

The Greatest Pursuit!

Discovering our Creator God



Introduction:

Humans Hunger to Know God

Deep within every human being lives an undeniable hunger—a restless longing that material success, comfort, or relationships can never completely satisfy. We are born asking the ultimate questions: *Who is the Creator? Who am I? Why am I here?* This is not an accidental curiosity. It is a spiritual homing mechanism. History shows that humanity has always reached out into the dark to find the divine, trying to understand the character of the One who set the stars in place. We instinctively know that we cannot truly understand ourselves until we understand the One who made us.

Clear Direction

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart... In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." — **Proverbs 3:5–6**

"Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,'..." — **Isaiah 30:21**

- **The Core Insight:** As you learn His heart, **His voice becomes clearer**, guiding your decisions and defining your life goals.
- **Clarity for life:** Alignment with God's word sharpens your spiritual discernment for daily choices.

Supernatural Strength

"He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength." — **Isaiah 40:29**

"...My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.'..." — **2 Corinthians 12:9**

- **The Core Insight:** Discovering His power reminds you that you **do not have to face trials, grief, or weakness alone**.
- **Receive God's Grace :** God does not always remove the trial, but He gives the divine stamina to overcome it.

God reveals Himself through the bible history:

Part 1: The Foundations of Creation & The Fall

Learning Focus: In this section, you will learn about the **transcendence and immanence of God**. Before anything existed, God was. You will discover that He is a God who speaks reality into existence by His mere word, establishing His absolute authority and sovereignty over the universe. Crucially, you will see that when sin fractured humanity's relationship with Him, God did not abandon His creation. Instead, He immediately revealed Himself as a loving seeker who pursues lost people and a merciful provider who initiates the very first sacrifice to cover human shame.

Deepening Your Understanding: The Hebrew word *Bara* signifies creation out of nothing, emphasizing God's absolute sovereignty. *Tselem* (Image) implies that humanity

is a physical shadow reflecting a spiritual reality. **Revelation:** The Fall was a fracture, but God's search for Adam was the first act of redemptive history. He asked "Where are you?" not to locate a lost man, but to invite a separated soul back to the intimacy of relationship.

- **Genesis 1:1-3** | How is God revealed here? He is revealed as the eternal, supreme _____ who spoke light into existence.
- **Genesis 1:26-27** | How is God revealed here? He created humanity in His own _____.
- **Genesis 3:8-9** | How is God revealed here? Despite humanity's sin, God is a loving seeker who calls out, "Where are _____?"
- **Genesis 3:21** | How is God revealed here? He is a covering provider who made garments of _____ for Adam and Eve.

Part 2: The Patriarchs & The Covenant

Learning Focus: Here, you will learn how God shifts from being the God of the cosmos to the **personal God of individuals and families**. Through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, God reveals that He is a relational, promise-making, and promise-keeping Sovereign. You will study His sacred names—such as *El Shaddai* (Almighty) and the ultimate, self-existent *Yahweh* ("I AM WHO I AM"). You will learn that God is not distant; He binds Himself to His people through unconditional covenants and uses His outstretched arm to deliver them from the heavy hand of oppression.

Deepening Your Understanding: In Exodus 3:13-14, God reveals His name as *Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh* (אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה). *Ehyeh* is derived from the Hebrew verb *hayah*, meaning "to be" or "to exist." This name reveals God's self-existence (aseity)—He is the uncaused Cause, the eternal "I AM" who is not dependent on anything or anyone for His existence. He is the source of all life, existing outside of time. The name *Yahweh* conveys the sound of breathing—the self-existent life source. *Berit* (Covenant) comes from the root *Karat*, meaning "to cut." **Revelation:** In Genesis 15, God alone passed through the severed animal pieces, signifying that He unilaterally takes the full weight of the covenant's curse upon Himself, so we don't have to. He stakes His own reputation on our victory.

- **Genesis 12:1-3** | How is God revealed here? He is a promise-maker who calls Abram and promises to make him a great _____.
- **Genesis 15:1** | How is God revealed here? God assures Abram, "I am your shield, your exceedingly great _____."

- **Exodus 3:13-14** | How is God revealed here? God reveals His self-existent name to Moses as "I AM WHO _____."

The concept of God's self-existence is known as **aseity**. This means God depends on nothing else for His existence. He is completely self-sufficient, eternal, and uncaused.

Here is a deep breakdown of this divine revelation.

The Meaning of "I AM THAT I AM"

When God spoke to Moses from the burning bush (Exodus 3:14), He revealed His covenant name: **Yahweh**.

- **Self-Contained:** God is not a piece of the universe. He is the author of it.
- **Unchanging:** He has no past or future variations. He is eternally in the present tense.
- **Source of Life:** Every created thing needs a creator. God exists by His own power.

Deep Revelations of Aseity

- **The Ultimate Reality:** Everything in the universe is contingent (it could cease to exist). God is necessary; He cannot *not* exist.
- **Freedom from Need:** God did not create humanity because He was lonely or needed anything. His love is entirely unselfish.
- **The Alpha and Omega:** He is the uncaused first cause. Time, space, and matter exist *in* Him, not the other way around.

Connection to Jesus Christ

In the New Testament, Jesus explicitly claimed this divine identity.

- He used "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John (e.g., "Before Abraham was, I AM").
- By doing this, Jesus claimed to share this exact same self-existent, eternal nature
- **Exodus 6:6-7** | How is God revealed here? He is a Redeemer who promises to bring His people out with an outstretched _____.

Part 3: The Law & The Tabernacle

Learning Focus: This section shifts focus to the absolute **moral purity and holiness of God**. Through the giving of the Law and the detailed blueprints of the Tabernacle, you will learn that God is entirely set apart from sin, demanding total devotion from His people. Yet, you will also discover the beautiful tension of His character: while He is too holy to tolerate sin, He is deeply desirous to dwell *among* His people. You will see how He graciously designs a system of atonement through blood sacrifices to safely bridge the gap between a holy God and a flawed humanity.

Deepening Your Understanding: The word *Qadosh* (Holy) means "cut" or "separated"—entirely "other" than sin. *Kaphar* (Atonement) literally means "to cover."

Revelation: Holiness isn't God's way of keeping us out; it is His "fire" that refines rather than consumes. The Tabernacle proves that God desires to dwell in the midst of our mess, not on a distant mountain.

- **Leviticus 11:44** | How is God revealed here? God commands holiness based on His own character: "For I am the _____."
- **Leviticus 17:11** | How is God revealed here? He establishes that life is in the blood, provided as an _____ for the soul.
- **Deuteronomy 6:4-5** | How is God revealed here? He reveals Himself as the one, true Lord, demanding our total _____ and soul.
- **Deuteronomy 7:9** | How is God revealed here? God is the faithful One who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand _____.

Part 4: The Kingdom & The Prophets

Learning Focus: In this era of Israel's history, you will learn about the **intimacy and cosmic majesty of God** simultaneously. Through the Psalms, you will witness God revealed as a tender, deeply personal Shepherd and an all-knowing, omnipresent Confidant. Through the Prophets, you will see Him as the passionate King of the universe who demands justice, keeps His promises despite Israel's spiritual adultery, and explicitly previews His ultimate master plan: sending a Messiah who would carry the weight of the world as the Prince of Peace.

Deepening Your Understanding: The Hebrew *Ra'ah* (Shepherd) implies tending, feeding, and leading. *Hesed* (Steadfast Love/Covenant Loyalty) is the stubborn, unyielding commitment of a lover. **Revelation:** The prophets reveal a God who is both Cosmic King and Personal Shepherd. His majesty is not a barrier; it is the strength that supports His intimate care for you.

- **Psalms 23:1-3** | How is God revealed here? He is the Lord our _____, who leads us in the paths of righteousness.
- **Psalms 139:1-3** | How is God revealed here? He is the all-knowing One who is intimately acquainted with all my _____.
- **Isaiah 9:6** | How is God revealed here? The coming Messiah is revealed as the Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, and Prince of _____.
- **Isaiah 40:28** | How is God revealed here? He is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who never faints or is _____.
- **Jeremiah 31:3** | How is God revealed here? He reveals His nature to His people: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting _____."

Part 5: The Incarnation of Jesus Christ

Learning Focus: This section brings you to the emotional and theological climax of Scripture: the **fullness of the knowledge of God revealed in human flesh**. You will learn that Jesus Christ is not merely a prophet or a good teacher, but *Immanuel*—God with us. By studying Jesus' explicit claims and actions, you will understand that to see Jesus is to see the exact representation of the Father's character. You will discover the profound humility of a God who willingly emptied Himself of His heavenly rights to experience the human condition firsthand.

Deepening Your Understanding: *Kenosis* (Emptying) highlights the radical humility of the *Logos* (the "Logic" or "Word" of God). **Revelation:** Jesus wasn't just visiting Earth; He was "translating" the infinite, complex character of God into the finite language of human experience, so we could finally read the heart of the Father.

- **John 1:14** | How is God revealed here? The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and _____.
- **John 10:30** | How is God revealed here? Jesus boldly declares His deity: "I and My _____ are one."
- **John 14:9** | How is God revealed here? Jesus reveals the Father: "He who has seen Me has seen the _____."
- **Philippians 2:5-7** | How is God revealed here? God emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of _____.

Part 6: The Resurrection, Spirit, & The Church

Learning Focus: In this final section, you will learn about the **abiding power and active love of God** operating within the world today. Through Christ's resurrection, God reveals

Himself as the absolute conqueror of death, giving physical proof to His spiritual promises. You will learn how God transforms His dwelling place from a physical temple building into the very hearts of believers through the Holy Spirit. Finally, you will see a God who empowers everyday people with supernatural boldness to carry His message of grace to the ends of the earth.

Deepening Your Understanding: *Ruach* (Spirit/Breath/Wind) is the very same creative breath used in Genesis. *Parakletos* (Comforter/Advocate) means "the one called alongside." **Revelation:** The Resurrection migrated the "Holy of Holies" from a stone building in Jerusalem to the temple of your own heart. You are now a permanent carrier of the divine breath.

- **John 11:25** | How is God revealed here? Jesus declares Himself as the resurrection and the _____.
- **Romans 5:8** | How is God revealed here? God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for _____.
- **John 14:16** | How is God revealed here? God the Father will send another Helper, the Spirit of Truth, who will abide with us _____.
- **Acts 1:8** | How is God revealed here? God empowers His people by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the end of the _____.