

What Is God Like?

The first verse of the Bible introduces us to God, and then, the rest of the Bible is God's attempt to reveal Himself to us. The last book of the Bible is Revelation which is called "The Revelation of Jesus Christ..."

Not only does the entire Bible reveal God to us, but also all of creation declares the glory of God. So the topic of God is an infinite one and one that we could study our entire lives and not exhaust.

In this study, we will look at the following five things about God: 1) God exists; 2) God created everything; 3) God is triune; 4) God is the light of men; and 5) God is fully revealed in Jesus. We will finish our study by considering what these truths about God mean for us.

KEY VERSE: Genesis 1:1 *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*

BOOKS TO MEMORISE: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, **Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings**

CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK: John 8-14

1. GOD EXISTS.

In the Bible, God's existence is assumed ('In the beginning **GOD**...'). If God really does exist, then His existence should be obvious and should not need to be proved.

- Example: It should not be necessary to prove that we exist either.
- Example: If you have boast about how good a cook you are, you may not be that good.

God has always existed ("In the **BEGINNING** God...").

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

The first step in coming to God is to believe that He exists.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Belief in God should be most natural, when we consider creation.

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Romans 1:20

²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse

God says that those who deny His existence are fools.

Psalm 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, There is none that doeth good.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

2. GOD CREATED ALL THINGS.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

God created everything and His creation is evidence of His existence.

Acts 14:15-18

¹⁵ And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: ¹⁶ Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. ¹⁸ And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

God created the heaven and the earth in six days (Genesis 1:1-25).

- 1st day - light (v.3-5)
- 2nd day - sky & sea (v.6-8)
- 3rd day - dry land, grass, trees, plant (v.9-13)
- 4th day - sun, moon, stars (v.14-19)
- 5th day - fish and birds (v.20-23)
- 6th day - land animals (v.24-25)

God created man unique (Genesis 1:26-2:25).

- Man was created in the image and likeness of God (1:26-27).
- Man was given dominion over the earth (1:26-28).
- Man was blessed by God (1:28).
- Man was given a purpose (2:1-7).
- Man was given a free will to love God or disobey God (2:8-17).
- Man was created to need other people - gift of marriage (2:18-25).

3. GOD IS TRIUNE.

God created and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

God said let ‘us’ (plural) make man in ‘our (plural) image, after our (plural) likeness.’

Genesis 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

There is only one true God.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: ⁵ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

There is one God existing as three co-equal, co-eternal persons - Father, Son, and Spirit.

John 1:1-3

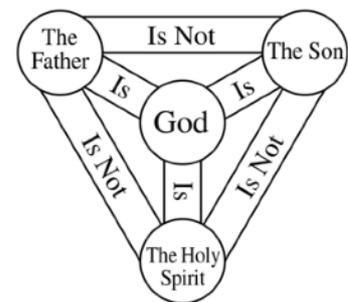
¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 10:30-33

³⁰ I and my Father are one. ³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? ³³ The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Acts 5:3-4

³ But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ⁴ Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.



4. GOD IS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

God's life is the light of men.

John 1:4-5

⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Man's sin cuts Him off from God.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

God's light shines into the darkness of man's sin through the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

John 1:6-14

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

5. GOD IS FULLY REVEALED IN JESUS.

John 1:14-18

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. ¹⁶ And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US:

1. We are not God.

There is a God and we are not Him. So often we live our lives like we are in charge, we can do whatever we want, but that is simply not true.

2. We were created for a purpose.

He made us. We were put here on this earth for a reason.

Revelation 4:11

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

3. We need a Saviour.

Our sin separates us from God. We are in darkness and can't find real light and life without God.

4. Jesus, the eternal Son and Word of God, is the only Saviour.

There is no way to save ourselves by law-keeping. There is no other person who is able to save us. Salvation only comes when we receive Jesus and believe on Jesus.

5. Don't take His grace lightly.

The eternal Creator God made us and loved us enough to come to us, to pay for our sin even when we walked away from Him. He has been gracious and good and kind to us.

Don't treat His generous kindness lightly.

Receive it. Believe it. Live it. Love it. Enjoy it. Share it. Use it.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.