

# ENCOUNTERING THE GREATNESS OF OUR GOD

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## LESSON ONE: THE STUDY OF GOD

(Psalm 139:6, Psalm 95:3, Deut. 10:17, Nehemiah 9:32, Psalm 47:2, Rms. 11:36)

### INTRODUCTION:

Nothing can fully express the subject of The Study of God, especially since God is more than the total of His Attributes. David was overwhelmed by Lord's omniscience. **Psa. 139:6** -He said, "such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain it." Emphasizing its comprehensible depth and loftiness, as God knows every detail of a person's life and thoughts before they have even spoken. We start with God, from whom are all things. **Rev. 1:8** says – "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and was and who is to come, the Almighty."

### THE STUDY OF GOD

For life to be meaningful, something must be big enough to warrant our commitment and our affections. The only thing that fits this qualification is God Himself, not only because of who He is, but because knowing who He is; defines who we are. If you misdefine God, you have misdefined everything, because everything originates from God. You cannot make sense of anything, if you can't make sense of God.

A finite mind cannot fully grasp an infinite being. God has simply not told us everything about Himself. What He has told us, we can know, but He has not revealed everything.

The study of the knowledge of God is the most important pursuit in life. There's nothing more important of all things that matter in our lives, than to know God through the study of His nature, His character, and His perfections should be our driving force.

- a. **More Than Awareness** – God isn't just a feeling or observation, but the infinite ground of all existence and relationships, exceeding our capacity to grasp fully, even as we strive to be aware of His Presence. To say there is a God doesn't say a whole lot about Him, because it would be hard to miss Him entirely when you understand that He is an all-encompassing Being.
- b. **More Information** – Knowing that He is the Creator or powerful or big or grand or majestic; Those are all true, but they're not sufficient when we talk about knowing God. Knowing God means more than having a religious experience with Him or saying that we feel Him. Knowing God involves more awareness, more than just information about Him.

To know Him is to enter into a relationship with God, so that who He is, influences who you are. Knowing God is having the awareness, the information, and the "religious experience" to become a part of who you are.

Knowing God is not an optional part of the Christian life; It is the Christian Life. **John 17:3** – "**And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.**"

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## LESSON TWO: THE STUDY OF GOD: Life's Most Meaningful Pursuit

(Jeremiah 9:23-24, John 17:1-3, Psalm 27:4, Matthew 6:33, Acts 17:28, James 1:8)

### INTRODUCTION:

Everyone is pursuing something in life. It could be success, security, relationships, or recognition. God's Word teaches us that the most meaningful pursuit in life is the pursuit of God Himself. Everything else falls in line when God becomes our focus. The prophet Jeremiah emphasizes the importance of truly knowing and understanding the Lord, rather than taking pride in worldly attributes such as wisdom, strength, or wealth.

**“Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,”** says the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24

### The Right Kind of Bragging

We brag about a lot of things. We brag about our education, our jobs, our homes, and our achievements. However, God says, if we are going to boast it should be in who God is and not in ourselves. When you brag on God, you're testifying. You're declaring His character, His power, His faithfulness. It strengthens your faith and encourages others. When we look at our degrees, and our careers, our money we should remember that it is all because of the Grace of God. It is because of God that we can get up in the morning, go to work, and spend money.

**For in Him we live, and move, and have our being.** Acts 17:28.

### Hitting the Right Target

Many people are busy, active, and give the impression they are successful; however, they are often aiming at the wrong target. People might assume we know what we are doing, or even think we are successful, when we don't know what in the world we are doing. Aiming at the wrong target can lead to confusion, exhaustion, and emptiness. Meaningful pursuit means aiming at the right target which is God: His Kingdom, His will, His presence.

**One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.** Psalm 27:4

### Having the Right Focus

You can aim at the right target but still miss it if your focus is scattered. When you pursue God above everything else, then everything else finds its rightful place. Life becomes meaningful not because circumstances change, but because your focus changes. Focus is maintained through prayer, reading God's Word, worship, and fellowship. We need to experience God in such a way that He rubs off on us. You cannot say you know God unless He has rubbed off in your history. Unless the knowledge of God has changed you, you don't know Him.

**God, you are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land. Where there is no water. So, I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your Power and Your glory.** Psalm 63:1-2

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### LESSON THREE: THE STUDY OF GOD: Life's Most Authentic Pursuit

(John 17:1-17; 2:25, Luke 5:8, Isaiah 6:5)

#### INTRODUCTION:

The study of God is not only the most meaningful pursuit in life; it is the most authentic pursuit. We mistake what an authentic life is. The pursuit of an authentic life does not mean an everlasting life, but living according to what God says about us, rather than feelings or worldly self-constructed identities, which are our successes and accomplishments. Authenticity is anchored in the Truth of God's Word, which guides us. We try to live life our way without God dictating it. Jesus' high priestly prayer in which He prays on behalf of His disciples, including you and me. Jesus lifted His eyes to heaven and spoke. **"Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee, even as Thou gavest Him authority over all mankind, that to all whom Thou hast given Him, He may give eternal life. And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent."** John 17:1-3.

#### Authentic Life

According to Jesus, an authentic life is eternal life. In this instance, Jesus is not referring to how long we are going to live, but quality of life. Eternal life means knowing God. Life can never be what it was intended to be for us unless life consists of God's life being lived out in us. In John 17:3, Jesus says the only way you will get eternal life experience in this life is in the knowledge of God. Many of us want to live our life our way. We want quality of life without a quality dictated by God. Our knowledge is too limited, ourselves too finite to live life the way it was meant to be lived apart from the knowledge of God. Eternal life, or the quality to life that God has intended for us, equals the knowledge of Him. If you want to live, don't go looking for life. Look for the knowledge of God because authentic life means knowing Him.

#### Telling the Truth

Only one standard of information clarifies what life is all about, and that standard is the Word of God. If we are going to live life authentically, we need someone who will tell us the truth. We don't do that to each other, because we don't want to offend the person, or some people like to be lied to. God calls it as He sees it. He will not make it comfortable or convenient for us. He doesn't worry about damaging the "self-esteem" you have built apart from Him. He is like a good doctor. He is going to tell you that you are sick, so you will know what treatment you need. Jesus prays, **"Sanctify them in the truth; Thy Word is Truth."** John 17:17.

#### The Real You

When God unveils who He is, the knowledge will also unveil who we are. We are then faced with the problem Peter had when he ran into Jesus Christ and found out who He was. The revelation of Jesus Christ made Peter fall on his face and say, **"I am a sinful man"** Luke 5:8. The prophet Isaiah saw the Lord and cried out **"Woe is me!"** God will give you the whole Truth. Some of it will not be pleasant. All church sermons are not designed to make you shout.

#### The Real World

The knowledge of God shows the world for what it is. Philosophers try to analyze the world. However, God tells the truth about the world. Whether it's about sex, money, and all the ingredients to life and the world. He is the greatest psychologist. He possesses complete understanding of human nature and inner thoughts, making human testimony unnecessary for Him.

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### LESSON FOUR: THE STUDY OF GOD: Life's Most Beneficial Pursuit – Dan. 11:32

#### INTRODUCTION:

The Study of God, through scriptures, is widely considered beneficial for providing purpose, wisdom, guidance, spiritual growth, and moral grounding. It helps individuals navigate life's challenges, understand themselves, strengthen their faith, and develop virtues like patience, compassion, and humility.

The Study of the Word is beneficial because reading our Bible regularly keeps us close to God. It also gives us wisdom, joy, and guidance.

Daniel says, "The people who know God even in the midst of a bad situation will know the right steps to take in confronting the **issues of life.**"

- **Confidence** The knowledge of God gives you the ability to make the correct response to the circumstances of life. The people who know their God shall be strong. They will have the confidence and ability to do the right thing. When you know God, you can be confident about your approach. The people who know God can stand firm, be confident, not to be budged, and at the right time, act. Only the knowledge of God produces that kind of confidence in the circumstances of life.  
**Dan. 3:16 - Look at the confidence of The Hebrew friends:** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had when they were thrown in the fiery furnace.
- **Security**-The knowledge God gives in Life. **Psalm 46:1-3** Tells us that God is our ultimate safe place, source of power, and ever-present help in crises- assuring believers they need not fear. God is greater than any chaos and provides steadfast security.
- **Wisdom – Prov. 9:10** The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. The Study of God through His Word, prayer, and fellowship is widely considered by believers to provide wisdom, offering a divine and spiritual perspective guidance for life, and understanding beyond human knowledge. Being Wise helps navigate challenges, make righteous decisions, and develop maturity by aligning their lives with God's principles, distinct from worldly wisdom.
- **Order – 2 Peter 1:2-3** The Apostle Peter says the true knowledge of God can give you a well-ordered life. The Divine idea of order is the idea of adjustment, and as this is established in man's thought, his mind and affairs will be at one with universal harmony. Order signifies that engaging with Divine guidance, (scripture & God's command), transforms personal and cosmic chaos into structure, purpose, and peace.
- **Spiritual Fruit – (Col. 1:9-10 and Gal. 5:22-23)** - If you allow God to work in your life, and allow Him to transform your life, He will give you spiritual development. Paul says that the knowledge of God will change the way you walk. When you know God you walk, move, act, and think differently. He will transform your life to bear Spiritual Fruit. When you bear fruit, you begin to look like Christ.

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### LESSON FIVE: THE STUDY OF GOD: Life's Most Challenging Pursuit

(Romans 11:33-36, Deuteronomy 4:29, Proverbs 2:4, Exodus, 33:13, Psalm 42:1, Matthew 5:6)

#### INTRODUCTION:

The greatest challenge in life is not external. It's not about our career, finances, relationships, or circumstances. The study of God is the most challenging pursuit in life. Pursuing God with our whole heart is the greatest challenge. In Romans 11:33-36, Paul expresses his admiration for God's wisdom and knowledge knowing that His ways and judgments are beyond human comprehension.

**Oh, the depth of the riches both wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!** Romans 11:33

#### An Eternal Challenge

The pursuit of God is eternal because God Himself is eternal. It will never end. God is never, and will never be, fully comprehensible to man, not only in time, but in eternity. Pursuing God is not a one-time decision; it's a lifelong journey. You will never learn it all, but you will continually grow as you pursue to know more about our infinite God.

**And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.** John 17:3

#### A Revealing Challenge

We can never know God exhaustively, but our pursuit to know Him intimately will transform us from the inside out. God has a passionate desire to reveal Himself to us. As you come to know God and grow in your relationship with Him, you will want to know Him even more.

**For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offering** Hosea 6:6.

#### A Priority Challenge

Knowing God is a challenge because it must be your priority. It demands first place, not your leftover time or energy. It's hard work to make it a priority, because we are easily distracted. God wants to know how serious you are. You work out because you are serious, but when it's time to spend time with God, you're too tired. You must have a desire to know God. If you are not hungry, you are starving spiritually. You must have a hunger to know God.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.** Matthew 5:6

#### The Place to Begin

If you want to get spiritually hungry, spend some time around someone who preaches and teaches God's Word faithfully. To have a hunger for God you must accept His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as your personal Savior. Once you are a Christian, your relationship is going to require time alone with God. God's word says, **Be still, and know that I am God.** Psalm 46:10. The biblical word for being still is *meditation*. So, the place to begin is to be still and reflect on who God is, what He has said, and what He has done.