



Title: Who is God?

Text: Revelation 4:11 “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

Who is God and why does it matter who God is? Knowing God is the most important matter to consider. The opening verse (Rev. 4:11) teaches us that God created us “for [His] pleasure.” We exist to be and to do His will, and this brings Him pleasure. Consider these Bible verses:

John 17:3 “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” – This means that to know God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, is to know and have “life eternal.” Apart from knowing God there can be no spiritual life. (Cf. Jeremiah 31:34; Titus 1:16).

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Matthew 22:37 “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

Based on these Bible verses, if we do not know God: 1.) We have no purpose in life; 2.) We cannot have spiritual life or life eternal; 3.) We will not know who to love the Lord will our heart, soul, and mind. We cannot please God without knowing Him.

Some Basic Truths about God:

1. God is one. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6, 45:5; 1 Corinthians 8:4b).
2. God is spirit. (John 4:24) – God is non-material (Luke 24:39; Colossians 1:15), but He is personal (meaning He has a will, emotion, and volition), He is not a force or some “higher power.” (Genesis 6:6; Exodus 3:7, 17; 1 Kings 11:9; Romans 5:8).
3. God desires a personal relationship with man. (Genesis 5:11; 6:9; 17:1; Leviticus 26:12; 1 John 1:3 – it is possible to have perfect fellowship with the Father and the Son).
4. God is Almighty. (Genesis 17:1; 49:25). We see His power in Creation (Jeremiah 32:17; Colossians 1:16-17).
5. God knows everything. (1 Chronicles 28:9; Psalm 139:2; Isaiah 46:9-10; Acts 15:18; 1 John 3:20).
6. God is everywhere present. (Psalm 139:7-10; Jeremiah 23:24; God the Father is especially “in Heaven,” – Matthew 6:1).
7. God is eternal. (Psalm 90:2; Exodus 3:14 – “I AM” means that God is the eternal self-existing God).
8. God is holy. (Psalm 99:9; Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 1:15-16).
9. God is just. (Genesis 18:25; Psalm 11:6; 7:11; Isaiah 45:21; Romans 1:18).
10. God is love. (Ephesians 2:4; Titus 2:11; 1 John 4:8).
11. God is faithful. (Deuteronomy 7:9; Romans 2:4).
12. God is sovereign. (Psalm 93:1; 97:5; 148:13).
13. God is Triune or Trinity. (Isaiah 48:16; 1 John 5:7).
 - A. God the Father – sent the Son to be our Saviour; He is the Gift-of-Salvation Giver. (Jn. 3:16).
 - B. God the Son – He is God who was manifested in the flesh. He died on the cross, was buried, and rose again according to the Scriptures. (Jn. 4:34; 17:25).
 - C. God the Spirit – He is the one who brings life into us when we repent of sin and believe on the Lord Jesus as Saviour. (Titus 3:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2).
14. God’s names: Jehovah (“LORD”) – This is God’s most personal name (used 6,510 times). Adonai (“Lord”) means Master (Adonai appears 434 times). Elohim (“God”) (used over 2,570 times).

Conclusion: It is extremely important to know God. Without knowing Him, we miss out on the main purpose of our earthly lives, we miss out on life eternal and our spiritual life, and we cannot please Him. If we can understand these basic Biblical truths about God, we can know Him, and to know Him is life eternal. We can then understand what it means to obey and honor Him, and we can see why disobedience to Him is so bad.