

SESSION 1

KNOWING GOD INTIMATELY (A)

Video Outline

Our view of God determines our lifestyle. There are no convictions in life that are more important to victorious living than what we believe to be true about God.

“Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence Him” (Psalm 25:14, TLB).

The Holy Trinity

- God the _____, God the _____, and God the _____ are co-equal members of the Trinity.

God is Gloriously Incomprehensible

- God is _____; He has no limits.
- God is _____; He was not created.
- God is _____; He is not bound by time.
- God is _____; He has no needs.

The Attributes of God

- Our Great _____ is all-powerful, ever-present, all-knowing, and sovereign.
- Our Perfect _____ is holy, truthful, righteous, and just.
- Our Gracious _____ is loving, merciful, faithful, and unchanging.

“I will meditate on Your majestic, glorious splendor and Your wonderful miracles” (Psalm 145:5).

*Because God is a personal Spirit,
I will seek intimate fellowship with Him.*

RECOMMENDED READING

For a deeper understanding of this material, you may find it helpful to read portions of Bill Bright’s book *GOD: Discover His Character*. Each session will suggest chapters of the book that pertain to the corresponding video segments. For this session, read Chapter 1 “Can Anyone *Really* Know God?” and Chapter 2 “We Can Know God Intimately!”

“GOD IS” DIAGRAM

This diagram shows how the attributes of ability, integrity, and relationship fit into the whole picture of God’s character.



GOD

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF HIS ATTRIBUTES

Because God is a personal Spirit...

I will seek intimate fellowship with Him.

Because God is all-powerful...

He can help me with anything.

Because God is ever-present...

He is always with me.

Because God knows everything...

I will go to Him with all my questions and concerns.

Because God is sovereign...

I will joyfully submit to His will.

Because God is holy...

I will devote myself to Him in purity, worship, and service.

Because God is absolute truth...

I will believe what He says and live accordingly.

Because God is righteous...

I will live by His standards.

Because God is just...

He will always treat me fairly.

Because God is love...

He is unconditionally committed to my well-being.

Because God is merciful...

He forgives me of my sins when I sincerely confess them.

Because God is faithful...

I will trust Him to always keep His promises.

Because God never changes...

My future is secure and eternal.

Bible Study (continued)

2. David and God

Read Acts 13:22.

a. What does it mean to be a person after God's own heart?

b. In what ways are you a person after God's own heart?

c. In what ways are you not?

Read Psalm 27:4; 42:1,2.

d. On your life priority list, where is your desire to be with God?

Read Psalm 73:23–28.

e. What are some specific ways we can make God the focus of our lives?

3. Paul and God

Read Philippians 3:7–14.

a. What does this passage tell us about our relationship with God?

b. What motivated Paul to serve Christ so faithfully?

c. What value should we place on our relationship with God?

SESSION 2

KNOWING GOD INTIMATELY (B)

Life Application

WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART

As a way of opening up your heart to knowing God more intimately, memorize the following statement and verses:

- Because God is a personal Spirit, I will seek intimate fellowship with Him.
- Psalm 25:14 (TLB)—“Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence Him.”
- Psalm 145:5—“I will meditate on Your majestic, glorious splendor and Your wonderful miracles.”
- Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)—“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.”

EXALT YOUR GOD

Take a few moments to meditate on each of the qualities mentioned in the lesson. Pray the following as an act of worship to our awe-inspiring God:

I praise You, Lord, for being *infinite*. You alone have no limits. Even Your love, mercy, and forgiveness know no bounds.

I worship You for being *self-existent*. You alone are uncreated and have always existed. You are secure, a place of safety in the midst of change and uncertainty.

I exalt You for being *eternal*. You alone are beyond time. Your thoughts are never outdated, and Your decrees prove true forever.

I praise You, Lord, for being *self-sufficient*. You alone need nothing outside of Yourself. Your sufficiency is a storehouse for all who love You. We need only draw upon your limitless resources.

REFLECT HIS IMAGE

How can you better reflect God’s image at home? In your workplace? Among your friends?

List ways you can be more like Jesus and ask God to help you display these qualities in all of your life’s situations.

Life Application (continued)

COUNT ON GOD

Make a list of those you trust.

Where does God fit on your list? Is He at the top your list? Why or why not?

God has the ability to be trusted, because He is capable of meeting any need and solving any problem you may have. He also has the integrity to be trusted. He is morally perfect, so He will always do the *right* thing. He is totally committed in His relationship to us, so He always does what is best for us.

OBEY GOD

Obedience involves trust. In which areas of your life do you need to trust God more?

Proverbs 3:5 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths.” Meditate on this verse to help you trust God in a deeper way today.

SHARE HIS MAJESTY

Is there something from this lesson that especially excites you about God? Think of someone with whom you can share this new insight. Invite this person to join you in your quest to know God’s character. If this individual is not a believer, use a booklet such as *Would You Like to Know God Personally?* to introduce him or her to our magnificent God. (You can find this booklet at your local Christian bookstore or call *NewLife* Publications to order at 800-235-7255.)

RECOMMENDED READING

GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 3 “Our Awe-Inspiring God”

If you would like to download the entire GOD: Discover His Character Bible Study (which covers all the attributes) for free. You'll find it by visiting our Resources section

<http://DiscoverGod.com/resources>

