



KNOWING GOD THE FATHER

In our last study we learnt that God is a person who thinks and feels, and He has created us to be like Him, so that we can come to know Him. When Jesus came He spoke of God as His father.

† How can we know God as our Heavenly Father?

John 14:6-7 _____

John 8:42 _____

When we believe in Jesus, God becomes our Heavenly Father. As Jesus was leaving this earth He said to His disciples, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, my God and your God." What is God the Father like? Let's learn about the character of God.

CHARACTER OF GOD

1. HE IS GREAT

God has made us like Himself, but He is so much greater than us. We are limited by time and space, but everything is possible with God.

(a) God is always present

† People sometimes ask: "Where did God come from?" How does Jesus answer this question?

John 5:26 _____

† What name did God use when He revealed himself to Moses? What does this mean?

Exodus 3:14 _____

God has always existed and He always will. He is eternal. He is the source of life and is the same yesterday, today and forever!

(b) God knows all things

Scientists are making discoveries all the time. Just think of all the changes in the last 100 years! But there is someone who knows more than we do!

† How much does God know?

1 John 3:20 _____

† What does God know about us?

Psalms 139:1-6 _____

💡 What assurance do we have because God is now our Father? Read Matthew 6:31-33.

God knows our thoughts, our ways, our needs and what our future holds. He knows everything past, present and future. This means we can trust our lives into his Hands without fear.

(c) God has all power



✝ What does Jesus tell us about God?

Matthew 19:26 _____

✝ What is the greatest evidence that God has all power?

Romans 1:20 _____

🧠 How do these verses encourage you? Read Ephesians 1:19-20

Sometimes people ask: "Well if God is so powerful why doesn't He..!" Yes God is all powerful but He is also holy and will not do anything against His own character.

2. HE IS HOLY

✝ What other quality does God have? What difference should this make to our lives?

1 Peter 1:15-16 _____

The word 'holy' is a word we don't often use, but it means to be separate from sin and evil. Nothing that is sinful can enter God's presence. This means that you and I could never come near to God as we are sinful. Yet God made a way for us, because He loves us.

3. HE IS LOVE



✝ How did God prove to us that He loves us?

1 John 4:7-10 _____

✝ What difference will it make in our lives when we know God's love?

1 John 4:17-18, 19-21 _____

When we look at the cross we see the character of God. Since He is a holy God, sin and evil cannot enter His presence. Yet He loves us and wants us to know Him, so God sent Jesus, His son, to take the punishment for our sin. Then by His power God raised Jesus from the dead, so we can be set free from sin, fear and death. We can now call this powerful, holy, loving God 'Father'. Isn't that amazing!



Thank God for all He has done for you.
Share any prayer needs.

Memory Verse

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

Romans 5:8