

Women's Bible Study

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF
THE BOOK OF JOB

AND THE LORD
Blessed
JOB

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Who is God?

- #1. We must acknowledge the existence of God.
 - “For those who are correctly evaluating the evidence, EVERYTHING in Scripture and everything in nature proves clearly that God exists and that He is the powerful and wise creator that Scripture describes Him to be. Therefore when we believe that God exists, we are basing our belief not on some blind hope apart from any evidence but on an overwhelming amount of reliable evidence from God’s words and God’s works.”
- Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology

Who is God ?

- #2. We must acknowledge the knowability of God
 - If we are to know God, it is necessary that He reveal Himself to us.
 - God has to reveal Himself because we, as sinful man.. misinterpret the revelation of God found in nature.
 - We can never fully understand God because He is infinite and we are finite and limited.

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- #3. The study of the doctrine of God is an ever-challenging pursuit of what the Bible truly says about God and not about what we think God ought to be.

Who is God?

- The Essence of God
- 1. God is spirit.
 - **Exodus 20:4** Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth.
 - **John 4:24** God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Who is God ?

- The Essence of God
- 1. God is spirit.
- 2. God is invisible.
 - **John 6:46** No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

Who is God?

- The Essence of God
- 1. God is spirit.
- 2. God is invisible.
- 3. God is living.
 - **1 Thessalonians 1:9** you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God

Who is God?

- The Essence of God
- 1. God is spirit.
- 2. God is invisible.
- 3. God is living.
- 4. God is eternal.
 - **Psalm 90:2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Who is God?

- **Jeremiah 9:23-24** Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Who is God?

- Attributes of God
- 1. God is independent.
 - **Psalm 50:10-12** For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

Who is God?

- Attributes of God
- 1. God is independent.
- 2. God is omnipresent.
 - **Psalm 139:7-12** Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Who is God ?

- Attributes of God
- 1. God is independent.
- 2. God is omnipresent.
- 3. God is omniscient.
 - **Job 37:16** Do you understand how the clouds float, those wonderful works of Him who has perfect knowledge?

Who is God?

- Attributes of God
- 1. God is independent.
- 2. God is omnipresent.
- 3. God is omniscient.
- 4. God is omnipotent.
- **Genesis 18:14** Is anything too hard for the LORD?
At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."
- **Job 42:2** "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Who is God?

- Attributes of God
- 1. God is independent.
- 2. God is omnipresent.
- 3. God is omniscient.
- 4. God is omnipotent.
- 5. God is unchanging.

Psalms 102:25-27 ²⁵ Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ²⁶ They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, ²⁷ but you are the same, and your years have no end.

James 1:17 ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Who is God ?

- The Distinctiveness of God
- Holiness
- God is absolutely separate from and exalted above all His creatures and He is equally separate from all moral evil and sin. - Thiessen
- That God is HOLY means that He is separated from sin and devoted to seeking His own honor. –Wayne Grudem

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- The Distinctiveness of God
- Holiness
- **Isaiah 57:15** For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

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- The Distinctiveness of God
- Holiness
- Holiness is that self-affirmed quality of God which embodies the totality of His unique “Godness” and sets Him apart from all that is created and mundane both in being and character. God’s holiness in being is demonstrated by His indescribable majesty, God’s holiness in character finds expression in His inviolable purity. – Roy Beacham

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