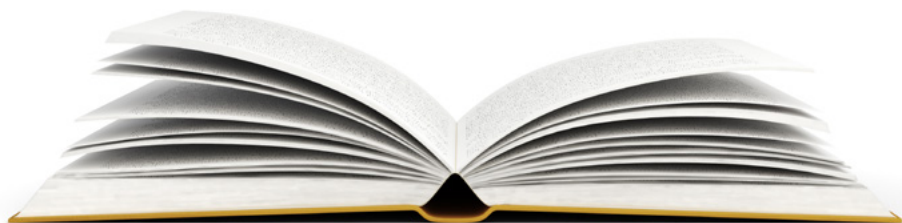


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TEACHER'S HANDBOOK



- A BIBLE STUDY COURSE -

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INTRODUCTION

This Bible Study curriculum has been designed to be used as an outline for teaching an introductory course to the Bible. Each lesson has been written in a way that provides the teacher with the content needed to lead someone through the Bible while also allowing plenty of room for the teacher to expound.

Our objective in creating this curriculum is to provide believers of all levels of faith with a tool that they can use to teach a 30 to 40 minute Bible study with minimal preparation time. Our hope is that you find this curriculum easy to use and effective in bringing the gospel to those you've been called to reach.

Objectives:

- » To introduce people to Jesus Christ
- » To introduce people to the Bible
- » To direct people toward obeying the Gospel message

Tools Needed for Teacher:

- » Bible Study Chart
- » Teacher's Handbook
- » Bible

Tools Needed for Student:

- » Bible
- » Something to take notes

Teaching Tips:

- » Commit to beginning and ending each lesson with prayer.
- » Remember to review previous lesson with your student.
- » Encourage your student to further their discipleship at a local church.

LESSON 2

THE SPIRITUAL REALM

THE PHYSICAL AND THE SPIRITUAL

WHAT IS GOD?

WHERE IS GOD?

WHO IS GOD?

ANGELS AND DEMONS

CHART 1 - THE PHYSICAL AND THE SPIRITUAL

As human beings, we live in a physical world. The word physical in this sense means having material existence. We live our day-to-day lives surrounded by the tangible. However, we're told in God's Word that there is another realm or world beyond the physical. There is a spiritual realm.

Q. *Do you know what the word spirit in the Bible means?*

A. *Spirit means current of air, breath, or breeze.*

(The New Testament greek word for spirit is *pneuma*. In English we use this word to describe anything that is air-powered or air-controlled; pneumatic, pneumonia, etc.)

The spiritual realm is the world around us that is not visible with the naked eye. It can not be seen, but it does have an impact on the world that can be seen. What we need to understand about both the physical realm and the spiritual realm is that the spiritual quite often dictates the physical.

EXAMPLE:

- 1.** Words are something that exist in the invisible realm, but clearly impact the physical realm. When certain words are said from one individual to another, there is a reaction that occurs in the physical realm. If you've ever expressed your love for someone and they began to cry or blush, you've seen that the invisible does in fact impact the visible. Maybe you've said something hurtful to someone and have seen them react with anger. Again, this is the invisible impacting the visible.
- 2.** Music is something that is completely invisible (spiritual), but has a direct effect on the visible (physical). Just watch how the human body reacts to different styles of music and rhythm. When music is played, some people clap their hands, some dance, some jump up and down, etc. All of this is an example of how the spiritual realm impacts the physical realm.

CHART 2 - WHAT IS GOD?

There are many people who talk about what God is like. They reference the Bible and talk about God's attributes, such as 'God is love', 'God is holy', and 'God is just'. These are all true, but these characteristics are describing who God is, not what God is.

So what is God? What is His makeup? Is He wood? Metal? Glass? Flesh and bone? **READ: John 4:24**

God is Spirit and because God is Spirit, that also means He exists in the spiritual realm and is invisible to the physical eye.

- » 1 Timothy 1:17 "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."
- » John 1:18 "No one has seen God at any time...."

No human being can see God unless God chooses to step into our physical realm and make Himself known through something physical. This is not just a thought or theory; there are several occasions recorded in the Bible where God has chosen to do this.

- » Moses and the Burning Bush - Exodus 3:2-6
- » The Man Christ Jesus - 1 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 1:23
- » Joshua and the Captain of the Lord's Army - Joshua 5:13-15
- » Cloud of Smoke in Solomon's Temple Dedication - 1 Kings 8:10-12
- » Three Hebrew Children in the Fiery Furnace - Daniel 3:24-25

CHART 3 - WHERE IS GOD?

Discovering that God is Spirit leads us to another question: Where is God? We know He's in the spiritual realm, but at what location in proximity to the physical realm? In order to understand the importance of this question, we must also realize that there is only one God. God does not exist as a plurality of gods.

God tells us over and over in His Word that He is one single being.

- » Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the LORD is one!"
- » Isaiah 43:11 "I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior."
- » Ephesians 4:5-6 "One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all..."

Q. *So if there is only one God and He is invisible, where can I find Him?*

A. *The answer to that question was given by King David in Psalm 139:7-10 (READ).*

We see in this passage that God is everywhere! He is not restricted to a single geographical location. In fact, there is not a single location that could contain Him! He is bigger than anything in this world. Look what King David's son Solomon said about God's size.

- » **READ: 1 Kings 8:27**

Knowing that God is omnipresent (everywhere) means that He can come to us whenever we call out to Him. No matter where we are, He can and will hear us and is able to touch us in our time of need.

- » Psalm 145:18 "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him..."
- » Romans 10:13 "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
- » Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

CHART 4 - WHO IS GOD?

The Bible tells us that there is one God and that He is Spirit. It also describes Him as a literal, individual being. God is not just a force, a feeling, or nature itself. He is a being. He has thoughts, feelings, and attributes.

So now that we know what God is (Spirit), and where God is (everywhere), it's time to learn who God is. What are His attributes? What is He like? Is He nice? Is He mean? Does He have any weaknesses?

Let's take a look at some of His attributes:

God is....

Omniscient (all knowing)

- » Job 34:21 "For his eyes are on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps."

Omnipotent (all powerful)

- » Revelation 19:6 "...For the Lord Omnipotent reigns!"

Holy (pure, perfect, set apart)

- » 1 Samuel 2:2 "No one is holy like the Lord..."

Good

- » Psalm 100:5 "For the Lord is good..."

Just (perfectly balanced)

- » Isaiah 30:18 "...For the LORD is a God of justice..."

Merciful

- » Psalm 136:1 "...For His mercy endures forever!"

Love

- » 1 John 4:8 "...for God is love."

CHART 5 - ANGELS AND DEMONS

By studying Scripture we also learn that there are other beings that exist in the spiritual realm along with God. These beings are called angels. Angels were created by God to worship and serve Him. Angels are not human and they are not equal to God. They are His creation.

Angels can be used to minister to us through our prayers. Although we are not to worship or pray to angels, we can go to God in prayer and often times He will send angels to satisfy our requests.

EXAMPLE:

- » Jesus' Temptation - Matthew 4:11 "...behold, angels came and ministered to Him."
- » Jesus' Prayer - Luke 22:43 "Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him."

Although angels were originally created to worship and serve God, not all have chosen this purpose. We're told in the Bible that there was an angel who led a rebellion against God and convinced one third of the other angels to participate in the rebellion. This angel's name was Lucifer, which means 'son of the morning'.

Lucifer was an attractive angel who was given the ability to make beautiful music. Eventually, his God-given abilities caused him to become prideful and he tried to challenge God for His position.

- » **READ: Ezekiel 28:12-17**

The rebellion didn't last long as God immediately threw Lucifer and his angelic followers out of heaven. These rebels have now become fallen angels, or demons. Lucifer's name was then changed from Lucifer to Satan, which means adversary.

- » **READ: Isaiah 14:12-15**

CHART 5 - ANGELS AND DEMONS (CONTINUED)

God has cast Satan and the demons who follow him out of eternal life and the presence of God. God has also created a future place of imprisonment for them to be punished for their rebellion against Him. This place is called hell or 'the lake of fire'.

- » Jude 6 "And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day..."
- » Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels...'"

Although hell was designed specifically for these angelic rebels, we are also told in the Bible that anyone who chooses to rebel against God and reject His love, given to us through Jesus Christ, will also end up in this place of punishment.

- » Isaiah 5:14 "Therefore Sheol (hell) has enlarged itself and opened its mouth beyond measure..."
- » Revelation 20:15 "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

It's important for us to not only acknowledge the spiritual realm, but also to connect with it. We begin that journey by building a relationship with God through prayer.

Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world so that we would come to know Him and not suffer the same fate as the devil and his followers, but instead enjoy eternal life in His presence.

- » **Preach the Gospel: Death, Burial, Resurrection of Jesus Christ:**
Extra Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, John 3:16, John 3:3-5, Acts 2:38