

Getting To Know God

PART I - HIS CHARACTER

Focus Verse: “I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Yahweh. They will be my people, and I will be their God; for they will return to me with their whole heart.” *Jeremiah 24:7*

We will cover many things about God in this study. Yet, to truly know God, it takes experience and time. What this study sets out to do is to frame the Character and Personality of God. This way, you can better approach a relationship with God based upon the knowledge of who He is and how He desires to be understood. Much like when you introduce someone to a friend of yours. You would say something like “they are really easy going and funny.” Then, you would have a better idea of what to expect. And when things seem to unfold in a way you weren’t expecting, you could go back to information previously given to interpret reality. Like, in our example of our fake friend being funny. If that person said something and you didn’t know how you should take it, you could think back and say, “Oh yeah, they said that this person was funny.” Then you can interpret the interaction based upon the information given about their character. This is what I want to do in the next couple of studies. To truly know God, it will take time and experience. To know what kind of God you are having a relationship with, it takes the following information.

Our Amazing Father God



He Stands Alone, With No Other God But Him!

Isaiah 44:6-8 “This is what the LORD, Israel’s king, says, their protector, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies: “I am the first and I am the last, there is no God but me. (7) Who is like me? Let him make his claim! Let him announce it and explain it to me – since I established an ancient people – let them announce future events! (8) Don’t panic! Don’t be afraid! Did I not tell you beforehand and decree it? You are my witnesses! Is there any God but me? There is no other sheltering rock; I know of none.”



He Is Eternal “Without Beginning Or End”

Deuteronomy 33:27 “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. And He shall throw the enemy out from before you, and shall say, Destroy!”



He Is Immortal “Cannot Die”

1 Timothy 1:17 “Now to the eternal king, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.” See Also Habakkuk 1:12



He Is Unchangeable

Malachi 3:6 “For I, Yahweh, don’t change; therefore you, sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”

➡ **He Is Spirit “Non-Corporeal/Not Physical”**

John 4:24 “**God is spirit**, and the people who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

➡ **He Is A Consuming Fire**

Hebrews 12:29 “For our God is indeed a **devouring fire**.”

➡ **He Has An Un-seeable Face**

John 1:18 “**No one has seen God** at any time. The one and only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him.

1 Timothy 6:16 “He alone possesses immortality and lives in unapproachable light, **whom no human has ever seen or is able to see**. To him be honor and eternal power! Amen.”

➡ **He is Omnipotent “All Powerful”**

Revelation 19:6 “Then I heard what sounded like the voice of a vast throng, like the roar of many waters and like loud crashes of thunder. They were shouting: “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the **All-Powerful**, reigns!”

➡ **He Is Omnipresent “All Consuming”**

Jeremiah 23:23-24 “Do you people think that I am some local deity and not the transcendent God?” the LORD asks. (24) “Do you really think anyone can hide himself where I cannot see him?” the LORD asks. “**Do you not know that I am everywhere?**” the LORD asks.”

➡ **He Is Omniscient “All Knowing”**

Psalms 147:5 “Great is our Lord, and mighty in power. His understanding is infinite.”

1 John 3:19-20 “And by this we know that we are of the truth, and persuade our hearts before him, (20) because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.”

➡ **He Is Love**

1 John 4:8-10 “The person who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. (9) By this the love of God is revealed in us: that God has sent his one and only Son into the world so that we may live through him. (10) In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

➡ **He Performs Extraordinary Deeds & Amazing Acts**

Psalms 77:13-14 “O God, **your deeds are extraordinary!** What god can compare to our great God? (14) You are the God **who does amazing things**; you have revealed your strength among the nations.”

➡ **He Is The Mighty Warrior Who Saves Us And Loves Us**

Zephaniah 3:17 “The LORD your God is in your midst; **he is a warrior** who can deliver. He takes great delight in you; he renews you by his love; he shouts for joy over you.”

➡ He Is Our Father & God

John 20:17 “Jesus replied, “Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Our Father's Character

☑ **God Is: Good**

Luke 18:19 “And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? None is good except One, God.”

☑ **God Is: Holy**

Isaiah 5:16 “The LORD of Armies will be honored when he judges. The holy God will show himself to be holy when he does what is right.”

☑ **God Is: Perfect**

Matthew 5:48 “Therefore be perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.”

☑ **God Is: Pure**

1 John 3:2-3 “Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it was not yet revealed what we shall be. But we know that if He is revealed, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone having this hope on Him purifies himself even as that One is pure.”

☑ **God Is: Truth**

John 3:33 “He who has received his witness has set his seal to this, that God is truth.”

☑ **God Is: Righteousness**

Lamentations 1:18 “Yahweh is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment. Please hear all you peoples, and see my sorrow. My virgins and my young men have gone into captivity.”

☑ **God Is: Faithful**

1 Corinthians 1:9 “God is faithful, by whom you were called to the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

☑ **God Is: Just, Reliable, Fair, and Upright**

Deuteronomy 32:4 “As for the Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are just. He is a reliable God who is never unjust, he is fair and upright.”

Our Father Does Not

✘ **Our Father Does Not Lie**

Titus 1:2 “in hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before time began.”

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X Our Father Does Not Look Away From His Faithful Children

Proverbs 5:21 “For the ways of a person are in front of the LORD’s eyes, and the LORD weighs all that person’s paths.”

X Our Father Does Not Sleep

Psalms 121:2-5 “My help comes from the LORD, the Creator of heaven and earth! (3) May he not allow your foot to slip! May your protector not sleep! (4) Look! Israel’s protector does not sleep or slumber! (5) The LORD is your protector; the LORD is the shade at your right hand.”

X Our Father Does Not Get Tired

Isaiah 40:28 “Haven’t you known? Haven’t you heard? The everlasting God, Yahweh, The Creator of the ends of the earth, doesn’t faint. He isn’t weary. His understanding is unsearchable.”

X Our Father Will Not Leave Us Alone If We Remain Faithful

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous! Do not fear or tremble before them, for the LORD your God is the one who is going with you. He will not fail you or abandon you!”

Our Father Is

⊕ He Is: Our Maker

Psalms 95:6-7 “Come! Let’s bow down and worship! Let’s kneel before the LORD, our Creator! (7) For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture, the sheep he owns. Today, if only you would obey him!”

⊕ He Is: Our Salvation

Psalms 68:19-20 “The Lord deserves praise! Day after day he carries our burden, the God who delivers us. (Selah) (20) Our God is a God who delivers; the LORD, the sovereign Lord, can rescue from death.”

Revelation 7:10 “They were shouting out in a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

⊕ He Is: Our Strength & Shield

Psalms 28:7 “Yahweh is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoices. With my song I will thank him.”

Psalms 5:11-12 “But let all those that trust you rejoice, let them ever shout for joy, because you defend them, let them also that love your name be joyful in you. For you Lord, will bless the righteous; with your favor, you will circle around them, as with a shield.”

⊕ He Is: Our Help

Psalms 33:20-21 “Our soul has waited for Yahweh. He is our help and our shield. (21) For our heart rejoices in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.”

✚ He Is: Our Refuge And A Place Of Safety

Deuteronomy 33:27 “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms. And He shall throw the enemy out from before you, and shall say, Destroy!”

Our Father Delights In

■ Our Father: Delights In Honesty.

Proverbs 12:22 “Lying lips are an abomination to Yahweh, but those who do the truth are his delight.”

■ Our Father: Delights In Integrity.

Proverbs 11:20 “Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to Yahweh, but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.”

■ Our Father: Delights In The Prayers Of His Children.

Proverbs 15:8 “The sacrifice made by the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.”

■ Our Father: Delights In Thoughts of The Pure.

Proverbs 15:26 “Yahweh detests the thoughts of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing.”

■ Our Father: Delights In Repentance

Luke 15:7 “I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

■ Our Father: Delights In Those Who Fear And Hope In Him

Psalms 147:10-11 “He doesn’t delight in the strength of the horse. He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. (11) Yahweh takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his loving kindness.”

■ Our Father: Delights In His People

Psalms 149:4 “For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation.”

■ Our Father: Delights In Loving Kindness, Justice, & Righteousness.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 “Yahweh says, “Don’t let the wise man glory in his wisdom. Don’t let the mighty man glory in his might. Don’t let the rich man glory in his riches. (24) But let him who glories glory in this, that he has understanding, and knows me, that I am Yahweh who exercises loving kindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth; for I delight in these things,” says Yahweh.”

■ Our Father: Delights In Obedience To Him

1 Samuel 15:22 “Samuel said, “Has Yahweh as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying Yahweh’s voice? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.”

■ **Our Father: Disciplines Those He Delights In**

Proverbs 3:11-12 “My son, don’t despise Yahweh’s discipline, neither be weary of his reproof: (12) for whom Yahweh loves, he reproveth; even as a father reproveth the son in whom he delights.”

■ **Our Father: Delights In The Praise Of His People**

Psalms 147:1 “Praise Yah, for it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and fitting to praise him.”

What God Calls Us To Believe!

✦ **He Who Believes: Is Born Of God And Overcame The World.**

1 John 5:1-5 “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God. Whoever loves the Father also loves the child who is born of him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. (3) For this is loving God, that we keep his commandments. His commandments are not grievous. (4) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: your faith. (5) Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

✦ **He Who Believes: Will Not Be In Darkness. When We Believe In Jesus, We Believe In God.**

John 12:44-46 “Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent me. (45) He who sees me sees him who sent me. (46) I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness.”

✦ **He Who Believes: Will Receive Remission/Removal Of Their Sins.**

Acts 10:42-43 “He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that this is he who is appointed by God as the Judge of the living and the dead. (43) All the prophets testify about him, that through his name everyone who believes in him will receive remission of sins.”

✦ **He Who Believes: Will Have Everlasting Life And Is Not Condemned.**

John 3:16-21 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (17) For God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him. (18) He who believes in him is not judged. He who doesn’t believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. (19) This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. (20) For everyone who does evil hates the light, and doesn’t come to the light, lest his works would be exposed. (21) But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God.”

✦ **He Who Believes: Will Not Be Ashamed.**

Romans 9:32-33 "Why? Because it was not of faith, but as it were by the works of the Law. For they stumbled at that Stumbling-stone; (33) as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a Stumbling-stone and a Rock-of-offense, and everyone believing on Him shall not be put to shame."

✦ **He Who Believes: Will Be Counted As Righteous.**

Romans 4:5 "But to him who doesn't work, but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness."

✦ **He Who Believes: In Jesus Will Never Die.**

John 11:25-26 "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies. (26) Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Remember: God Is Immortal

1 Timothy 1:17 "Now to the eternal king, **immortal**, invisible, **the only God**, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen." Only God Has Immortality See 1 Timothy 6:16

In Love, God Will Make Us Immortal So We Can Be With Him Forever.

1 Corinthians 15:53-54 "For this perishable body must become imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. (54) But when this perishable body will have become imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then what is written will happen: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

To truly know God, it will take time and experience. To know what kind of God you are having a relationship with, it takes the information we just covered. I pray that if you do not have a relationship with the One True God, the God of the Bible, and the Father of Jesus, that the facts we just covered will inspire you and ignite a fire in your heart to know our amazing Father God. If you already are a believer, yet don't feel close to God and don't have the relationship you wish you had, then I hope this information will reset your mind and heart on Who you are having a relationship with. Go back over the information and study the facts. God is not unwilling, cold, and shut off from His children. He is ready and waiting for us to reach out with an informed understanding of who He is and what He wants. Start today, and share your days with your Father God.

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