

# Knowing God

## Lesson 4

### Memorize (Select One) –

- ✓ I Chronicles 29:11 - Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.
- ✓ Isaiah 45:6 - That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun, that there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

The Bible never sets out to prove or argue for God's existence, it simply declares, "in the beginning God" (Genesis 1:1). According to the Scriptures there is no such thing as an honest atheist, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, **have been clearly seen** (emphasis mine),.....so that they are without excuse." (Romans 1:20). The result of the fall is that man is hostile toward God, seeks to be God and reinvent God. This is why in the religions of today's world there are many so-called gods and just as many opinions about what God (or god) is like.

- ◆ According to Jeremiah 4:22, what was the cause of Israel's foolishness?

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- ◆ Based on Jeremiah 9:23 & 24, what should be the primary boast of the Christian life?

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## I. God's Self-Revelation in the Scriptures

In the Old Testament Scripture records God revealing Himself by the following means:

- Creation – primarily through man, made in God's image.
- Angels.

- Signs, wonders, and miracles.
- Vision, dreams.
- Words spoken by prophets and others.
- Written Old Testament Scripture.

In the New Testament God revealed Himself in the Scriptures similarly but more fully:

- The God-man Jesus Christ, very image of God.
- Angels
- Signs, wonders, and miracles.
- Spoken words by Apostles and Prophets.
- Written New Testament Scriptures.

## II. God's Character and Attributes

An attribute is a characteristic or quality of that which is true about someone. Because of the infinite nature of God we are limited in our finite comprehension of Him, yet our greatest quest remains an ever increasing understanding of what the Scripture reveals about God.

The Scriptures reveal to us that God is spirit (John 4:24), perfect in all His attributes, one in essence, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19) – each equally deserving worship and obedience. The following are just a few of His attributes. As you look-up the following passages, write down that part of the verse that describes the given attribute.

### A. *Holiness*

God's Holiness is that He is absolutely pure and perfect in all His ways. He is set apart or separated from sin and all or anything evil or impure.

1. Exodus 15:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Isaiah 6:1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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### B. *Righteous & Just*

Righteousness designates the perfect agreement between God's nature and His acts. Justice is the way God expresses and carries out His righteousness.

1. Deuteronomy 32:4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Daniel 4:37 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C. Wrath**

God's wrath is the expression of His Holiness and justice toward the willful rebellion and sin of man. God's wrath is always judicial, that is, it is the wrath of the judge administering justice. The Bible includes more references to God's anger, fury and wrath than to His love and mercy.

1. Numbers 11:1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Romans 1:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**D. Sovereignty**

God is supreme in power and superior in position over the earth, the heavens, people, events, Satan, and evil. He rules over all and accomplishes all things in accordance to His divine counsel.

1. Isaiah 46:9 & 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Daniel 4:35 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**E. Eternality**

There has never been a time when God did not exist. He had no beginning and will have no end.

1. Psalm 90:2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Isaiah 43:13 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**F. Immutability**

God never changes.

1. Malachi 3:6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. James 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**G. Omniscience**

God knows all things actual and possible. Nothing takes Him by surprise.

1. Job 34:21 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Psalm 139:1 & 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**H. Omnipresence**

God's presence fills the universe. He is present everywhere.

1. Psalm 139:7-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Proverbs 15:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I. Omnipotence**

God is all powerful, without limit in strength or ability.

1. Jeremiah 32:17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Matthew 19:26 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The greatest question before the church is always God Himself, and the most important fact about any man is not what he at any given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like”. – A.W. Tozer**