



~ Lesson #6 ~

God Lives And Loves

There was a time when nearly all those living in Christian countries believed in God. An atheist was the exception. Times are changing. Men's concepts of God are changing. Many today think it a mark of scholarship to deny the existence of God. A great political system attempts to remove the very knowledge of God from men's minds to advance its own concepts. Even some who profess Christianity claim that "God is dead."

Can we know that there is a supreme, intelligent Being whom we call God? It is in the Bible that God has most fully revealed Himself. Let us look at three Bible texts as we begin our study.

1. "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature, namely, His eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made." [Romans 1:19](#). *Revised Standard Version*. This text states that the natural world plainly testifies to the existence and creative power of God.

2. "Upholding all things by the word of His power." [Hebrews 1:3](#). This second text affirms that God, through Jesus Christ His Son, upholds or maintains all created things. For example, it is God who keeps all the heavenly bodies moving in their appointed orbits.

3. “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being.” [Acts 17:28](#). The third great Bible truth on this subject informs us that all life is sustained by God. There must be a source for life, and God is that ultimate source.

THE BIBLE SAYS

1. What positive statement does the Bible make about the existence of God? [Daniel 2:28](#)

The Bible Says: _____

2. What fundamental declaration is made by the Ruler of the universe? [Isaiah 45:5, 6](#). See also [Deuteronomy 4:39](#)

The Bible Says: _____

3. Upon what does God base His claim to our worship and allegiance? [Isaiah 45:18](#)

The Bible Says: _____

4. As We look up into the wonderful starry heavens, what do they declare? [Psalm 19:1-3](#)

The Bible Says: _____

Note: The countless millions of gigantic suns and planets orbiting space in orderly precision all testify to the presence of a mighty Creator, who also guides these heavenly bodies in their courses. Inanimate material substances have no intelligence to create and observe the laws of nature.

5. What evidences of the guidance of a divine being are seen in the animal

kingdom?

(a)[Psalm 139:14](#); (b)[Job 39:13](#); (c)[Deuteronomy 32:11, 12](#); (d)[Jeremiah 8:7](#)

The Bible Says:

(A) _____

(B) _____

(C) _____

(D) _____

6. In what language does Job assure us that it is God who guides the instinctive behavior of birds and animals? [Job 12:7-10](#)

The Bible Says: _____

Note: The marvelous behavior of certain birds and animals clearly shows that they are guided by a divine intelligence. The activities of the beavers, the miraculous flight of migratory birds over thousands of miles of land and uncharted seas, the ingenious work of bees and ants, are but a few examples of this guidance.

7. In addition to the power of creation, what other supernatural gift does God claim to possess? [Isaiah 46:9, 10](#)

The Bible Says: _____

Note: Through the prophetic gift God has predicted the course of world empires, the destiny of nations and cities, many events in the earthly life of Jesus, and numerous events and trends of these last days. Only God could predict so accurately events hundreds and thousands of years before they occurred.

8. How does the Psalmist describe the eternal nature of God? [Psalm 90:2](#)

The Bible Says: _____

9. In what language does the Bible tell us that God is everywhere present? Psalm 139:7-12

The Bible Says: _____

10. How did God describe His self-existent nature? Exodus 3:14

The Bible Says: _____

Note: In Hebrew, as in English, this phrase “I AM” is a form of the verb “to be” and implies that its possessor is the eternal, self-existing One.

11. God is all powerful. “Almighty” is the word used in the Bible. Is there anything beyond His capacity? Mark 10:27

The Bible Says: _____

12. How does the Bible indicate that, in form, man resembles his Maker? Genesis 1:26; Exodus 33:20-23

The Bible Says: _____

13. Due to our human limitations, what is it not possible for us to know about God? Job 11:7; Isaiah 40:28

The Bible Says: _____

Note: No more can an ant fully know and understand man and his ways than can man know and fully understand all there is to know about God and His infinite wisdom, knowledge and power.

14. How did God describe His loving and merciful character to Moses? Exodus 34:5-7

The Bible Says: _____

15. To forever remove the misconception in human minds regarding God's true nature, how did the apostle John describe God? I John 4:8

The Bible Says: _____

16. What supreme evidence has God given us of His love? John 3:16

The Bible Says: _____

The great God of the universe is our loving heavenly Father. ““God is love” is written upon every opening bud, upon every spire of springing grass. The lovely birds making the air vocal with their happy songs, the delicately tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air, testify to the care of our God, and to His desire to make His children happy.” —*Steps to Christ*, page 10.

When Philip said to Jesus, “Show us the Father,” Jesus answered, “He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.” Jesus came not only to die for us, but to reveal God to us. He went about doing good, healing the sick, comforting the sorrowing, feeding the hungry, and forgiving penitents their sins. This was His character, and He and the Father are One, for Jesus was God “manifest in the flesh.”

The cross of Christ is the fullest revelation of God’s love, for “God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.”

Like the father in the parable of the prodigal son, our heavenly Father opens wide His loving arms to each of us, His wayward children, and invites us to come to Him. The most wonderful thing you can do is to accept His invitation and come to know Him for yourself, for Jesus said, “This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom

Thou hast sent.” If this study has created a desire in your heart to know God and serve Him better, we suggest you check the two statements below.

I desire to become better acquainted with my heavenly Father.

I want to respond to His love by being His obedient son or daughter.

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