

GOD: A Short Autobiography

"Can GOD Truly Be Known?" Hebrews 11:6

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NKJV - "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

NVI - "En realidad, sin fe es imposible agradar a Dios, ya que cualquiera que se acerca a Dios tiene que creer que él existe y que recompensa a quienes lo buscan."

NLT - "And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek Him."

Intro: A first grade teacher gave her class an assignment, to take a sheet of paper, and begin to draw and color something that was very special to them...

Questions that we will aim to answer in this teaching series:

- Does GOD really **exist**? Is there objective evidence to prove it?
- What **kind** of GOD exists?
- What is GOD **truly like**? What are **His qualities**?
- How can a person **know Him personally**?
- How **powerful** is GOD?
- How much does **GOD know**?
- Is GOD really **perfect and good**?
- Does GOD **really love me**?

There are numerous reasons we should explore this all important topic of GOD, and what He is like:

- It is **INFORMATIONAL**. - The study of GOD lead us to the Truth about reality (Jn 8:32)
- It is **INSPIRATIONAL**. - The study of GOD will encourage and empower us (Rom 8:31)
- It is **CONSEQUENTIAL**. - The study of GOD impacts every area of our lives (Ps.23:4)

"What comes into **your mind** when you think about GOD,
is **the most important thing** about you!"
- AW Tozer

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"..he who comes to God must believe that He is.."

- **GOD Truly EXISTS!**
 - If GOD truly exists, then the atheists and skeptics are wrong...
 - If GOD truly exists, then it answers our deepest questions in life...

- If GOD truly exists, then *it infuses our lives deep significance and purpose...*
- GOD's existence is *primarily **DECLARED** in the scriptures*, not defended.
 - **Gen 1:1** NKJV - "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*"
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 - "*You don't need to defend a Lion; you simply let it out of its cage!*" - **Spurgeon**
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- **GOD's existence is also demonstrated through incredible amounts of evidence and proof**, that He has left here for us to discover. He has placed his fingerprints all over our universe, and all across the earth, if we will simply look for them!
 - **Rom 1:19-20** NLT - "*They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. **Through everything God made**, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.*"
 - **Rom 2:14-15** NLT - "*Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God's law is **written in their hearts**..*"
 - **2Tim 3:16** NLT - "*All **Scripture** is inspired by God..*"
 - **Heb 1:1-2** NLT - "*Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us **through his Son**...*"
- **GOD is Truly **PERSONAL!****
 - **Notice here that a personal pronoun is used for GOD - "He"**. This is intentional, as the GOD declared in scripture, and the one GOD that exists in reality, is a personal being. As we will come to discover, the LORD has a mind, a will, feelings and emotions...all the components of being a "**person**".
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 - **Actually, we will learn that GOD is "tri-personal"**, and that the reason humans are persons, is because we have been made in the image of the Personal nature of GOD Himself.
 - *The **LORD** wants to be known by you, and be in a personal, intimate relationship with **YOU!***

II. Two Great **REQUIREMENTS** - Knowing GOD Requires Faith & Knowing GOD Requires Pursuit

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him...He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

- **Knowing GOD Requires FAITH!**

- Faith is simply another word for trust, confidence, or assurance. In reality, all of us live by trust and faith, every day of our lives. (car, plane, chair..)
 - **2 Cor 5:7** - "For we walk by faith, not by sight."
 - **Heb 10:38** - "...the just shall live by faith.."
 - **Heb 11:6** - "...without faith it is impossible to please Him..."

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- Coming to know GOD on a deeper, personal level, also requires that we **TRUST** what He tells us. It will require that we place our **CONFIDENCE** into what we learn about GOD, and what He says about Himself.
 - **A father and his young son...**
 - **When you read that:** "GOD is good; GOD is loving; GOD is in control; GOD is holy; GOD has made only 1 way to salvation".... will you trust Him!?"

- **Knowing GOD Requires PURSUIT!**

- Coming to know GOD on a deeper, personal level, also requires that we RESPOND to what GOD has done. He has taken the initiative, He has made Himself known to us through the universe, through our conscience, thru the scriptures, and thru Christ... and He simply asks you to pursue Him in return.
 - **Jer 29:12-14** - "...Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you.."
 - **Matt 7:7-8** - "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."
 - **John 1:37-39** - "...two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see."
 - **A true friendship between 2 individuals...**
 - **A loving relationship between a man and woman...**