

**Lesson 7:**  
*Knowing the True God*

God is the foremost item revealed in the Bible because He is the beginning of all things. Everything in the universe originated from Him and began with Him. God is also the main content of the Bible from its first book to the last. He created us and regenerated us and has everything to do with our life and our being. Thus, we should know Him first.

### **I. All Idols Being False Gods**

**Psalm 115:4-7; 135:15-17** Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: they have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: they have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat...neither is there any breath in their mouths.

According to these verses, all idols are false and are not the true God.

**1 Corinthians 8:4-6** We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no God but one. For if even there are so-called gods...even as there are many gods and many lords, yet to us there is one God.

These verses clearly state that since God is the true God, the one unique God, all the idols are nothing and the so-called gods are not God.

**Exodus 20:5** You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity...of them that hate me.

This verse also tells us that the one and only true God is a jealous God who hates all the idols and will punish the sin of idol worship.

### **II. The Unique True God**

**Isaiah 45:5** I am Jehovah, and there is none else, there is no God beside me.

**1 Timothy 1:17** Now to the King of the ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory unto the ages of the ages.

**1 Thessalonians 1:9** How you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.

These three verses clearly and emphatically reveal to us how God is the unique Jehovah, incorruptible, invisible, and existing unto eternity. Besides Him, there is not another true God.

### III. Elohim—the Faithful Mighty One

#### **Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

In Hebrew, the word for God is Elohim. This is the first divine title used in the Bible to reveal God, and it means the faithful mighty One. It shows that the true God, whom we worship according to the Bible, is not only mighty but also faithful. He is the mighty One; so He could create the heavens, the earth, all things, and mankind, calling what is not being as being. He is faithful; therefore, He is dependable, ever unchanging, and immovable. His works according to His faithfulness are as enduring as the sun and as established as the moon (Psa. 89:33-37).

### IV. Jehovah—The Self-Existing and Ever-Existing I AM

#### **Exodus 3:14-15 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM [THE SELF-EXISTING AND EVER-EXISTING ONE]...Jehovah God...this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**

God told Moses in plain words that His name is Jehovah. The name Jehovah is the second main divine title used by the Bible in revealing God. It means the self-existing and ever-existing I Am, the I Am who was, who is, and who is to come. It indicates that He is the I Am, and besides Him nothing is. Only He is, and He is the self-existing and ever-existing I Am, who was, who is, and who is coming. Thus, everything in the entire universe is vain and is not; only He is, only He exists forever, and only He is reality. He is everything to the people whom He created and who belong to Him. Whatever they need, He is.

### V. The Triune God

#### **Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.**

The word God here is still Elohim. It is in the plural, denoting that this God, Elohim, is the very Triune God to be revealed later in the Bible. Hence, in this verse in Genesis 1, God called Himself "Us." Several times later in the Bible God also called Himself "Us" (Gen. 3:22; 11:7; Isa. 6:8; John 17:21-22). These verses indicate that though God is uniquely one, He also has the aspect of three. He is the Triune God.

#### **Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

After Christ resurrected and passed through all the necessary processes, it is shown here in plain words in this verse of the Bible that the unique true God is triune, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Although the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are three and are distinct, they are one unique God. Although the name in this verse is of the Three, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, it is singular, indicating that the Three are still the one unique God despite the distinction between them.

#### **John 6:46 Except Him [the Son] who is from God, He has seen the Father"**

In these two verses, Christ the Son of God says that He is from the Father. This proves that the Father is the source.

**John 7:29 I [the Son] am from Him [the Father].**

In the Greek text, the word "from" has the meaning of "from with." This reveals to us that the Son is not only from the Father, but from with the Father. When He came to earth, He brought the Father and the Father came with Him.

**John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.**

This verse clearly states that the Son who brought the Father is the manifestation of the Father. The Father is the source, and the Son is the manifestation. Therefore, "I [the Son] and the Father are one" (John 10:30).

**John 14:16-20 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever; even the Spirit of reality...He abides with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I am coming to you...and I in you.**

This section shows us that the Spirit is the transfiguration of the Son to be the reality of the Son, coming to abide with the disciples and to be in them. His being in the disciples is the Son in them. Therefore, the Spirit is the reaching and entering in of the Son. This indicates that the Son and the Spirit are also one. The Father is the source, the Son is the manifestation of the Father, and the Spirit is the reaching and entering in of the Son with the Father. The Three are just one God, who was manifested from the source to come among men and who reached the disciples to enter into them. This signifies that God is triune for the purpose of working Himself into those who believe into the Son to be their life and everything and to become their divine enjoyment.

**2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

This is the blessing of the Apostle Paul to the believers that they may enjoy the triune care of the Triune God in love, grace, and fellowship. The love of God the Father became the grace of Christ, God the Son, in the fellowship of God the Spirit, to be the daily blessing and enjoyment of the believers.

**John 15:26 But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of reality who proceeds from the Father.**

The word "from," as we have mentioned before, means "from with." The Spirit of reality sent by the Son from the Father is actually from with the Father. This proves that the Spirit is not only one with the Father but also one with the Son, who is one with the Father. This verse also demonstrates that all Three, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, coexist from eternity to eternity without succession.

**John 14:10 I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me.**

This word shows us how the Father, the Son, and the Spirit not only coexist but also coinhere. Coexistence indicates distinction whereas coinherence signifies mingling as one. This confirms that despite a distinction among the Three, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, They are still one God; They are Three yet one, and all three are one. This is strongly proven by the following verses:

**Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...and his name shall be called...The mighty God, Eternal Father.**

This word clearly says that the Son is called the Father, proving that the Son and the Father are one.

**2 Corinthians 3:17 And the Lord [Jesus Christ] is the Spirit.**

This word also plainly shows that Christ the Son is the Spirit, proving that the Son and the Spirit are one.

Therefore, the Bible reveals that although the true God is uniquely one, He is three, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit; and while the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are distinct, They are still the one unique God.

### *Study Questions*

1. What is the difference in meaning between the Hebrew words "Elohim" and "Jehovah?"
2. How can we tell people that our God is the unique true God? Explain with some verses.
3. In your experience, what has happened in your life to know the true God? Why is it important to know God?

### *Weekly Challenge*

Share with someone at least one of the points from today's Bible study, using Bible verses.

### *Song*

**1**

Down from His glory,  
Ever living story,  
My God and Savior came,  
And Jesus was His name.  
Born in a manger,  
To His own a stranger,  
A Man of sorrows, tears and agony.

**2**

What condescension,  
Bringing us redemption;  
That in the dead of night,  
Not one faint hope in sight,  
God, gracious, tender,  
Laid aside His splendor,  
Stooping to woo, to win, to save my soul.

### **Chorus**

O how I love Him! How I adore Him!  
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all!  
The great Creator became my Savior,  
And all God's fulness dwelleth in Him.

**3**

Without reluctance,  
Flesh and blood His substance  
He took the form of man,  
Revealed the hidden plan.  
O glorious myst'ry,  
Sacrifice of Calv'ry,  
And now I know Thou art the great "I  
AM."