

## Lesson No. 3

# What Does the Bible Say About God?

## 1. What is God?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) *John 4:24*. God is **Spirit**, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.
- (b) *Exodus 3:14*. And God said to Moses, **I AM WHO I AM**. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, **I AM** has sent me to you.
- (c) *Luke 24:39*. Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit **does not have flesh and bones** as you see I have.
- (d) *John 1:18*. **No one has seen God** at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

God is (A) a spirit, that is (B) a personal being (C) without flesh and blood, and therefore (D) invisible.

## 2. How is God?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) *Psalms 90:1,2*. LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even **from everlasting to everlasting**, You are God.
- (b) *Malachi 3:6*. For I am the LORD, **I do not change**...
- (c) *Genesis 17:1*. The LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, **I am Almighty God**...
- (c) *Matthew 19:26*. With men this is impossible, but with God **all things are possible**.
- (d) *Psalms 139:1-4*. O LORD, You have searched me and **known me**. You **know my sitting down** and my rising up; you **understand my thought** afar off. You **comprehend my path** and my lying down, and are **acquainted with all my ways**. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, **You know it altogether**.
- (e) *Jeremiah 23:24*. Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him? says the LORD; **Do I not fill heaven and earth?** says the LORD.
- (f) *Leviticus 19:2*. I the LORD your God am **holy**.
- (g) *Deuteronomy 32:4*. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; **righteous** and upright is He.
- (h) *2 Timothy 2:13*. If we are faithless, he remains **faithful**; he cannot deny Himself.
- (i,j) *Psalms 145:9*. The LORD is **good** to all, and His **tender mercies** are over all His works.
- (j,k) *Exodus 34:6,7*. The LORD, the LORD God, **merciful and gracious, longsuffering**, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, **forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin**...
- (k) *1 John 4:8*. God is **love**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

God is

- (A) Eternal (without beginning and without end);
- (B) Unchangeable;
- (C) Omnipotent (almighty, all-powerful);
- (D) Omniscient (all-knowing);
- (E) Omnipresent (present everywhere);
- (F) Holy (sinless and hating sin);
- (G) Just (fair and impartial);
- (H) Faithful (keeping His promises);

- (I) Benevolent (good, kind, desiring our welfare);
- (J) Merciful (full of pity);
- (K) Gracious (showing undeserved kindness, forgiving).

### 3. Who is the only true God?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) **Deuteronomy 6:4.** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is **one!**
- \* (b) **Matthew 28:19.** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**.
- (b) **2 Corinthians 13:14.** The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God** (Father), and the communion of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all. Amen.
- (b) **Numbers 6:24-26.** The **LORD** bless you and keep you; the **LORD** make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the **LORD** lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- (b) **Matthew 3:16,17.** When He had been baptized, **Jesus** came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a **voice came from heaven**, saying, **This is My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.
- (c) **John 10:30.** I (Jesus) and My Father **are one**.
- (c) **1 John 5:7.** For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Spirit**; and **these three are one**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) God is one ("une").
- (B) In this one God there are three ("tri") distinct Persons, namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- (C) The true God is the Triune God.  
(The Father sent the Son to be our Savior, the Son redeemed us with His sufferings, and death; the Holy Spirit brings us to saving faith in Jesus Christ.)

### 4. With what attitude of heart are we to contemplate the mystery of the Holy Trinity?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a,b) **1 Corinthians 2:11.** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so **no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God**.
- (a,b) **1 Timothy 6:16.** Who (God) alone has immortality, dwelling in **unapproachable** light, whom **no man has seen or can see**, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.
- (a,b) **John 1:18.** **No one has seen God** at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has declared Him**.
- (c) **Revelation 4:8.** And they (inhabitants of heaven) do not rest day or night, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is far beyond our reason; it is therefore altogether unreasonable to try to fathom it, or to reject it because we cannot do so.
- (B) Only God knows God, and He has revealed Himself to us, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, in the Bible, as the Triune God.
- (C) We are to accept this revelation of Himself with unquestioning faith, and to adore and glorify Him with the hosts of heaven.

### 5. What does it mean to believe in God?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) **John 17:3.** And this is eternal life, that they may **know** You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- (b) **James 1:21.** **Receive with meekness** the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

- (c) *Psalm 31:14*. I trust in You, O LORD; I say, You are **my God**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

To believe in God means that, on the basis of the Scriptures, I personally, in my heart,

- (A) Know God as my gracious God in Christ Jesus; (Knowledge.)
- (B) Accept as true what He says and promises; (Assent.)
- (C) Trust in Him and rely on Him with firm confidence. (Confidence.)

*Before the Next Lesson*

**FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 3.**

**MEMORIZE, if you can, the Bible passages in this lesson marked with an asterisk (\*).**

**READ Genesis, chapters 15-21. (A chapter a day.)**

*Work Sheet No. 3*

**1.**

*(Check the correct statement.)*

- (A) God is the great driving force in nature.
- (B) God is a personal Being.

**2.**

- (A) Read Psalm 17:7 and Psalm 18:35. What do the Scriptures mean when they speak of God's right hand?

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- (B) Read Psalm 11:4 and Psalm 66:7. What do the Scriptures mean when they speak of God's eye?

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**3.**

Every attribute of God has a special meaning in the life of the Christian.

- (A) Which warning is there for us in the omniscience of God when we are tempted to secret sin?

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- (B) Which comfort is there for us in the omnipotence of God when we are confronted with great difficulties?.....

**4.**

*(Check the correct statements.)*

- (A) There are three distinct Persons in the Trinity.
- (B) The three Persons are three gods.
- (C) The three Persons are of equal majesty and power.
- (D) The Son and the Spirit receive their authority from the Father.
- (E) The Father was first, then the Son, then the Holy Spirit.
- (F) There is only one God, who has revealed Himself in three Persons, but one in Essence.

**5.**

*(Check the correct statement.)*

Faith is the resting of the heart upon God. True  False.