

Self-Study Guide: Trinity – The God of Israel, Lesson 2

1. Lesson Recap & Personal Reflection

- **Reflect:** What does “Know Him more...” (Philippians 3:10a) mean to you personally? How does your current understanding of the Trinity shape your relationship with God?

2. Exploring the Name and Nature of God

- **Key Question:** What does it mean to “know God” beyond common euphemisms (e.g., “big guy upstairs,” “energy,” “universe”)?
- **Study Task:** Research the names Yahweh and Jehovah. What significance do these names hold in Jewish tradition and Christian theology?
- **Reflection:** Why is it important to know God by His true name? How does this affect your faith and worship?

3. Biblical Investigation

- **Deuteronomy 5:6-7:** Read these verses in both English and, if possible, in a translation that includes the Hebrew terms “Yahweh” and “Elohim.”
 - **Questions to Consider:**
 - Why does God command not to have other gods?
 - Who are the “other gods” mentioned, and what is their relevance today?
- **Psalms 82:1-8:** Explore the concept of God’s divine assembly and the “sons of Elohim.”
 - **Reflection:** How does this passage expand your understanding of spiritual beings and God’s authority?
- **Job 1:6-12:** Examine the scene of God with His divine council.
 - **Questions:**
 - What does delegated authority mean in this context?
 - How does God’s relationship with humanity differ from His relationship with the divine council? (this was not discussed in class)

4. Theological Concepts

- **Authority and Rebellion:** Trace the narrative of rebellion among divine beings (Genesis 6:1-4, Genesis 11:1-9, Deuteronomy 32:8).
 - **Reflection:** How does the concept of delegated authority and rebellion help you understand the need for God’s law?

5. Application and Critical Thinking

- **Law and Grace:** Reflect on the statement: “Jesus didn’t come to do away with the Law, but to fulfill it.”
 - **Questions:**
 - What does it mean for Jesus to fulfill the Law?
 - How does this shape your view of grace and obedience?
- **Personal Challenge:** Consider the question posed in this lesson: “Do you believe in the one true God, Jehovah?” Write a short personal statement of faith based on your study.

6. Further Study and Resources

- **Recommended Actions:**
 - Listen to last week’s lesson via the church app for additional context.
 - Use study Bibles or commentaries to explore the Hebrew terms and passages mentioned.
 - Discuss your insights with a study group or mentor for broader perspectives.

Tip: As you work through each section, journal your thoughts and questions. This will help you track your growth and areas for deeper exploration.