



“I Do Not Know the LORD”

Exodus 5:2 - “And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.”

Who is God?

- Zeph. 3:17 - “The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”
- How many other things do I not know about Him?
- An incredible amount! We will not know God as He is until we see Him in heaven

Who is God?

- What we can do is know Him by reasoning from the scriptures
- If our view of God is not based on His own revelation, we do not know God any better than Pharaoh.
- Col. 2:1-10

Current Distortions Of God

- Rom. 1:21-23 - “Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”

Current Distortions Of God

- From human experiences
 - Unfortunately many who have experienced abuse or pain at the hands of persons in authority, including religious leaders, tend to project it onto God
 - Heb. 12:5-10

Current Distortions Of God

- Deism - a god who creates and then leaves everything on its own
- Some sort of old man who lives in a heaven remote and distant
- A capricious demon looking for opportunities to smite people
- An implacable critic contemptuous of humanity

Current Distortions Of God

- Easy to over-emphasize certain attributes
 - God's love vs. God's justice
 - God's judgment vs. God's mercy
 - God's Eternal Spiritual Being vs. God's Incarnation in Christ

Who Is God?

- God is spirit
 - John 4:24 - “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
 - We must be careful when we talk about God as spirit; not the idea of ephemeral things - smoke, wind, vapor, breeze, energy, ghosts, or even disembodied spirits
 - God has a form that is too powerful to manifest in this world; if He did, it would destroy this world

Who Is God?

- We are made in God's image
 - Gen. 1:26-27 - “Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
 - We have an eternal spirit housed in a form that can exist in this world, but cannot survive in God’s realm

Who Is God?

- God's being is greater than this world; therefore, we must view him by faith
 - 2Cor. 5:7 - "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Who Is God?

- God is in Heaven
 - 2Chron. 20:6 - “O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?”
 - Neh. 1:5 - “I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments”
 - Psalm 14:2 - “The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.”

Who Is God?

- God is in Heaven
 - Mark 16:19 - “So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.”
 - Acts 7:55 - “But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God”
 - Acts 11:9 - “But the voice answered me again from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.’”

Who Is God?

- There is no physical location that can contain God
 - 1Kings 8:27 - “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!”

Who Is God?

- In Him we live and move and have our being
 - Acts 17:26-28 - “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.”

Who Is God?

- How can God be all around us and yet in Heaven?
 - God created this universe from within His Realm and holds it in His hand
 - Psalm 95:4 - “In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also.”
 - Isa. 40:12 - “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance?”

God Is

- John insists that no man has ever seen God
 - 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.”
- But the scriptures paint a vivid portrait of Him

God Is

- God is love
 - Rom. 5:5-11; 1John 4:7-19
- God is patient
 - 2Peter 3:9
- God wants to give us all things
 - Rom. 8:32 - “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

God Is

- God is actively seeks the salvation of all men
 - 1Tim. 2:3-4 - “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”
- God is working to justify us
 - Rom. 8:33-39

God Is

- God is holy
 - Lev. 11:44 - “For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
 - 1Peter 1:16
- God is kind
 - Rom. 2:4 - “Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”

Who is God?

- Job 5:8-18