like Him. (Isaiah 40:25-26; Job 23:12)
- God is UNCHANGING/Immutably. (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8) For something to change on needs TIME. For something that is PERFECT to change it must become IMPERFECT.

God Is Spirit (Genesis 1:1; John 4:23-24)

- Since God inhabits eternity He is not a physical being. He is SPIRIT.
- A spirit has **no parts**. He is NOT divisible. **HE IS INDIVISIBLE!**
- A spirit is **INVISIBLE**. (1 Timothy 1:17; John 1:18; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 11:27; 1 John 4:12)
- The invisibility of God teaches us NOT to make an image of Him!
- Because God is INDIVISIBLE His knowledge cannot be separated from His eternity. God’s love cannot be separated from His wrath. God’s decree cannot be separated from His immutability. His love cannot be separated from His immutability. His power cannot be separated from His wisdom and so on and so on . . .

He Fills the Heavens and the Earth (Jeremiah 23:23-24)

- Yahweh does not say, “I am **in** heaven and earth” but “I **fill** the heavens and the earth.”
 - The heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain GOD! (1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chronicles 2:6; 6:18)
 - We call this the **IMMENSITY** of God.
- The nations of the world are but DUST or **a** DROP (even less than nothing) compared to Him. (Isaiah 40:12, 15, 17; Daniel 4:35)
- The universe fits into the span of His hand! (Isaiah 40:12)
- No one can HIDE from God. (Jeremiah 23:24; 16:17; 32:19; Psalm 139:7-12; **Proverbs 15:3; 5:21**; Job 34:21-22; Amos 9:2-3)
 - NOTHING in ALL of creation is hidden from the eyes of God. (Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 20:11)
- He SEES all. He sees our “secrets”! (Psalm 90:8; Eccl. 12:14; Romans 2:16; Hebrews 4:13)
- **God is TOTALLY everywhere!**
- Consider: Psalm 94:8-9 – He sees and hears all things!!

His Understanding Is Infinite (Psalm 147:5; Romans 11:33)

- GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING.
- “God knows Himself and all things possible and actual.”
- God knows everything INSTANTANEOUSLY always.
- **God DOES NOT LEARN.**
 - No one and nothing is God’s teacher. (Isaiah 40:12-14; Job 21:22; 36:22; Romans 11:34; 1 Corinthians 2:16)
- **God does not look into the future and then decides!**
- God knows all His works from the beginning. (Acts 15:18)
- God works ALL THINGS (Romans 8:28) according to the counsel (wisdom) of His will (pleasure). (Ephesians 1:11)
- **Nothing SURPRISES God.**
- The foolishness of God is wiser than man . . . (1 Corinthians 1:25)
- **He Knows Us Intimately** (Ezekiel 11:5)
 - He knows the thoughts that come into our minds. (1 Cor 3:20; Psalm 94:11)
 - He knows our hearts - the thoughts, intents, **and** motives. (1 Kings 8:39; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Psalm 7:9; Hebrews 4:12; Genesis 6:5; 8:21)
 - He knows my sitting down and my getting up. (Psalm 139:2-6)
 - He knows our days - all of them. (Psalm 139:16; 1 Kings 13:2; Isaiah 44:28; Jeremiah 1:5)
 - He knows our plans. (Jeremiah 29:11; Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; Psalm 33:10; Job 5:12; Isaiah 30:1; Jeremiah 18:12)
 - He knows the number of hairs on my head. (Matthew 10:30)

GOD IS ALMIGHTY (Psalm 62:11; John 19:10-11)

- GOD IS ALL POWERFUL..
- ALL POWER (strength and authority) belongs to God. 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Psalm 62:11.
 - ★ **NOTHING and NO ONE** has any power of their own – **all** created beings are **given** power from God. (John 19:10-11; Daniel 5:18-19 [w/ Jeremiah 27:5-7]; Daniel 7:6; Revelation 6:8; 9:3, 5, 10-11; 16:8)
- God’s power is seen in:
 - ① That He can and does create! (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 139:5; Isaiah 40:26; 42:5; 44:24; 45:18)
 - ② That He creates by the power of His Word. (Psalm 33:6-9; Gen. 1:3; Psalm 148:1-5)

- ③ That He has power over disease. (Matthew 8:3; Numbers 12:10; Luke 7:8)
 - ④ That He has power over life and death. (John 11:43; Luke 7:14-15; Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Sam 2:6; 2 Kings 5:7;)
 - ⑤ That He has power over the wind and all weather. (Mark 4:41; Psalm 148:8; 107:25-26; Amos 4:13; Jonah 1:4)
 - ⑥ That He has power over men and their wills. (Daniel 4:35; Proverbs 21:1; 16:9; 20:24; Ezra 7:27; Psalm 105:25; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12; John 12:35-40; Isaiah 44:28; 46:10-11)
- **“He who cannot do what He wills and perform all His pleasure cannot be God!”**
 - NOTHING is too hard for God. (Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17,27; Luke 1:37; 18:27)
 - **NOTHING and NO ONE** can thwart God from doing as He pleases. (Job 42:2; Isaiah 43:13; Ecclesiastes 3:14)
 - God **does EVERYTHING** He pleases and desires. (Job 23:13; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 14:24-27; 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Psalm 115:3; 135:6)

Knowing God

- ① GOD IS NEAR-BY. HE FILLS THE EARTH! (Jeremiah 23:23-24)
- ② GOD KNOWS YOU! (Psalm 139:1-10)
 - ★ He knows EVERYTHING about you. He knows HIS PLANS for your life. He knows your thoughts, plans, hopes, desires, sins, dreams, joys, pains, hurts, etc. **HE KNOWS YOU!**
 - ☆ Everything about you lies naked before Him. There is not hiding from Him. Each of us, everyone of us, will give an account to Him. (Hebrews 4:13)
- ③ GOD IS ALMIGHTY! There is NOTHING too hard for God. God does the impossible. God saves sinners. (Matthew 19:25-26; Luke 1:37; Jeremiah 23:23-24)
 - ★ NOTHING can stop God from doing what He desires to do.
- ④ GOD IS SOVEREIGN! Because God is ETERNAL, OMNIPRESENT, OMNIPOTENT (all powerful), OMNISCIENCE (all knowing) He does whatever He pleases, whenever He pleases, however He pleases, with whatever He pleases and ALWAYS as He pleases.
 - ★ This is GOD’s world (its space, matter, and time) not ours.
 - ★ We can trust that WHATEVER happens it is under the CONTROL of an ALMIGHTY, ALL-KNOWING, ALL PRESENT God.