

Again and again polls conducted in the United States show that most people believe in God. At least, they believe in some sort of a god. Very often, though, we don't have a very clear idea of what God is like. How is he introduced in the Bible? What does the Bible say we should think about God? Walk through this brief Bible study to see.

Is there just one God?

Deuteronomy 6:4

Ephesians 4:4-6

What are some of the important ways we understand God?

How long does he last?

Psalm 90:2

Is he physical?

John 4:24

Genesis 1:1-2

Is he divided?

James 1:17

Deuteronomy 6:4

Is he powerful?

Ps. 62:11

Ps. 18:13-15

Daniel 4:35

Matthew 8:2-3

Is he wise?

Proverbs 1:7

James 1:5

James 3:13-18

1 Corinthians 1:25

Is he good?

Mark 10:17-18

Psalms 119:68

Nehemiah 9:16-21

Acts 10:34-38

Often we will picture God's sovereign power, wisdom, and goodness as a very important family. Consider what would happen if one of those attributes were missing.

The Bible presents God as the one who made everything.

Genesis 1

Exodus 20:11

John 1:1-3

Acts 4:23-24

Acts 7:49-50

The Bible also shows God as the one who preserves everything.

Nehemiah 9:6

Hebrews 1:1-3

John 5:17

Colossians 1:15-20

The God of the Bible is one God but he reveals himself to the world in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All these persons are the one true God.

Matthew 28:19

Matthew 3:16-17

John 10:37-38

1 John 5:6-8

What are some unbiblical ideas about God?

- 1) You need special secret knowledge to know God.
- 2) God the Father created the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Jesus was just a man who was inspired of God.
- 4) God the Son is only God but has no human nature.
- 5) God is one, appearing in any one of three different forms, but only existing as one person at any one time.

What is the purpose of studying God in the Bible? By knowing who God is we can know who we are and what our place is in this world. We are created beings, needing the powerful, wise, and good God to work in our lives. He has done this by sending Jesus, God the Son, truly man and truly God, to suffer for our sins and to present us holy and blameless before God. This is God's mercy in action.

Who Is God?

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