

Understanding God

It had been a very long and arduous trek through the Midian wilderness— about forty years overall, but now here he stands, amidst howling winds and thirsting sheep. An entire generation of forty years now separates him from his former princely dwelling back in Egypt, where the walls of his palatial dwelling were adorned with tooled gold and carved silver. You can be sure that the draped satins and the hanging silks are nowhere to be found in the humble tent he has called home for these past forty years.

And where are the personal attendants who once adorned this former prince with His royal garb each day? Especially that one, who with a master's touch painted the face of this young ruler, lending to his already goodly countenance the royal markings that summoned men to bow and offer obeisance whenever he passed them by.

The only lines that mark his countenance now are those which have become deeply engraved by nature's tools. His skin has become permanently sun baked and wind burned, resembling a tanners work on an old piece of hide. Is this the face of an Egyptian prince? No not at all, just a man, a wilderness wonderer, a faithful shepherd.

It took forty years, but that life changing moment had finally come. A bush on fire and yet not consumed? Without a court magician in sight, Moses decides to turn aside and to draw near. The call of God comes to Him to go and deliver his people, for the time of their word had come and their affliction would be no more.

Shaken, bewildered and barefoot on this 'Holy Ground' he clears his throat and then asks, "When I come to the children of Israel and say the God of your fathers has sent me. They shall ask, "What is His Name?" What shall I say unto them???"

The Voice of God thunders back, "**TELL THEM I AM, THAT I AM**"

This God who hurled planets and stars into existence with one word, and knows nothing of limitation whatsoever, is a God who by revelation knowledge desires to make Himself known and understood. In fact, Jesus said that possessing a true revelation of God is what the very heart of Eternal Life is really all about.

*"And this is life eternal, **THAT THEY MAY KNOW THEE THE ONLY TRUE GOD, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**" John 17:3*

Note

This Name of God was considered too sacred for the Israelites to pronounce. The substitute word was 'ADONAI' in the Hebrew, 'KURIOS' in the Greek and 'LORD' in the English. It is believed that the ancient rabbis put the vowel marks of Adonai on the original Name JaHoVaH to remind them to pronounce Adonai rather than God's actual Name.

The Bible doesn't attempt to prove the existence of God; it simply declares it! The writers of the scriptures accepted His existence as a settled fact. The opening line of the Bible simply reads, "***In the beginning GOD...***" Gen. 1:1

To believe the fact of God's existence is absolutely critical to having a proper perspective concerning life itself. There is no way that one can begin to have a personal relationship with God unless they first believe that He actually exists and as we will see, God has not left man without the witness of His own existence. The Bible teaches in Hebrews 11:6, "... for he that cometh to God ***MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS...***"

To deny God's existence is a matter of choice. As the psalmist wrote long ago, "The fool hath said in his heart, ***THERE IS NO GOD***".

1. WHO IS GOD?

God is the Supreme Being who is wise, able, and strong enough to create and maintain ALL THINGS.

"Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshipeth thee. " Nehemiah 9:6

(1) According to *Psalms 33:6*, how did God create the heavens and the earth? _____

(2) (Write out the scripture reference)

_____ *I Timothy 1:17*

2. HAS GOD PROVIDED MAN WITH A WITNESS CONFIRMING HIS EXISTENCE?

God has left man with a number of "***proofs***" concerning His own existence. On the following page let us begin to consider just 8 of them:

A. The Witness of The Cosmos (World)

The Greek word "cosmos" means world. Specifically, it's order and arrangement. The fact of the world's existence, proves that something greater than it exists. The law of "Cause and Effect" proves that there must have been a cause to bring about such an effect. Since man was not here before the world existed and is still discovering the wonders of our world, then it stands to reason that a "CREATOR" was behind it all.

(3) *"The _____ of God; and the firmament showeth his _____ . Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." Psalms 19:1-3*

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." Romans 1:20

B. The Witness of Design

The fact of DESIGN and PURPOSE are both clearly evident within the Witness of the Cosmos. Each season, every blade of grass, the raindrops and the snow flakes all perform a special purpose and exist with special design. Design within creation proves the existence of a DESIGNER. Could there exist a building without a BUILDER? A watch without a WATCHMAKER? An orderly universe without a CREATOR?

C. The Witness of Man

Man is the 'master-piece' of God's creative acts. He was made in the image of God and after His own likeness ([Gen 1:26](#)). He is far superior than any other animal species including the ape. Intelligent man is a clear witness for the existence of an intelligent God. There are billions of human beings, each bearing marks of distinction and uniqueness. This reinforces the truth that all men bear the mark of creatorship upon them. Evolutionary theories are simply man's way to avoid having to come into personal accountability with His Creator.

(4) ***(Write out scripture reference)***

_____ - Psalm 100:3

D. The Witness Of Conscience

Man was created a moral being. This simply means that he possesses an 'inner-sense' of right and wrong. The Bible calls this 'inner-sense', CONSCIENCE. Although man can break down his conscience by continuing in evil, each individual comes into this world carrying a basic sense of what is right and what is wrong. Man's conscience is an 'inner witness' that there is in existence a Supreme Law-giver and Judge.

*"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, **do by nature** the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, **their conscience** also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another." Romans 2:14-15*

(5) In [John 8:1-11](#), we read the story of the woman caught in adultery. According to verse 9, what convicted the Pharisees who were present when Jesus began to address them?

E. The Witness Of Physical Life Itself

The Greek word, 'bios' means life, thereby making 'biology' the study of life. It is a scientific fact that life can only come from pre-existing life. It cannot come from matter alone. Therefore, to trace all life back to its source one must eventually come back to God— The Supreme Life Giver. God is the ultimate life source, the originator of all life.

“For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.” Psalms 36:9

F. The Witness Of History

All of human history points to the fact of an unseen hand, guiding, governing, and controlling the destinies of nations. The Bible records prophecies predicting the rise and fall of nations and empires. The fact that these were given many years before they actually occurred is a clear indication that the Hand of God is moving all things to accomplish His will. In addition, a thorough study of historical facts will show again and again how the hand of God was behind it all.

“And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?” Daniel 4:35

“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.” Acts 17:26

“For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.” Revelation 17:17

G. The Witness Of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is a fact of History and stands as the greatest witness to the existence of God. All He was, all that He said and all that He did attests to the existence of God. It is impossible to explain the existence of Jesus Christ apart from God. His virgin birth, sinless life, death, burial and miraculous resurrection cannot be explained apart from God.

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” John 1:18

“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.” John 14:10

H. The Witness Of The Bible

As we've already discussed when we considered the **“Inspiration”** of the Bible, it is impossible for the Bible to be the mere product of human effort or invention. The miracle of 'harmony' woven throughout it's contents is a clear and infallible witness that it had to come into existence

by a higher intelligence who sovereignly guided the writers in their work. Therefore all that the Bible records concerning God, His nature and His purposes must be accepted as accurate.

3. IS IT POSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND GOD?

Because of sin, man's foolish heart became darkened and as a result Paul writes, "There is none that understandeth." (see [Romans 3:11](#)).

However, man can come to know God through **Revelation** knowledge. This is when God by His Spirit discloses who He is. In Jesus Christ, the invisible God manifested Himself at our level, touched our humanity, carried our infirmities, and borne the stain of all sins. It is only through Jesus Christ, that we may truly **KNOW GOD**, grow in our understanding of His ways and enjoy an intimate relationship with Him.

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: Ephesians 1:17"

(6) (Write out scripture reference)

_____ - [Matthew 11:27](#)

"And this is life eternal, that they might KNOW THEE the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." Philippians 3:10

4. WHAT DOES THE WORD 'GOD' MEAN?

The word 'GOD' is a title which men use to describe this supreme, infinite being. The Bible recognizes only **ONE GOD** as actually existing, but the heathen often recognizes other things and beings by this title.

*"As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, **and that there is none other God but one**. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us **there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.**" I Corinthians 8:4-6*

5. HAS GOD ALWAYS EXISTED?

YES. Before the creation of anything and before time began, God already existed. God is **ETERNAL**, which means He has neither beginning nor ending but always **IS!**

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1

(7) *“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from _____ to _____, thou art God.” Psalms 90:2*

*“Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; **I am the first**, and **I am the last**; and beside me there is no God.” Isaiah 44:6*

6. WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY GOD IS ‘INFINITE’?

This means that God is without any **LIMITATIONS WHATSOEVER**. There is no boundary (time or space) that can be placed upon His Power, Knowledge, or any of His particular attributes.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built?” I Kings 8:27

(8) *“Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is _____.” Psalms 147:5*

(9) (Write out the scripture reference)

_____ - Romans 11:33

NOTE

The premier name of God in the Old Testament is **JEHOVAH** which actually means the ‘**Self-Existent One**’. God’s existence is independent of any time, space or matter this makes Him completely infinite.

7. WHAT IS GOD’S SUBSTANCE?

“**God is Spirit**”, which means that He is a living, personal being and yet without visible form.

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” John 1:18

(10) *God is a _____: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*
John 4:24

(11) *“For the _____ from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.” Romans 1:20*

(12) (Write out the scripture reference)

- II Corinthians 3:17

8. HOW BIG IS GOD?

BIG is a relative term and is determined by the comparison of two or more objects.

Example: My house might be considered big when being compared to another house but it is extremely small when being compared to the Empire State Building in New York.

Since God is immeasurable, we must understand His **BIGNESS** in terms of Him being **INFINITE** as we discussed in question #6.

9. THE FOLLOWING ARE (14) DESCRIPTIONS THAT WILL HELP US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND GOD:

1. **ETERNAL:** Without beginning or ending -*Genesis 21:33*
2. **UNCHANGING:** Unaffected by circumstance, immutable -*Malachi 3:6*
3. **IMMORTAL:** Cannot Die -*I Timothy 1:17*
4. **OMNIPOTENT:** All Powerful -*Revelation 19:6*
5. **OMNISCIENT:** All knowing -*I John 3:20*
6. **OMNIPRESENT:** Unlimited by space, He is everywhere at once -*Jeremiah 23:24*
7. **HOLY:** Absolutely pure, sinless, hating sin -*Leviticus 19:2*
8. **JUST:** Justice & Righteousness are synonymous. Holiness is the basis of His Justice -*Deuteronomy 32:4*
9. **FAITHFUL:** Completely trustworthy, He keeps His Word -*II Timothy 2:13*
10. **BENEVOLENT:** Good, kind, having our welfare in mind -*Psalms 145:9*
11. **MERCIFUL:** Full of pity -*Exodus 34:6-7*
12. **GRACIOUS:** Showing undeserving kindness, forgiving -*Exodus 22:27*
13. **TRUE:** True Reality -*Exodus 34:6*
14. **LOVE:** The core essence of all that He is -*I John 4:8*

10. WHAT DESCRIPTION CONCERNING GOD DOES THE BIBLE REVEAL?

The Bible reveals to us the mystery that is the makeup of the **ONE** true God. There is the **FATHER**, the **SON**, and the **HOLY SPIRIT**, and these **THREE** are **ONE**.

(13) (*Write out the scripture reference*)

- I John 5:7

When Jesus came to the Jordan river to be baptized by John, the Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent God fully manifested Himself in all three operations at once.

“And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw **the Spirit** of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo **a voice from heaven**, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
Matthew 3:16-17

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” 1 Timothy 3:16

11. HOW ARE THE THREE IDENTITIES DISTINCT FROM ONE ANOTHER?

In operation and manifestation.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“But when the fullness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law, **To redeem** them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” Galatians 4:4-5

Note

In **Acts 24:14**, Paul affirmed that He worshipped the ‘**GOD OF HIS FATHERS**’ and believed all that was written in the law and the prophets. The God of His fathers was believed to be the **ONE TRUE GOD**.

Remember, the great confession (Shama) of Israel emphasized the **ONENESS OF GOD**:

“**HEAR O’ ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD.**” Deuteronomy 6:4

“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through **sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.” 1 Peter 1:2

12. HOW CAN THREE DISTINCT IDENTITIES BE ONE?

Because they are all of the same substance. The Eternal God has revealed Himself as **Father**, **Son**, and **Holy Spirit**.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1

(14)

_____ - Deuteronomy 6:4

13. WHAT IS THE MAIN REASON THAT PEOPLE MISUNDERSTAND THE GODHEAD?

Most people don't understand that the God of the Bible is both **VISIBLE** and **INVISIBLE**. With the visible manifestation of His being we are well acquainted, the Lord Jesus Christ is the visible Word or expression of God. However, there are two **INVISIBLE** expressions, even the **Father** and the blessed **Holy Spirit**.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God... And the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:1,14*

*"**That which was from the beginning**, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life..." I John 1:1*

*"**For the life was manifested**, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, **and was manifested unto us...**" I John 1:2*

*"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly **our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**" I John 1:3*

(15)

-Colossians 2:9

14. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT CAN ILLUSTRATE THIS TRUTH?

Yes, man himself. While man is positively **body, soul** and **spirit**, it is the **BODY** alone that is visible. The soul and spirit are invisible, nonetheless they are real and necessary to the revelation of the complete man.

* **One man is made up of (3) indivisible expressions.**

15. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORD TRINITY?

The word '**Trinity**' is not in the Bible, it is an invented term that was established in **325 A.D.** (The Council of Nicea) and again in **381 A.D.** (The Council of Constantinople). The Former Council was called by Emperor Constantine to debate the teachings of Arius (A Leader of Alexandria), because through his teachings the Deity of Jesus Christ was under attack. It was at this Council where Arius and his doctrine was rightly condemned, and the term **TRINITY** was introduced. Later in **381 A.D.** the term was clearly defined and established including the Holy Spirit's place.

The Doctrine of the TRINITY states:

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three distinct **PERSONS** of the same substance, being co-eternal and co-equal. Each is God and yet there is only **ONE GOD**.

The Roman Catholic Church, declared this to be a 'MYSTERY' that must be accepted by faith.

The **Athanasian Creed** was established and went on to say, the Catholic faith is this... "... we worship God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity....**HE THEREFORE THAT WILL BE SAVED MUST THINK ON THE TRINITY**"

The wording of this invented term has been the cause for more hurt and division within the church, perhaps even more than we may care to admit.

The real Biblical criteria concerning salvation, IS and ALWAYS WAS whether one believes in the full DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: I John 4:2

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. I John 2:22

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. I John 2:23

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. II John 1:9

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed: II John 1:10

That IF THOU SHALT CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED. Romans 10:9

16. WHAT WORD FROM THE BIBLE CAN BE USED TO ILLUSTRATE GOD'S EXPRESSION?

While the word 'Trinity' is not in the Bible, the word 'THREE' is. There is no revelation of the Godhead throughout the entire Bible which does not carry the seal and impress of THREE.

(16) _____
_____ - I John 5:7

17. ARE THERE THREE GODS OR ONE GOD?

There is but ONE God and He is THREE-fold in expression.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" Matthew 28:19

(17) *“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same _____. And there are differences of administrations, but the same _____. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same _____ which worketh all in all.” I Corinthians 12:4-6*

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.” II Corinthians 13:14

“For there is ONE GOD, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” I Timothy 2:5

18. SOME IMPORTANT THOUGHTS ON THE ‘FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD’.

The Godhead is **THREE** in manifestation and operation, but definitely **ONE** in **essence, purpose, power** and **glory**. It is important to note that the entities which comprise the Godhead have certain distinctive attributes which **NEVER CHANGE**, yet **‘THESE THREE ARE ONE’**.

(18) _____
_____ - I John 5:7

NOTE

In **Acts 24:14**, Paul affirmed that He worshipped the **‘God of his fathers’** and believed all that was written in the Law and the Prophets. The God of his fathers was believed to be the **ONE TRUE GOD**.

The great confession (Shema) of Israel emphasized the **ONENESS OF GOD**.

“HEAR O’ ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD.”

(A) THE FATHER: The Originator, the Source, the Controller, the Planner, the Great Architect of the Universe. Dwelling in Glory and Light which is Physically unapproachable, the Father exists as the Absolute, the Self Existing, the Unapproachable One, the great uncaused Cause of all things.

-For 2,000 years, from Adam to Abraham, the personality of the Father dominates the scene of Redemptive operations.

(B) THE SON: The incarnate eternal Word, the living flesh and bone manifestation of Divinity to humanity. His personality is seen typically in the sacrificial BLOOD dispensation,

-From Abraham to the Cross, 2000 years. Revealed as a Lamb to take away sin.

(C) THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Inspiration, the Quickening Power of the Church. The Invisible Presence of God that acts as teacher, guide and comforter. God's anointing power and sanctifying INFLUENCE. The Revelator of the things of Christ.

-He is revealed as the empowering and sanctifying presence in this present Church age of 2,000 years.

Each expression of the ONE TRUE GOD share the same attributes:

A. The Scriptures Recognize THREE in CREATION

1. The Father (**Exodus 20:11**)
2. The Son (**Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:3**)
3. The Holy Spirit (**Genesis. 1:2; Job 33:4; Ps. 104:30**)

B. The Scriptures Recognize THREE Being ETERNAL

1. The Father (**Deut. 33:27; Psalm 90:2**)
2. The Son (**Micah 5:2; John 1:1**)
3. The Holy Spirit (**Hebrews 9:14**)

C. The Scriptures Recognize THREE Being OMNIPOTENT

1. The Father (**Matthew 19:26**)
2. The Son (**Matthew 28:18; Phil. 3:21**)
3. The Holy Spirit (**I Corinthians 12:8-11**)

D. The Scriptures Recognize THREE Being OMNISCIENT

1. The Father (**Proverbs 15:3; I John 3:20**)
2. The Son (**John 21:17**)
3. The Holy Spirit (**I Corinthians 2:10**)

E. The Scriptures Recognize THREE Being OMNIPRESENT

1. The Father (**Jeremiah 23: 23-24**)
2. The Son (**Ephesians 1:23; Matt. 18:20**)
3. The Holy Spirit (**Hebrews 9:14**)

(19) ***Jesus was raised from the dead one time but according to the following scriptures who raised Him from the dead?***

Acts 3:15: _____

John 2:19: _____

Romans 8:11: _____

19. ARE THERE ANY OTHER ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE BIBLE THAT DEPICT THE FULLNESS OF GOD?

Yes. The Bible abounds with types and illustrations depicting the fullness of God revealed by THREE.

Consider just (5) of the following:

1. **Noah's Ark (Genesis 6:14-22)**

God gave specific instructions for Noah to build an Ark. He was warned of the imminent judgment and the Ark was his means of salvation. Notice how the ONE ARK that was threefold in design supplied salvation to Noah and to his family.

- A. **First Story:** The Father (Foundation; Beginning)
- B. **Second Story:** The Son (The Door; The Way)
- C. **Third Story:** The Holy Spirit (The Window; The Illuminator)

2. **The Tabernacle (Exodus 25-40)**

The Tabernacle itself bears constant witness to the ONE GOD being manifested in Three.

- A. **Outer Court:** The Son (The Place of The Blood Sacrifice)
- B. **Holy Place:** The Holy Spirit (The Lamp stand; Illumination)
- C. **Most Holy Place:** The Father (The Father of Glory)

3. **The Contents of The Ark (Hebrews 9:4)**

Beneath the blood-stained Mercy Seat of the Ark were THREE articles. All of which testify of the Fullness Of God

- A. **The Tables of the Law:** The Father God
- B. **The Golden Pot of Manna:** The Son (Bread of Life)
- C. **Aaron's Rod That Budded:** The Holy Spirit (Life giver; Fruitfulness)

4. **The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Exodus 3:14-16)**

The ONE true God is identified with these THREE patriarchs. These three provide a complete picture of the God who called them.

- A. **Abraham:** The Father God (The Promise and Covenant)
- B. **Isaac:** The Son (The Only Begotten Offered in Sacrifice)
- C. **Jacob:** The Holy Spirit (The One Who Anointed the Rock; *Gen. 28:18*)

5. **The Three Feasts of The Lord (Leviticus 23)**

The THREE main feasts of the Lord were celebrated by Israel. They too represent the fullness of God in redemptive operations.

- A. **Passover:** The Son (*The Lamb; Ex. 12; I Cor. 5:7*)
- B. **Pentecost:** The Holy Spirit (The Word written upon our hearts; *II Cor. 3:3*)
- C. **Tabernacles:** The Father (Fullness, Completeness of Redemption; *Matt. 5:48*)

20. HAS MAN EVER SEEN GOD?

No man has ever physically seen God but He has revealed Himself to man in various forms.

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” John 1:18

- A. **The Rock in Horeb:** *Exodus 17:6; I Corinthians 10:4*
- B. **The Pillar Of Fire:** *Exodus 13:21-22*
- C. **The Cloud:** *Exodus 13:21-22*
- D. **The Angel Of The Lord:** *Genesis 16:7-11; Exodus 3:2-4*
- E. **Above all others, in the flesh as Jesus Christ:** *I Timothy 3:16; John 1:1,14*

20. WHO WAS THE FIRST MAN TO RECEIVE A REVELATION OF GOD’S NAME?

Moses, as recorded in Exodus chapter 3.

“And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?” Exodus 3:13

(20) *“And God said unto Moses, _____: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.” Exodus 3:14*

21. HOW WAS GOD KNOWN BEFORE MOSES’ TIME?

Apparently He was primarily known as ‘**The True God**’ or ‘**God Almighty**’

*“And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, **by the name of God Almighty**, but by my name JEHOVAH (Yahweh) was I not known to them.” Exodus 6:3*

22. WHAT WAS THE NAME THAT GOD GAVE TO MOSES?

The Hebrew word is composed of four letters ‘JHVH’, so it is called the ‘**Tetragrammaton**’ (the four lettered name).

23. WHAT DOES THIS FOUR-LETTERED HEBREW NAME MEAN?

The Tetragrammaton means ‘**I AM**’, just as it appears in your Bible.

24. HOW MANY TIMES DOES THIS NAME APPEAR IN THE HEBREW BIBLE?

This is the most frequently used Name of God in the Scriptures. It appears more than **2,000** times in the Hebrew Old Testament.

“Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.” Psalms 68:4

25. IS THIS WHY THE NAME OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IS LORD?

Yes and here are a few examples:

- A. *“The Lord is a man of war, the **LORD** is His name.” Exodus 15:3*
- B. *“I am the **LORD**: that is my name...” Isaiah 42:8*
- C. *“Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the **LORD** that formed it; to establish it; the **LORD** is His name.” Jeremiah 33:2*
- D. *“...and they shall all know that my name is the **LORD**.” Jeremiah 16:21*
*“...the **LORD** is His name.” Amos 9:6*

(22) He declared I AM:

- A. _____: *John 6:35*
- B. _____: *John 8:12*
- C. _____: *John 10:7*
- D. _____: *John 10:11*
- E. _____: *John 11:25*
- F. _____: *John 14:6*
- G. _____: *John 15:1*
- H. _____: *Revelation 1:8*
- D. _____: *John 10:11*
- E. _____: *John 11:25*
- F. _____: *John 14:6*

(21) In John 8:59, many of the Jews wanted to stone Jesus. Why?

26. NOTICE HOW JESUS DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS THE GREAT ‘I AM’.

It was this claim of deity that sent Jesus to the Cross. He fearlessly employed, ‘**I AM**’ (**ego eimi**, the Greek emphatic usage) in describing Himself.

G. _____: *John 15:1*

H. _____: *Revelation 1:8*

27. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE MIGHTY GOD FOR OUR DAY?

THE LORD	JESUS	CHRIST
FATHER	SON	HOLY SPIRIT

*“And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which **worshipped God**, heard us: whose heart **THE LORD** opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. Acts 16:14*

*“And they said, Believe on the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:31*

(23) **Paul’s Conversion:**

“And he (Saul of Tarsus) said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, _____ whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. Acts 9:5

Note

Keep in mind that Saul of Tarsus was a “**Hebrew of Hebrews**”, a Pharisee at the time of his conversion. Speaking in the Hebrew tongue, he actually asked, **Who art thou, JAH?**

And JAH, answered... I AM JESUS!

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

In the Bible, names are very important, especially, when used to describe places, people and even God Himself. Through the use and the meaning of names a door of revelation and understanding is opened to us.

The Names of God fall into two categories. First there are those names associated with who He is in respect to His creation. These names begin with the name “**EL**” which signifies to be “Strong, Powerful and Mighty”. The second category are the “**JEHOVAH**” names of God or His covenant names. These names are associated with who He is in relation to His people.

Let’s consider 10 names in each category:

A. The “EL” Names of God

1. **EL** (singular): “*strength, power and might.*” (*Gen. 14:18-22; Is. 7:14; 9:6-9; Job 33:4; 37:10*)

2. **Elohim** (plurality) - The full expression of the Godhead in power. Used about 2500 times in the Old Testament. The first name of God mentioned in the Bible ([Genesis 1:1](#)). Also used of the fullness of the Godhead that would be contained in the Son ([Psalm 45:2,6](#)).

3. **EI-Elyon:** “The God Most High” ([Genesis 14:18](#))
4. **EI-Roi:** “The God that sees” (Omniscience) ([Genesis 16:13-14](#))
5. **EI-Shaddai:** “The God who is all sufficient” ([Genesis 17:1](#))
6. **EI-Olam:** “The God who is everlasting” ([Genesis 21:33](#))
7. **EI-Beth-EI:** “The God of the house of God” ([Genesis 31:13; 35:7](#))
8. **EI-Elohe-Israel:** “The God, the God of Israel” ([Genesis 33:20](#))
9. **EI-oah:** “The God who is one” ([Deuteronomy 32:15; Daniel.2:11](#))
10. **Elohim-Saboath:** “The God of hosts” ([Psalm 80:7, 14](#))

B. The “JEHOVAH” Covenant Names of God

1. **Jehovah-Jireh:** “The Lord’s Provision Will Be Seen” ([Genesis 22:14](#))
2. **Jehovah-Rapha:** “The Lord That Heals” ([Exodus 15:26](#))
3. **Jehovah-Nissi:** “The Lord My Banner (Victory)” ([Exodus 17:15](#))
4. **Jehovah-M’Kaddesh:** “The Lord Who Sanctifies” ([Exodus 31:13](#))
5. **Jehovah-Shalom:** “The Lord Our Peace” ([Judges 6:24](#))
6. **Jehovah-Shaphat:** “The Lord Is Judge” ([Judges 11:27](#))
7. **Jehovah-Sabaoth:** “The Lord of Hosts” ([I Samuel 1:3; Psalm. 24:10](#))
8. **Jehovah-Raah:** “The Lord My Shepherd” ([Psalm 23:1](#))
9. **Jehovah-Tsidkenu:** “The Lord our Righteousness” ([Jeremiah 23:6](#))
10. **Jehovah-Shammah:** “The Lord is There” ([Ezekiel 48:35](#))

**** Each of these compound redemptive names shows how God meets all the needs of His people. All of these are revealed together in the Ultimate New Covenant Name... THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!!**

65 QUESTIONS ON THE GODHEAD WITH BIBLE ANSWERS

1. Is the word Godhead in the Bible? Yes. [Acts 17:29; Romans 1:20; Col. 2:9](#)
2. Is the word Trinity in the Bible? No.
3. Does the Bible say that there are three persons in the Godhead? No.
4. Does the Bible speak of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? Yes.
5. Do these titles as used in [Matthew 28:19](#) mean that there are three separate and distinct persons in the God head? No, they refer to or describe three offices, roles, or relationship to humanity.

6. Does the Bible use the word three in reference to God? Only one verse in the entire Bible does so- [I John 5:7](#). It speaks of the Father, the Word (instead of Son), and the Holy Ghost, and it concludes by saying, "These three are one."
7. Does the Bible use the word one in reference to God? Yes, many times. For example, see [Zechariah 14:9](#); [Malachi 2:10](#); [Matthew 23:9](#); [Mark 12:29, 32](#); [John 8:41; 10:30](#); [Romans 3:30](#); [I Corinthians 8:4](#); [Galatians 3:20](#); [I Timothy 2:5](#); [James 2:19](#).
8. Can the mystery of the Godhead be understood? Yes. [Romans 1:20](#); [Colossians 2:9](#); [I Timothy 3:16](#).
9. Has the Christian only one Heavenly Father? Yes. [Matthew 23:9](#).
10. Then why did Jesus say to Philip, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" ([John 14:39](#))? Because Jesus is the express image of God's person. [Hebrews 1:3](#). The Greek word for erson in this verse literally means "substance."
11. Does the Bible say that there are two persons in the Godhead? No.
12. Does the Bible say that all the Godhead is revealed in one person? Yes, in Jesus Christ. [II Corinthians 4:4](#); [Colossians 1:19; 2:9](#); [Hebrews 1:3](#).
13. Is the mystery of the Deity hidden from some people? Yes. [Luke 10:21-22](#).
14. Who is the Father? The Father is the one God, particularly as revealed in parental relationship to humanity. [Deuteronomy 32:6](#); [Malachi 2:10](#).
15. Where was God the Father while Jesus was on earth? The Father was in Christ. [John 14:10](#); [II Corinthians 5:19](#). He was also in heaven, for God is omnipresent.
16. Did the prophet Isaiah say that Jesus would be the Father? Yes. [Isaiah 9:6](#); [63:16](#).
17. When God said, "Let us make man in our image" ([Genesis 1:26](#)), was He speaking to another person in the Godhead? No. [Isaiah 44:24](#); [Malachi 2:10](#).
18. How many of God's qualities were in Christ? All. [Colossians 2:9](#).
19. How may we see the God who sent Jesus into the world? By seeing Jesus. [John 12:44-45](#); [14:9](#).
20. Does the Bible say that Jesus is the Almighty? Yes. [Revelation 1:8](#)
21. Whom do some designate as the first person in the trinity? God the Father.
22. Whom do some designate as the last person in the trinity? The Holy Ghost. But Jesus said that He was the first and last. [Revelation 1:17-18](#)
23. How many persons did John see sitting on the throne in heaven? One. [Revelation 4:2](#).
24. If Jesus is the first and the last, why did God say in [Isaiah 44:6](#) that He was the first and the last? Because Jesus is the God of the Old Testament incarnate.
25. Did Jesus tell Satan that God alone should be worshipped? Yes. [Matthew 4:10](#)
26. Does the devil believe in more than one God? No. [James 2:19](#).
27. Does the Bible say that God, who is the Word, was made flesh? Yes [John 1:1, 14](#).
28. For what purpose was God manifested in the flesh? To save sinners. [Hebrews 2:9,14](#).

29. Was Jesus God manifested in the flesh? Yes. [1 Timothy 3:16](#).
30. Could Jesus have been on earth and in heaven at the same time? Yes. [John 3:13](#).
31. Does the Bible say that there is but one Lord? Yes. [Isaiah 45:18](#); [Ephesians 4:5](#).
32. Does the Bible say that Jesus Christ is the Lord? Yes. [Luke 2:11](#); [1 Cor. 12:3](#).
33. Does the Bible say that the Spirit is Lord? Yes. [II Cor. 3:17](#).
34. Does the Bible say that the Lord is God? Yes. [1 Kings 18:39](#); [Zechariah 14:5](#); [Acts 2:39](#); [Revelation 19:1](#).
35. How could the church belong to Jesus ([Matthew 16:18](#)) and yet be the church of God ([1 Corinthians 10:32](#))? Because Jesus is God in the flesh.
36. Will God give His glory to another? No. [Isaiah 42:8](#).
37. Does the Bible say that God raised Jesus from the dead? Yes. [Acts 2:32](#); [4:10](#); [10:40](#); [13:30, 37](#)
38. Does the Bible say that Jesus raised himself from the dead? Yes. [John 2:19-21](#); [10:18](#)
39. Does the Bible say that the Spirit raised Jesus from the dead? Yes. [Romans 8:11](#)
40. Was there a God formed before Jehovah, or will there be one formed after? No. [Isaiah 43:10](#).
41. What is one thing that God does not know? Another God. [Isaiah 44:8](#).
42. What is one thing that God Cannot do? Lie. [Titus 1:2](#).
43. How many Gods should we know? Only one. [Hosea 13:4](#).
44. How many names has the Lord? One. [Zechariah 14:9](#).
45. Is it good to think upon the name of the Lord? Yes. [Malachi 3:16](#).
46. Does the Bible say that God alone treads upon the waves of the sea? Yes. [Job 9:8](#)
47. Why, then, was Jesus able to walk upon the Sea of Galilee ([Matthew 14:25](#))? Because He is God the Creator. [Colossians 1:16](#).
48. Is God the only one who can forgive sin? Yes. [Isaiah 43:25](#); [Mark 2:7](#).
49. Why, then, could Jesus forgive sin in [Mark 2:5-11](#)? Because He is God the Savior.
50. Is Jesus the true God? Yes. [1 John 5:20](#).
51. If God and the Holy Ghost are two separate persons, which was the Father of Christ? [Matthew 1:20](#) says that the Holy Ghost was the Father, while [Romans 15:6](#), [II Corinthians 11:31](#), and [Ephesians 1:3](#) say that God was the Father. There is no contradiction when we realize that God the Father and the Holy Ghost are one and the same Spirit. [Matthew 10:20](#); [Ephesians 4:4](#); [1 Corinthians 3:16](#).
52. When Paul asked the Lord who He was, what was the answer? "I am Jesus." [Acts 9:5](#).
53. When Stephen was dying, did he call God Jesus? Yes. [Acts 7:59](#).
54. Did Thomas ever call Jesus God? Yes. [John 20:28](#).

55. How could Jesus be the Savior, when God the Father said in [Isaiah 43:11](#), "Beside me there is no Savior?" Because "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." [II Corinthians 5:19](#).
56. Does the Bible say that Jesus was God with us? Yes. [Matthew 1:23](#).
57. Did Jesus ever say, "I and my Father are one?" Yes. [John 10:30](#).
58. Can it be proved scripturally that Jesus and the Father are one in the same sense that husband and wife are one? No. The Godhead was never compared to the relationship of a husband and wife. Jesus identified Himself with the Father in a way that husband and wife cannot be identified with each other. [John 14:9-11](#).
59. Does the Bible say that there is only one wise God? Yes. [Jude 25](#).
60. Does the Bible call the Holy Ghost a second or third person in the Godhead? No. The Holy Ghost is the one Spirit of God, the one God Himself at work in our lives. [John 4:24](#); [I Corinthians 3:16-17](#); [6:19](#); [12:13](#).
61. Can Trinitarians show that three divine persons were present when Jesus was baptized by John? Absolutely not. The one, omnipresent God used three simultaneous manifestations. Only one divine person was present--Jesus Christ the Lord.
62. Then what were the other two of whom Trinitarians speak? One was a voice from heaven; the other was the Spirit of God in the form of a dove. [Matthew 3:16-17](#).
63. What did the voice say at Jesus' baptism? "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." [Mark 1:11](#). As the Son of God, Jesus was the one God incarnate. [I Timothy 3:16](#)
64. Does the Bible say that God shed His blood and that God laid down His life for us? Yes. [Acts 20:28](#); [I John 3:16](#). God was able to do this because He had taken upon Himself a human body.
65. The Bible says that God is coming back with all his saints ([Zechariah 14:5](#)) and also that Jesus is coming back with all his saints ([I Thessalonians 3:13](#)). Are two coming back? No. Only one is coming back--our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. [Titus 2:13](#).

TRUTH IN REVIEW

JEHOVAH	I AM	LORD JESUS CHRIST
THREE	THE WORD	MANIFEST
SPIRIT	FATHER	KNOW
MOSES	LORD	CONSCIENCE
REVELATION	POWERFUL	FEASTS
DESIGN	KNOWING	
INFINITE	ETERNAL	

1. There are _____ that bear record in heaven the _____, the WORD and the SPIRIT
2. In [John 17:3](#), Jesus said that Eternal Life is to _____ God
3. OMNISCIENT means ALL _____
4. God appeared to _____ out of the burning bush
5. The fact that the creation is 'WELL ORDERED' is the witness of _____
6. God is without bounds or limitations. This makes Him _____
7. According to [1 Tim. 3:16](#), God was _____ in the flesh
8. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, _____"
9. We can only know God by _____
10. OMNIPOTENT means all _____
11. God has neither beginning or end. This makes Him _____
12. You must confess that Jesus is _____ to be saved
13. God revealed Himself as _____ to Moses
14. God is invisible because He is _____
15. Jesus is _____ made flesh
16. For the past 2000 years, the _____ is the name that reveals God in His fullness.
17. Man's inner sense of what is right and wrong is an internal witness of God's existence. This is called his _____
18. The _____ of The Lord represent The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

Memorize: [John 4:24](#); [Colossians 2:9](#)