

God: As He Wants You to Know Him – Study Guide

Week 1 (Sections 1-2, Chapters 1-3)

Day 1 – Read Chapter 1 and respond to the following questions:

- Why and how does the pursuit of knowing God lead to:
 - A right view of self?
 - A life of purpose?
 - A life that knows direction?
 - Contentment?
 - Security?

- Would you be willing to pray in faith the prayer at the end of this chapter? If so, make a record of this prayer to God and expect Him to answer it.

Day 2 - Read Chapter 2 and respond to the following questions:

- What is the central theme of Scripture, and what is the primary scheme of Satan?
- What is the result of living independent of God?
- Explain from Scripture the purpose of creation and redemption.
- Explain the relationship of comprehending God to knowing God.

Day 3 – Read Chapter 3 and respond to the following questions:

- What are some of the ways that God has been revealed in Scripture as a personal God?
- Explain the difference in knowing a truth and personalizing the same truth. Give an example of a truth that you are currently personalizing.
- In what way were the believers in Galatia treating God impersonally? Ask God in what way you are treating God impersonally and record your insights.

Day 4 – Read Chapter 3 and respond to the following questions:

- What are both the responsibility and the privilege of having a friendship with God?
- What are five things that God's Spirit desires to lead you into?
- Read the closing illustration of this chapter and ask God to lead you to a verse that you can attach your name to today.

Week 2 (Section 2; Chapters 4-6)

Day 1 – Read chapter 4 and respond to the following questions:

- How can one get to know a God who is invisible?

- What is a Theophany?

- What are the significance of the following:
 - Eyes of God

 - Hands of God and arms of God

 - Ears of God

 - Mouth of God

 - Smoke from His nostrils

- What is the blessing of God being a spirit being?

Day 2 –Read Chapters 4 and 5 and respond to the following questions:

- Why does God seek worshippers?

- What does it mean to worship in spirit?

- What does it mean to worship in truth?
- How does the truth of God's immutability testify to His perfection?
- As you meditate on the truth that God's immutability relates to all His attributes, write out your personal praise for His unchanging love and faithfulness to you in a present trial.

Day 3 – Read Chapters 5 and 6 and respond to the following questions:

- How does the fact of God changing His mind relate to God's immutability in Jonah 3:10 and Jeremiah 18:7-10?
- How does the focus of God's immutability build security in our lives and transform us?
- How does the truth of Ecclesiastes 3:11 result in pain for one not living for God, and how do people cope with this pain?
- What are the five things in Scripture that are incorruptible or imperishable? How do they furnish the framework for a biblical philosophy of life?
- Write down the four truths that Jesus taught his followers about living for eternity. Ask God to convince your heart of these truths.
- How does our relationship with our eternal God give us a perspective of who we are?

Day 4 – Read Chapter 6 and respond to the following questions:

- How does our relationship with our eternal God give us a perspective on time?
 - Would you pray the prayer of Psalm 90:12 and write down how many days you have left if you lived to age 70? Remember to thank God for the gift of each day.

 - B. For what are you waiting on God at this present time? Can you by faith thank Him for His perfect timing as you wait?

- Think of a present trial in your life:
 - Ask someone to pray that you would be able to see it from God's point of view.

 - Write down how you are currently benefitting or can benefit in the future from this trial.

- How is heaven described in Revelation 7:15-17?

- What can you anticipate experiencing for all eternity?

Week 3 (Section 3, Chapters 7-9)

Day 1 – Read Chapter 7 and respond to the following questions:

- What are some of the specifics of God’s omniscience?

- Write down how the truth of God’s omniscience gives you a sense of awe.

- Write down specific ways that God’s omniscience brings comfort into your life.

- Write down how the truth of God’s omniscience is a challenge to your life.

Day 2 – Read Chapter 8 and respond to the following questions:

- Why is God’s wisdom called unsearchable?

- Do you accept God’s wise design for your life? Would you use the magic wand described in this chapter?

- How is God’s wisdom displayed:
 - In Christ?

 - In His sovereign plan?

- Briefly explain each of the three definitions of God’s wisdom.

- Ask God if you believe the truth of Proverbs 8:11. Write down where you are in regard to digesting the truth of this verse.

Day 3 – Read Chapter 8 and respond to the following questions:

- Look at the chart of the contrast between the world’s wisdom and God’s wisdom. What results from living by the world’s wisdom?
- With what three things will God’s wisdom always be in harmony?
- Pray through each of the ways to seek God’s wisdom. List all of these that you are currently using.

Day 4 – Read Chapter 9 and respond to the following questions:

- Write down the four ways that Scripture speaks of God’s presence.
- Write down what you think are the three most encouraging truths about the goodness of God’s presence.
- Explain in a personalized way the results of cultivating a conscience enjoyment of God’s presence.
- What is the greatest compliment an unbeliever can give a local church?

Week 4 (Section 3, Chapters 9-10)

Day 1 – Read Chapter 9 and respond to the following questions:

- Define double-mindedness. Pray through the examples of double-mindedness that are given and write down the one that you struggle with the most.
- Define a pure heart and write down three examples of it from Scripture. Are you willing to pray Psalm 86:11?
- Define walking in the light. Are you currently walking in the light?

Day 2 – Read Chapter 9 and respond to the following questions:

- Experience the discipline of silence for ten minutes. Write about your experience.
- Pray through your day tomorrow with the view of God being with you. At the end of the day review your experience and be alert to reminders of God's presence.
- Define the "dark night of the soul."
- Write down your prayerful response to Tozer's concluding quote.

Day 3 – Read Chapter 10 and respond to the following questions:

- Write down your thoughts of praise as you meditate on these verses:
 - Genesis 17:1

- Genesis 18:14
 - Job 42:2
 - Jeremiah 32:17
 - Matthew 19:26
 - Matthew 28:18
 - Luke 1:37
 - 2 Corinthians 6:18
 - Revelation 19:6
- Write down your thoughts of praise after meditating on the things that God cannot do.

 - Write down your response of worship to the display of God's power:
 - In Creation (Psalm 33:6,9; Revelation 4:11)
 - In Providence (Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3)
 - His Plan of Salvation (Ephesians 1:19-23)
 - His Judgment (Psalm 66:3; Philippians 2:10-11, Revelation 19:1)

Day 4 – Read Chapter 10 and respond to the following questions:

- Write down how the following verses describe God's power:
 - Psalm 2:4

- Psalm 33:10
 - Psalm 121:4
 - Proverbs 21:30
 - Isaiah 40:28
 - 1 Peter 1:5
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- As you lean on God's strength in your spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:10-12), pray through the list of Satan's schemes and write down the two that you can most readily recognize in your life.

 - Write down a scenario in which you are tempted to fear man more than God. Write down a Scripture verse that can encourage you in this circumstance.

Day 5 – Read Chapter 10 and respond to the following questions:

- What lesson can you learn in experiencing God's power from the church of Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-21)

- Write down and pray the five life-changing prayers in this chapter.

- As you anticipate a particular ministry that you are to do, write down and pray through the four ways to approach this ministry in God's power.

- After meditating on 2 Chronicles 20:6, Acts 5:38-39, and Romans 8:31, write down your thoughts of praise.

Week 5 (Section 4; Chapters 11-12)

Day 1 – Read Chapter 11 and respond to the following questions:

- How can the church communicate both God’s love and holiness to the world?

- Explain in your words the meaning of God’s holiness.

- What are some ways that God has revealed His holiness in Scripture?

- Consider the goodness of God’s command to be holy (1 Peter 1:15; cf. Deuteronomy 10:13) by noting what each of these verses describe about the effects of sin:
 - Leviticus 20:3
 - Psalm 78:41
 - Proverbs 8:36
 - Jeremiah 5:25
 - Ephesians 4:30

Day 2 – Read Chapter 11 and respond to the following questions:

- Note how suffering aids one’s pursuit of holiness (2 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Peter 4:1-2).

- Write down the six evidences that one is grasping that God is holy and explain how each is related to the attribute of holiness.

- As you read about the evidence of joyful surrender, get on your knees, put your finger on Romans 12:1 and do not get up until you have obeyed this verse. Write up your experience after you have done this.

Day 3 – Read Chapter 12 and respond to the following questions:

- How does a person's conscience testify of God's righteousness?
- Why is Christ's death necessary for salvation (Romans 3:25-26) and fellowship (1 John 1:9)?
- Define and explain the biblical doctrine of the wrath of God.
- Note how the following verses encourage the believer:
 - Galatians 6:9
 - Psalm 126:5
 - Proverbs 11:17
 - Matthew 19:29
 - Mark 9:41
 - Hebrews 6:10
 - Isaiah 49:3-4
 - Ephesians 6:7-8
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Day 4 – Read Chapter 12 and respond to the following questions:

- How does the truth of God's righteousness free us from taking our own vengeance (See 1 Peter 2:22-23; 3:9)?
- List and worship God for the gifts He has given you that enable you to live a holy life.
- Pray through the description of a life of righteousness and note two things that you desire to trust God to do in your life as you pursue righteousness.
- Explain the relationship of righteousness to joy.
- Meditate on your future hope of righteousness and write down your personal praise for this hope.

Week 6 (Section 4, Chapters 13-14)

Day 1 – Read Chapter 13 and respond to the following questions:

- As you meditate on the meaning of God’s absolute faithfulness and how this attribute sets Him apart from Satan and man, write down your personal praise for Him.
- Note one promise that you are believing God to be faithful to fulfill in your life.
- For the next week let your first thought be, “God will be faithful to me this day.” At the end of each day take time to review the day. Note what you learned about God’s faithfulness this week.

Day 2 – Read Chapter 13 and respond to the following questions:

- Consider a trial in your life. After reading the thoughts from this chapter, write down how you are going to lean on God’s faithfulness in this trial.
- Depend on your faithful God to illuminate you in regard to what scheme the evil one is using against you and your loved ones (2 Corinthians 2:11). Write down the insight you learn.
- Write down your concerns about the future. Commit all these concerns to the Lord and purpose to obey Matthew 6:33-34.
- Read the section on the standard of faithfulness and truthfulness and write out a prayer that expresses your trust in God to develop this standard in your life.

- Why is it a privilege to trust a faithful God? (Read the last part of the chapter, “A Place of Trust”)

Day 3 – Read Chapter 14 and respond to the following questions:

- How would you fill out the sentence that begins “love is...”?

- Write down the insights that the following verses teach you about God’s love:
 - Deuteronomy 4:37
 - Deuteronomy 23:5
 - Isaiah 49:14-16
 - Jeremiah 31:3
 - John 17:23
 - Galatians 2:20
 - Romans 5:6-10
 - Romans 8:39
 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
 - 1 Corinthians 14:1
 - 1 John 3:16
 - 1 John 4:8
 - 1 John 4:10
 - 1 John 4:17

- Ask God to overwhelm you with His love so that the truth of John 17:23 begins to control your life. Explain the difference between knowing a truth and being controlled by that truth (see Proverbs 7:1, John 15:7, 2 Corinthians 5:14).

Day 4 – Read Chapter 14 and respond to the following questions:

- What do you learn from Revelation 1:5?
- What does Ephesians 3:14-21 teach you about experiencing God’s love?
- List the five competing loves and note which of these is your biggest challenge.
- Pray through the three positive characteristics of having Christ as your first love and the four evidences of having left your first love. Which of these positive and negative truths characterize your life? Follow the three instructions in Revelation 2:5 in returning to your first love and journal your experience.

Day 5 – Read Chapter 14 and respond to the following questions:

- Pray through each of the fruits of having Christ as your first love and personalize each one.
 - Ask God to allow you to triumph in a particular trial in which you find yourself (Romans 8:37)
 - Let God overwhelm you in His love in a way that enables you to trust in His timing for something for which you are waiting.
 - Seek God at your point of fear and let His love transform this fear into faith.

- In your most challenging relationship ask God to give you a genuine love for this person.
- Look at the promises God has made to those who love Him.

Week 7 (Section 5, Chapters 15-17)

Day 1 – Read Chapter 15 and respond to the following questions:

- List and explain the three ways to look at God’s rule.

- List and explain three ways to look at God’s will.

- In your own words explain the relationship of God’s sovereignty to man’s responsibility.

- In your own words explain how the truth of God’s sovereignty gave comfort and confidence to you in a past or present trial.

Day 2 – Read Chapter 16 and respond to the following questions:

- What do you learn about God’s mercy from the following verses:
 - Ephesians 2:1-4
 - Romans 9:15
 - Romans 11:32

- How do the following verses show our need for God’s mercy?
 - Psalm 18:17
 - Jeremiah 10:23

- What merciful acts of God do each of the following verses highlight:
 - 1 Peter 1:3

- 1 Timothy 1:12-13
 - 2 Corinthians 4:1
 - Hebrews 4:16
 - Philippians 2:27
 - 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
 - Matthew 15:22
 - Matthew 17:15
- What does Luke 6:36-38 teach about showing mercy to others?

Day 3 – Read Chapter 17 and respond to the following questions:

- In your own words define God's grace.
- What do the following verses teach you about God's grace?
 - 1 Timothy 1:14
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9
 - Ephesians 2:7
 - Romans 6:1
 - Titus 2:11-12
- Why is an understanding of God's grace the basis for developing a grateful heart?

Day 4 – Read Chapter 17 and respond to the following questions:

- Read the illustration of the pauper who was given the favor of the king. Do you see yourself as one who stands in the favor of the King of kings?
- Write out your praise to Him and purpose to reject the lie that you are a pathetic pauper.
- List the four things that are involved in living under God's grace.
- Meditate on Paul's testimony in 1 Corinthians 15:10. Examine the grace of prayer (Zechariah 12:10), faith (Acts 18:27), ministry (Galatians 2:9), giving (2 Corinthians 8:1), and suffering (Philippians 1:29). For what do you need to humble yourself before God and petition Him for His gracious enablement at this very moment?

Week 8 (Sections 5-6; Chapters 18-19)

Day 1 – Read Chapter 18 and respond to the following questions:

- In what sense is goodness unique to God?

- How does God’s goodness aid you in rejecting idolatry?

- How do the following verses explain how God gives?
 - James 1:5
 - James 1:17
 - Romans 8:32

Day 2 – Read Chapter 18 and respond to the following questions:

- How do the following verses show that God’s ways are good?
 - Deuteronomy 10:13
 - Jeremiah 32:39
 - Psalm 34:10
 - Psalm 84:11

- What is the meaning of “good” in Romans 8:29? Give a testimony of a good gift that came to you in a strange package.

- List and explain the various ways that God has displayed His goodness.

Day 3 – Read Chapter 18 and respond to the following questions:

- What is the result of rejecting God’s goodness?

- What is the underlying motivation of all sin?
- Why do people doubt God's goodness?
- What potential wrong responses do the following verses highlight?
 - Philippians 2:14-15
 - Galatians 6:9
 - 1 Peter 5:7
- Take time to review your day in light of James 1:17. Write down the good and perfect gifts of that day.

Day 4 – Read Chapter 19 and respond to the following questions:

- What is God's glory, and what does it mean to glorify God?
- Describe our future hope of glory in your own words.
- Write down the difference between Genesis 11:4 and Psalm 115:1, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. Ask God to glorify His name through your life (see Galatians 1:22-24).