

Who Is God?

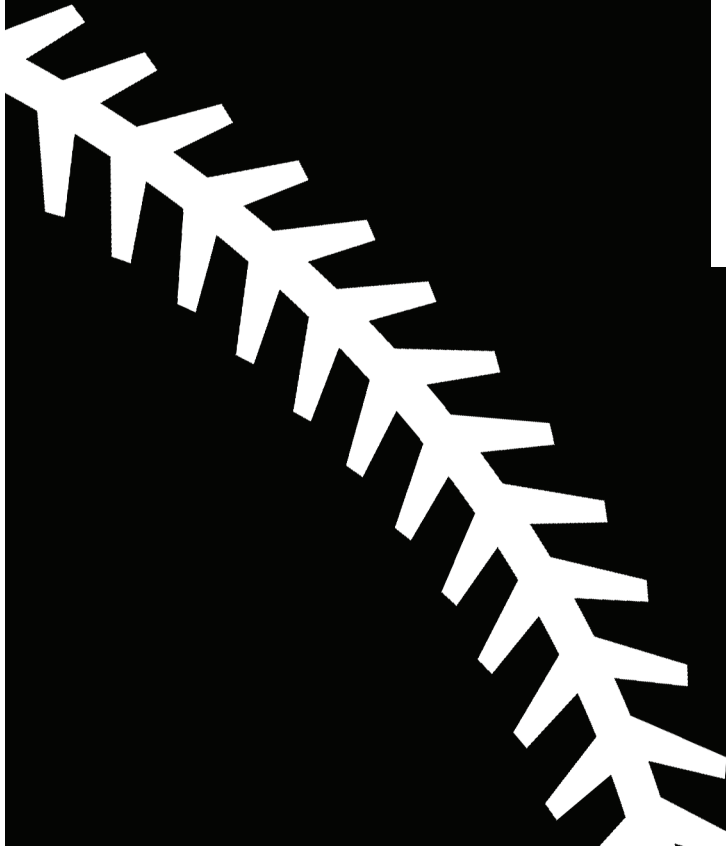
ONE: HELLO, MY NAME IS...

TWO: A MİRRORED IMAGE

SESSION THREE: WORTHY AUTHORITY

OBJECTIVE

- 1. God has authority over all of humanity because of who He is.**
- 2. Our surrender in faith to God is directly correlated to our fear of God.**
- 3. The Holy Spirit aids us in being image bearers of God.**



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Let's start by summarizing what we have gathered so far:

The character and nature of God should not be treated as a trophy we look at with fond thoughts. Who God is truly has an effect on our lives and demands a response by the way we live. He created us, along with everything around us, and therefore, has authority over our lives and all the world. More than any person to ever enter into existence, God is worthy to have this authority.

Romans 13:1 — “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For _____, and _____.”

Write out Romans 9:20:

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What is an area of your life you struggle to give God authority? Why?

An emotion that is typically evicted as a direct response to authority is respect. Respect of God, as it is referred to in Scripture, is often termed "fear". It may sound silly, but this is truly where our faith in allowing God to guide us begins. When we see God's authority as it truly is, and begin respecting His authority, we are then ready to be used as an instrument for His glory.

What does Proverbs 1:7 say about "fearing the Lord"?

Ecclesiastes 12:13 — "Now all has been heard; here is a conclusion of the matter: _____ and keep his commandments. For this is the whole duty of man."

“ Faith begins in awestruck fear... The fear of God was the step I tried to skip in my faith. That’s partially because I am American, and I don’t like the idea of something beyond my comprehension, something I can’t control, something I can’t reduce down. We want a God who will restore us to a peaceful equilibrium, take away our stress, and promise us a blissful afterlife. Most Christians haven’t rejected God; they have just reduced him.” (Greear, 2018, p. 38).

Thankfully, we are not left to fend for ourselves as we strive to be a clear reflection of God. Through a relationship with Christ, He sends part of himself, the Holy Spirit, to guide and help us in

our efforts. Without it, we cannot see when we become a blurred reflection or a dirtied lens.

What does John 14:26 say is about the Holy Spirit?

How does the Spirit help us in Romans 8:26?

These truths we have learned are fundamentals that not only we, but all the world, must see, hear and know. Our reflection of the image of God is crucial, and there is eternity at stake for it.

“ And if a man’s self is not kept clean and bright, his glimpse of God will be blurred – like the Moon seen through a dirty telescope.” (Lewis, 2009, p.165)

How can you better reflect the image of God?

Are you a lens in need of cleaning or in need of reflecting a better image? Why?