

Does God Know All?



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If God knew before He created the devil, that the devil would rebel against Him, and without a doubt choose evil, why did He create him?

Would God knowingly create a being just for it to suffer in extreme torment forever? Is this part of His big plan to knowingly create beings and eventually destroy it?

Question

My question is, "Did God know that the devil was going to rebel against Him?" *There is no clear answer in the Bible.*

God created the devil and He created him good (Ezekiel 28:12-15). God loves all of His creation. God gave the devil free will to choose. Choice and free will allows for there to be a genuine real fellowship. *God desires love and fellowship over knowledge (or to know everything)*. If you knew everything your spouse was going to think, say, or do, would it be interesting or a desirable relationship?

Scripture Review

The opportunity existed for the devil to resist and rebel against God, but I believe God hoped that none of His creation would choose evil (Isaiah 14:12-15).

God desires that ALL men be saved, and that none perish. Not all men and women will choose to have a relationship with God.

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4 KJV

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; **but is longsuffering** to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 KJV

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked**; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Ezekiel 33:11 KJV

God Chooses To Limit Himself

I believe that God chooses to not know certain things.

⇒ God is certainly powerful enough to know everything if He wanted to.

I believe He chooses to *not know* certain things for the sake of love, fellowship, trust, and creation's free will.

For God to not know certain things **doesn't make Him less powerful**. He just desires *a real (sincere) relationship with His creation*, more than knowing everything.

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3:19 KJV



God Values Love More than Knowledge

19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:19 ESV



KJV Translation Count — Total: 5x

The KJV translates Strong's G5235 in the following manner: exceed (3x), excel (1x), pass (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to surpass in throwing, to throw over or beyond any thing
- II. to transcend, surpass, exceed, excel ←
- III. excelling, exceeding

Paul is saying that the Father and Son's LOVE for us is *greater and surpasses knowledge*. God values LOVE greater than Knowledge or knowing all things.

Parents Limit Themselves

When Parents play with their children, why do they lower themselves in various ways to play or interact with their children? Where did they get the idea of lowering themselves to interact or play with their children? **They got it from God who is LOVE!**



The Son Humbled(lowered) Himself

God's Son chose to humble Himself and come to the earth in the flesh, and die for the sins of His creation. Man exalts knowledge, but God exalts mercy and love!

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

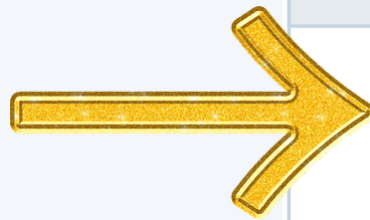
Philippians 2:4-8 KJV

Greek Definition of Humble

KJV Translation Count — Total: 14x

The KJV translates Strong's G5013 in the following manner: [humble](#) (6x), [abase](#) (5x), [humble \(one's\) self](#) (2x), [bring low](#) (1x).

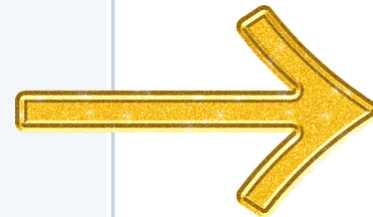
Outline of Biblical Usage [?]



I. to make low, bring low

A. to level, reduce to a plain

B. metaph. to bring into a humble condition, reduce to meaner circumstances

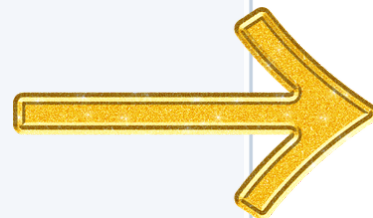


i. to assign a lower rank or place to

ii. to abase

iii. to be ranked below others who are honoured or rewarded

iv. to humble or abase myself by humble living



C. to lower, depress

i. of one's soul bring down one's pride

ii. to have a modest opinion of one's self

iii. to behave in an unassuming manner

iv. devoid of all haughtiness

The Son is Like His Father

19 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. **For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.**

John 5:19 ESV

→ Since the Son lowered and humbled Himself why can't the Father lower/limit Himself in certain ways for the **LOVE** of His creation?

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love

1 John 4:8 KJV



13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 ESV



Scripture Evidence

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, **he knoweth not how.**

28 For the **earth bringeth forth fruit of herself**; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, **immediately he putteth in the sickle**, because the **harvest is come.**

Mark 4:26-29 KJV

God has created the earth to operate on its own by His Word. He has given **laws** for the **heavens and earth**. God has given man **free will to choose** and the ability to make his or her own decisions. The one who has the sickle is found in **Revelation 14:16-18.**

God Is Sovereign

Definition of sovereign: a supreme ruler, possessing supreme power.

Notice it *doesn't say* **ALL CONTROLLING**. Sovereign does not mean that God controls everything. God does not control our thoughts and man does have his own will (Matthew 15:19, John 1:13).

1. God is not in complete control of who chooses Him. God has revealed Himself so that anyone can seek after Him. Anyone who has a heart of repentance and humility to seek after God will find Him.

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

Acts 17:26-27 KJV

God Searches The Heart

If God knows all things beforehand, why does he search to know the hearts of men?

10 *I the Lord search the heart*, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 17:10 KJV

If God already knows then there is NO need to search.

If someone already has the knowledge they do not need
to **SEEK** or **SEARCH**

God Searches The Heart Pt.2

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. to search, search for, search out, examine, investigate

A. (Qal)

i. to search (for)

ii. to search through, explore

iii. to examine thoroughly



B. (Niphal)

i. to be searched out, be found out, be ascertained, be examined

C. (Piel) to search out, seek out

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

חָקַר *châqar*, khaw-kar'; a primitive root; properly, to penetrate; hence, to examine intimately:—find out, (make) search (out), seek (out), sound, try.

God Testing to Know



Deuteronomy 8:2

² Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing_you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments.



2 Chronicles 32:31

³¹ So also in the matter of the envoys of the officials of Babylon, who had been sent to him to inquire about the sign that had been done in the land, God left him to himself, in order to test him and to know all that was in his heart.

God Regretted Making Man Pt 1

Why did God regret a decision making man if He already knew?

6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Genesis 6:6-7 KJV



God Regretted Making Man Pt 2

Hebrew word used for repented.

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. to be sorry, console oneself, repent, regret, comfort, be comforted

A. (Niphal)

i. to be sorry, be moved to pity, have compassion

ii. to be sorry, rue, suffer grief, repent

iii. to comfort oneself, be comforted

iv. to comfort oneself, ease oneself



2. *be sorry, rue, suffer grief, repent*, of one's own doings, absolute Exodus 13:17 (E), Psalm 106:45; Jeremiah 20:16; Joel 2:14; Zechariah 8:14; || שקר

1 Samuel 15:29 (twice in verse); מאס Job 42:6; שוב Jeremiah 4:28;

Jeremiah 31:19; Jonah 3:9; חוס Ezekiel 24:14; לא נ' || נשבע Psalm 110:4;

with על Amos 7:3, 6; Jeremiah 8:6; Jeremiah 18:10; עלהרעה for ill done to

others Exodus 32:12, 14 (J), Jeremiah 18:8; Joel 2:13; Jonah 3:10; Jonah 4:2;

עלהרעה 2 Samuel 24:16 = 1 Chronicles 21:15 (על), Jeremiah 26:8, 13, 19;

Jeremiah 42:10; כי Genesis 6:6, 7 (כי) 5:11, 35.



Does God Decree or know all evil?

5 and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or decree, *nor did it come into my mind*—

Jeremiah 19:5 ESV

5 And have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I commanded not nor spoke of it, nor did it come into My mind and heart—

Jeremiah 19:5 AMPC

God is saying this evil was NOT commanded by Him, nor spoke of it, and He did not think of this nor desire it as well. **Believe what you can read!**

God chooses to NOT remember sins

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Hebrews 8:12 KJV

God chooses to forget our sins because of LOVE. He isn't concerned about being ALL Knowing and retaining all knowledge. God is omnipotent all powerful. He is a God of love who values relationship and fellowship with His creation. He showed us this when He walked in the Garden with Adam. Carnal men of intellect value knowledge over love. God values Love over knowledge.

2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:2 ESV

God chooses to NOT remember sins Pt 2

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens

and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

Isaiah 65:17 NRSV

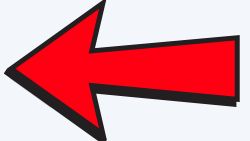
God is choosing to forget our sins because He wants a new and fresh start for those who have repented and followed His Son Jesus. For all eternity they will fellowship with the Father and Son of God.

God chooses to NOT remember sins Pt 3

³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, **for I will forgive their iniquity** and **remember their sin no more.**

Jeremiah 31:34 NRSV



Forgiving and not remembering (forgetting) are **completely different**  **processes** because **forgiveness changes how you FEEL** about a past event, while **forgetting means the memory (KNOWLEDGE) itself fades** **or disappears.**

CHAPTER 9: ASK GOD WITHOUT DOUBTING

2nd Book of Hermas

AGAIN he said unto me; remove from thee all doubting; and question nothing at all, when thou askest anything of the Lord; saying within thyself: how shall I be able to ask anything of the Lord and receive it, seeing I have so greatly sinned against him?

2 Do not think thus, but turn unto the Lord with all thy heart, and ask of him without doubting, and thou shalt know the mercy of the Lord; how that he will not forsake thee, but will fulfil the request of thy soul.

3 For God is not as men, mindful of the injuries he has received; but he forgets injuries, and has compassion upon his creature.

4 Wherefore purify thy heart from all the vices of this present world; and observe the commands I have before delivered unto thee from God; and **thou shalt receive whatsoever good things** thou shalt ask, and nothing shall be wanting unto thee of all thy petitions; if thou shalt ask of the Lord without doubting.

Context of Know All Things



¹⁹ And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall **assure our hearts before him.**

²⁰ For if **our heart** condemn us, God is **greater than our heart**, and **knoweth all things.**

1 John 3:19-20 KJV

The text is talking about God assuring our hearts and if our heart condemns us God is greater and knows all things because He searches **ALL** hearts (**1 Chronicles 28:9**). Know All things has to be in context because in the previous chapter he says we know all things but we understand it as the Holy Spirit can reveal knowledge to us.

²⁰ But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and **ye know all things.**

1 John 2:20 KJV

Love Greater than Knowledge

God values LOVE greater than KNOWLEDGE. If some knowledge interferes with God from operating in LOVE God will choose to make a decision out of LOVE instead of KNOWLEDGE.



***Knowledge of ALL says, "I must KNOW ALL things so I cannot forget past sins."**

***Love says, "I will forgive and forget and NOT remember your past sins."**

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8 ESV

POWER & ATTRIBUTE OF GOD!

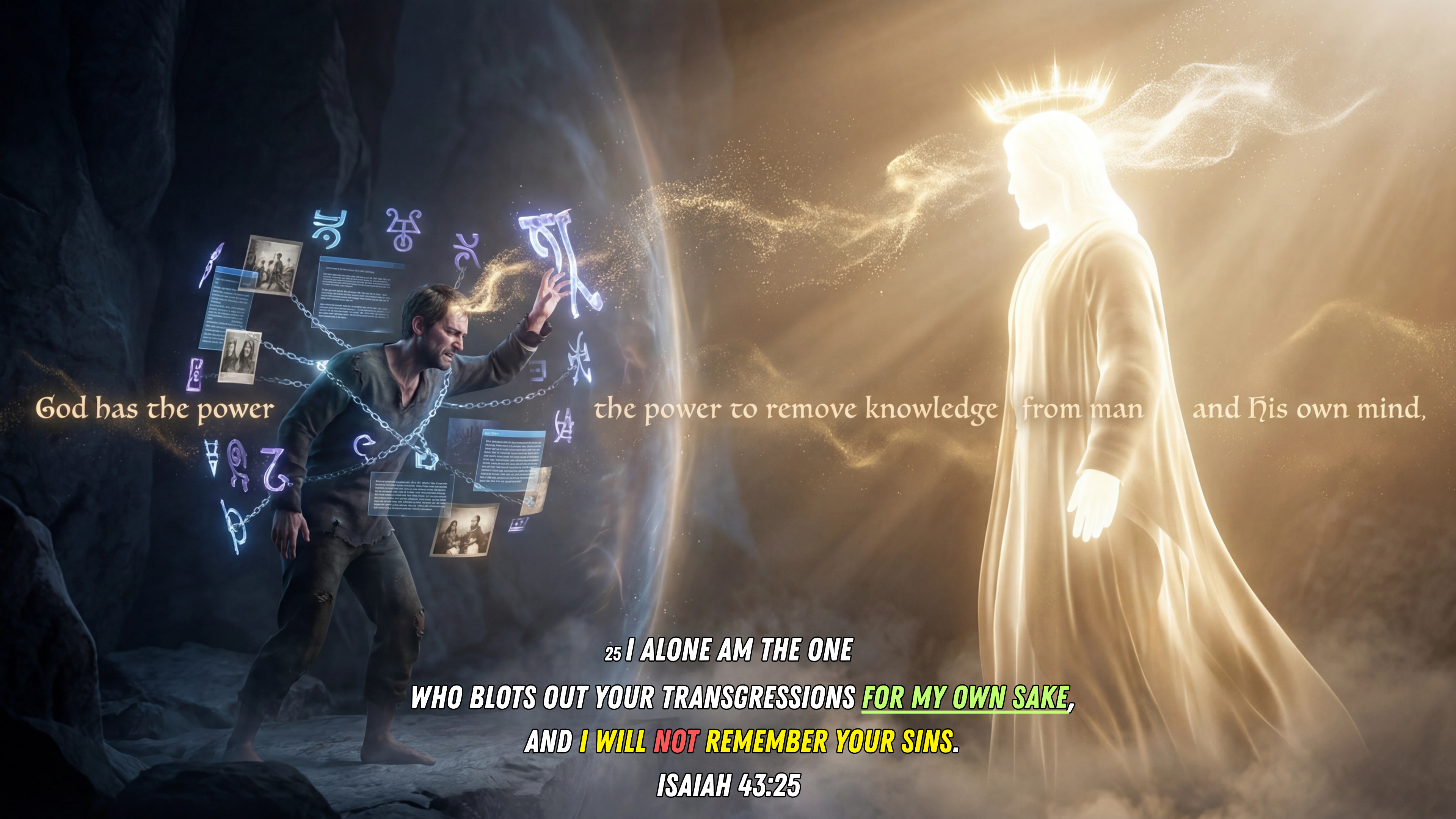
It is the **POWER** and **ATTRIBUTE** of God to be able to **REMOVE** memories or knowledge from His mind and ALL of creation's mind.

*NO Man has the **POWER** or the **ABILITY** to remove a memory from his mind or someone else's mind to where they will **NEVER** remember it again.

This power and attribute **ONLY** belongs to **GOD!**

*If a man forgives his wife for committing adultery does he have the **POWER** to remove that memory from his mind? **NO!**

When we sinned against God and asked for forgiveness **HE HAS THE POWER** to **REMOVE** that memory from **HIS MIND!**

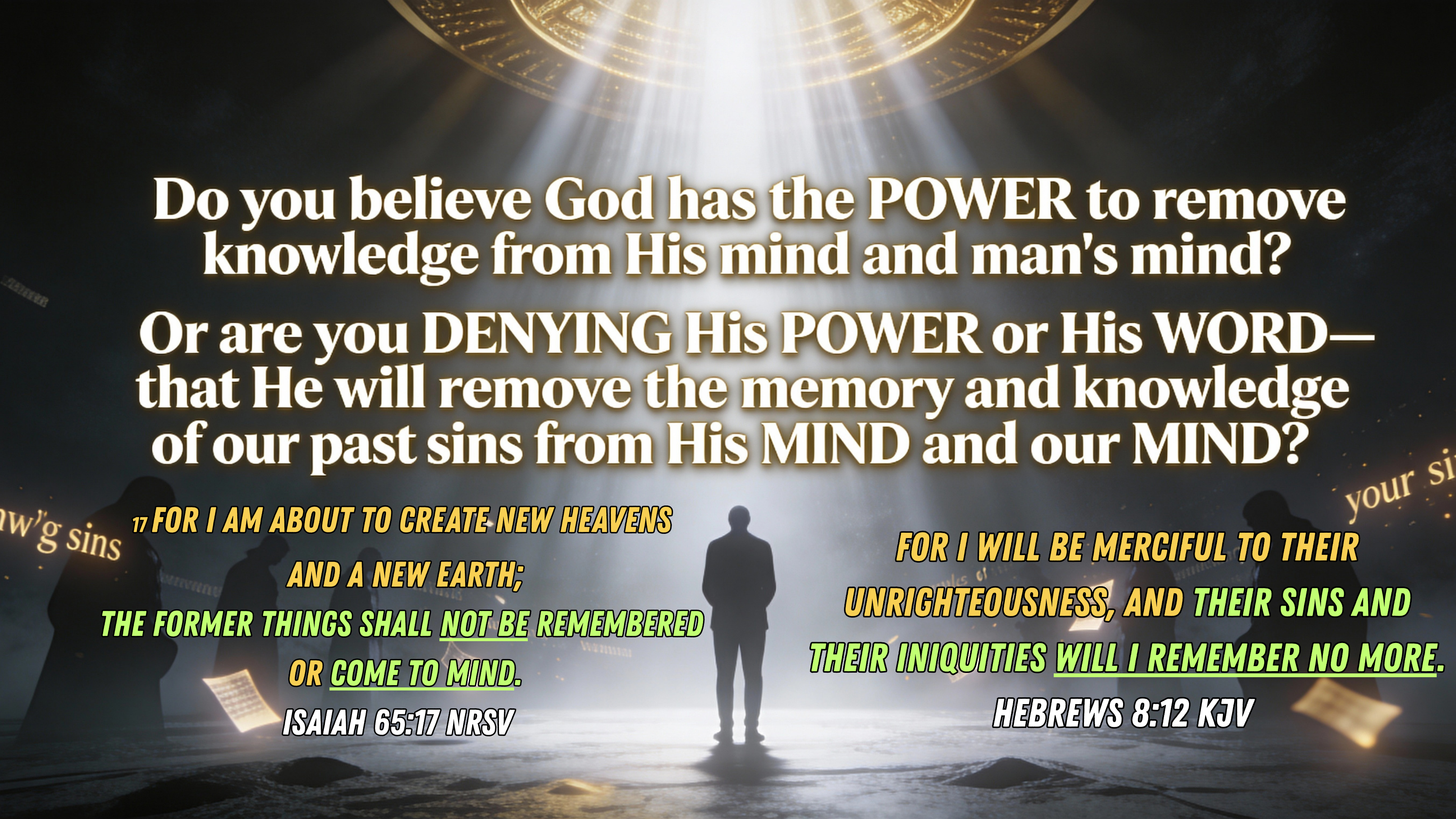


God has the power

the power to remove knowledge from man and His own mind,

***²⁵ I ALONE AM THE ONE
WHO BLOTS OUT YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS FOR MY OWN SAKE,
AND I WILL NOT REMEMBER YOUR SINS.***

ISAIAH 43:25



Do you believe God has the POWER to remove knowledge from His mind and man's mind?

Or are you DENYING His POWER or His WORD—that He will remove the memory and knowledge of our past sins from His MIND and our MIND?

***¹⁷ FOR I AM ABOUT TO CREATE NEW HEAVENS
AND A NEW EARTH;
THE FORMER THINGS SHALL NOT BE REMEMBERED
OR COME TO MIND.***

ISAIAH 65:17 NRSV

***FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND
THEIR INIQUITIES WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE.***

HEBREWS 8:12 KJV

Do you believe what you read?

Do you have childlike faith and believe the scriptures over human reasoning?

Or do you lack faith and doubt what is written?

We should allow the Bible to tell us who God is!

Believe it!

