

The Character and Attributes of God
Lesson 1 – Diligently Seeking God
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Introduction: Why should we seek to learn more about God?

- A. How did you come to believe in God?
 - 1. Man is made with a desire to seek and find God. (**Acts 17:27-28; Ecc 3:11**)
 - 2. It does not take much thought for man to realize his need of God.
 - 3. What does the creation proclaim? (**Rom 1:20**)
- B. Most people are introduced to God in the home.
 - 1. You can only share that which you know.
 - 2. Many have never known the one true God.
- C. Men find God by seeking Him and keep a relationship with God by continually seeking Him. (**Heb 11:6**)
 - 1. What is the difference between your knowledge of “who” a coach is and the knowledge of the quarterback on the team or of the coach’s wife?
 - 2. What happens in a relationship when one stops seeking?

I. God wants all men to know Him

- A. Consider how God introduces Himself to the world. (**Isa 40:28-31**)
 - 1. God is everlasting
 - 2. He created all things.
 - 3. He never tires or is weary. (All Powerful)
 - 4. His wisdom is infinite (All knowing)
 - 5. He wishes to help and bless those who seek His ways (Wait on the Lord)
- B. God wants His people to introduce Him to others. (**Isa 43:10-11; 44:6-8**)
 - 1. It is not uncommon to see His people reason with those that serve idols.
 - 2. Consider what the idol god’s were like. (Ex. Greek gods)
 - 3. The great signs were wrought to help others know. (**Ex 8:9-10**)
- C. Why do men not seek God? (**Rom 1:20-22**)
 - 1. They lost the ability to see and thank God for His blessings.
 - 2. Many do not want to change their will! (**Jn 3:19-21**)
 - 3. Those who run from God are empty!
- D. God’s people by design will show forth praise to God. (**Psa 51:15; 79:13**)
 - 1. Praise from the lips is natural and abundant.
 - 2. A life that reflects God’s will is a greater praise. (**Phil 1:10-11**)

Questions

- 1. Why do men naturally seek out and want to find God?
- 2. Why do some men cease seeking after and reject the thought of God in their minds?
- 3. What are some attributes of God that He wants us to tell others about?
- 4. What is the first step away from God? Why?
- 5. What is the greatest way to show others the one, true God?

II. We need a heart that is continually seeking to know more about God

A. Look carefully at the prayer of David. (Ps 63:1-8)

1. Consider the expressions: “thirsts,” “longs,” “looked,” and “meditate.”
2. True knowledge must be pursued and digested. A superficial knowledge of God is no stopping place!
3. Job considered His ordeal and going through a struggle of thinking to result in a better understanding of God! (Job 42:5-6)
4. It was in the times of suffering and uncertainty that David sought and gained a better understanding of God. (Psa 42:1-3)

B. Moses wanted more knowledge of the nature of God! (Ex 33:12-18)

1. God was pleased when Moses asked to see His glory!
2. Over and over Moses reminded the people of the nature of the true God!
(Deut 4:39; 7:9)

C. Jesus summed up His entire work with the apostles this way. (Jn 17:1-3)

1. The apostles had a great advantage in knowing God because they came to know Jesus! (Jn 14:6-9)
2. “God is a person, and in the deep of His mighty nature He thinks, wills, enjoys, feels, loves, desires and suffers as any other person may.”
3. If you were to introduce God to another person, what would you say?

D. What more can we know? Consider (Eph 3:14-21)

1. Why does Paul use terms like “width,” “breath,” and “height.”
2. How are we limited in knowing fully the love of God?
3. What is the love of God?

Questions

1. Why does meditation help us to better know God?
2. Why is it profitable to seek God during times of trial and suffering? How can suffering help us to better see God?
3. How does the term “knowing God” sum up the entire teaching process that Jesus used with His apostles?
4. Why do men constantly need to be reminded about the nature of God?
5. Why do we need to have a deep understanding of the love of God?