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# Who Is This God We Trust and Obey

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**K**NOWLEDGE of God is of the greatest and highest importance. Our mind will never dwell upon a more magnificent Subject or Person. His footprints are evident both in His Word and His universe. If we have the wrong concept of God, we will never grasp properly the world, sin, death, duty, and conduct. An unscriptural notion of God and His Divine character will lead us to perverted concepts of all other biblical Truth.

Of course we see God in nature. Someone has said that nature is God's braille for a blind humanity. But no information is available in nature as to the depravity of the human heart and its cure. Nature cannot tell us about eternity and the necessary change for a blessed future in heaven.

## Revelation of Scripture

For a complete understanding of God, we *must* turn to the Bible. It *alone* reveals the complete and final revelation of God's words, works, and ways. The Bible presents man with a fourfold revelation of God:

1. In nature –a God above him.
2. In providence –a God beyond him.
3. In law –a God against sin.
4. In grace –a God for him and in him.

## Existence of God

It never was the motivation of any prophet or apostle to prove the existence of God, as all writers presupposed God's existence, with their writings being the product of His direction. Everywhere, in the Word of God, His existence is assumed as a fact. "In the beginning God. . ." (Genesis 1:1). "In the beginning was the Word. . ." (John 1:1). Our coming to know God is on the basis of a true understanding of ourselves, as we acknowledge God as the beginning and the end of all existence, and as the first and final cause of all that is in existence. It was God Who created all things through His determined action.

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:36). "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth" (Psalm 33:6). "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" (Hebrews 11:3).

## Leaven of Evolution

How can we talk about God without mentioning the great counterfeit? All evolution's work is trying to move God out of His universe. The evolutionist affirms his position that necessitates an entire recasting of the foundations. If the doctrine of evolution be true, not one of the doctrines taught and believed by the Church are tenable. If their false premise be accepted, their statement is true. But, thank God, we know the cause and outcome of their infidelity.

Remember, if we can move God off the throne, we are rid of accountability. We can mold our own present and future. Guilt no longer exists, for the standard is removed. What a sad day for these poor benighted souls. "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10, 11).

## Only One God

He is greater than all gods. "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Exodus 15:11). "Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods; for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them" (Exodus 18:11).

He is God of gods, and Lord of lords. "Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. Circumcise, therefore, the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and an awesome, who regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward" (Deuteronomy 10:14-17).

He is to be feared above all gods. "For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he also is to be feared above all gods" (I Chronicles 16:25).

He is King above all gods. "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods" (Psalm 95:3). "For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods" (Psalm 97:9).

## Nature of God

He is Spirit. "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). "Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves: for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spoke unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a carved image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female. And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun,

and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven” (Deuteronomy 4: 15,16, 19).

His being Spirit means He is not confined to the limitations of matter, does not possess a human body, and is not visible to the physical eye. He has a distinct personality and is addressed as a Person possessing all the attributes of personality, such as life, intelligence with self-consciousness, and self-determination.

“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you” (Exodus 3:14). “For what man knoweth the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the spirit of God” (I Corinthians 2:11). “Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself; In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will” (Ephesians 1:9,11). Remember the clear distinctives of God. He is love, light, and a consuming fire. Each carry their own significance.

### **His Revelation**

By grace He has seen fit to reveal Himself to us in His son. “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” (John 1:14). In the Lord Jesus Christ, we have the personification of God’s love, which reached its climax in the work of redemption. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). “Jesus answered, and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water” (John 4:10). “As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love” (John 15:9). “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him” (John 4:9, 16).

### **Subjection to God**

All nature is subject to His will and word. “I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withheld from thee” (Job 42:2).

All men are in absolute subjection to His authority. “There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: Who art thou that judgest another? Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain; Where as ye know not what shall be on the next day. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that” (James 4:12-15).

All angels recognize Him. “That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beast of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass like oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will” (Daniel 4:25).

All satanic hosts bow to His power and authority. “And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power, only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord” (Job 1:12). “And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life” (Job 2:6).

Have you met God’s provision for your eternal welfare in His Son? Have you personally acknowledged your sin before His holy justice? Is your trust placed upon the finished work of Jesus Christ in your eternal behalf? Will you miss hell and reach heaven because of God’s love manifested to you in His Son as revealed in your Bible? Find a place of prayer and talk to God. Name your sin to Him! Let Him know you are going to depend upon His provision and possess the LIFE He has provided for you. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

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