

Bible Study 2 – Teacher



Who is God – Do You Really Know Him?

When we study the Bible it is important to remember that the Bible is the primary way God shows Himself to people. The words of the Bible tell us what God is like, what He has done, and what He will do.

Do you really know God?

Let's look at the very first verse in the Bible.

*In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1*

What does the Bible say about God here?

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. First, we learn that God is the One who created the world above us and the world on which we live. In the Bible, we actually get to meet Him, because He made it possible for us to get to know Him. Secondly, we learn that God has always existed. He was “In the beginning.” We don't understand all that this means, but we know that He was never created. There never was a time when God was not.

Where do we come in? Look at **Genesis 1:26-27**.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

What do these verses teach?

Not only did God make the world but after He did so, He filled it with good things. One of those things was man. God is our Maker.

When God made man, He made man after a special pattern. What does verse 27 say was the pattern?

In His own image

God has the right to tell us what to do.

God can tell men what they must do and what they must not do. Read **Genesis 2:17**.

But from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.

Look up the verses below to find several things God made man to be able to do.

- a) **Genesis 1:26-28** to rule (1:26, 28)

- b) **Genesis 2:16-17** to love and obey Him. God reserves the right to give man commands and to expect man to obey.

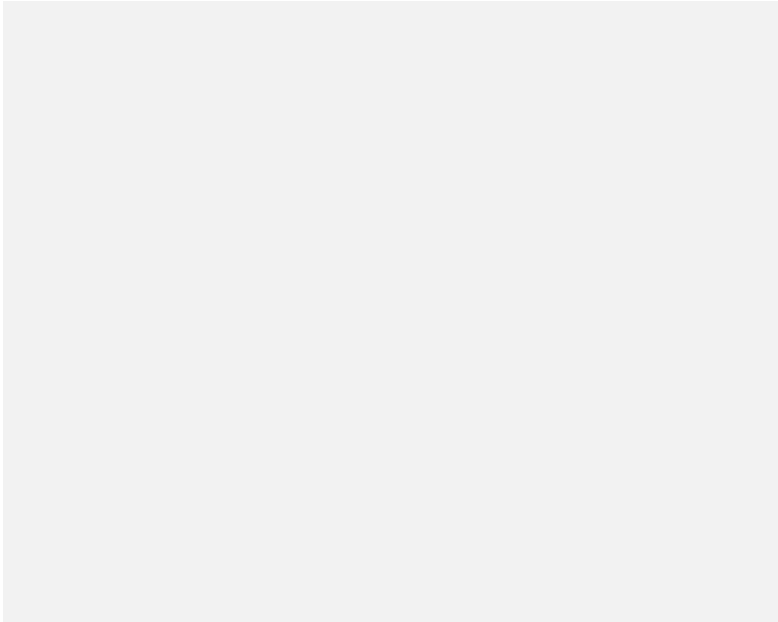
What else does God have the right to do?

He has the right to say what the penalties are (“for in the day that you eat from it, you shall surely die”).

If God can tell men what to do, how do we know that what He tells us is right? Let's look at our verse to remember.

Memory Verse

For I proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice; righteous and upright is He.
Deuteronomy 32:3-4



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