

## PATHWAY TO PEACE: BIBLE STUDY GUIDE – LESSON 9

### **Lesson 9: The Godhead**

Genesis 1:1 reveals to us where we come from, God. There are people who try to ignore and dispute the existence of God but will all must come to the conclusion of the fact that all things have a designer, creator, and a beginning. God reveals in His inspired Word, that He is the beginning of ALL things and that there is no one before Him. He always existed.

### **READ FOLLOWING TEXT FIRST**

**Psalm 14:1** says, **The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.***

**1 Corinthians 2:9** says **“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**

This lesson on the “Godhead” is designed to paint a clear picture of how real God is, who God is and why He is so important in your life. In this lesson we are going to examine the basic dynamics of God. We are going to examine the unity and roles of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

#### **1. Who is God?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Genesis 1:1; 1 John 5:4 -11

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The Hebrew word for God is Elohim. Elohim means “gods” in a plural sense referring to the Godhead, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Elohim is a general title for “God,” which occurs more than 2,500 times in the Bible. The root of this word Elohim implies “strength,” and “power.” Elohim is first used for God as Creator in Genesis 1:1. God’s creation tends to arouse in man awe, reverence, and a sense of utter dependence. The name Elohim represents the God who has revealed Himself by His mighty acts in creation.

#### **2. How do you learn how to know and understand God for yourself?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 Corinthians 2:13, 14; 1 Corinthians 2:5; 1 Corinthians 1:20-21; Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 5:8

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The Bible teaches that the spiritual things of God are spiritually recognized. In other words, the things of God can not be understood by human wisdom or sharp intellect. In **Romans 12:3(l/p)** it says that “God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.” So God has given all created beings with a portion to believe in God, a power much greater than ourselves. But the key thing for every human being is how we build that “measure of faith.” **1 Corinthians 2:5** says “<sup>5</sup>That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” So in other words, your human wisdom or the wisdom of men will not allow you to build your belief in God or give you a better understanding of Him. Even if someone has a doctorate in philosophy, a professor from a

prestigious university, and an “expert” in religion, you can not build your understanding of God on the expertise, knowledge, or wisdom men. You must build your knowledge of God from the Word of God.

The things and knowledge of God can truly be understood if you are sincere and honest in our quest to know God and truth. Those with pure and honest motives and are humble will realize how real God is. In your search to know who God is you must submit your intellect, ego, and pride to God’s authority. According to 2 Timothy 3:16, you must then recognize that His inspired Word, the Holy Bible, is divinely given to you for reproof, correction, and instruction in the things of God. You must study and contemplate on His Holy Bible daily in order to grow and know who God is. The Holy Bible reveals God, your purpose, and His will for you.

### **3. What are the three major sources of evidence for the existence of God?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:**

**Evidence #1 – Creation & Science:** Genesis 1:1; Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20; Isaiah 45:18; Colossians 1:17

**Evidence #2 – God's Inspired Word (The Bible):** Isaiah 44:6; Revelation 1:8; 2 Timothy 3:16; John 10:35 says (last part)

**Evidence #3 – God's Power to Change people's lives:** 2 Corinthians 5:17; Isaiah 26:3

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In Genesis 1:1 it says that God created the heavens and the earth. God is responsible for every living thing. We live within the evidence of God every single day of our lives. We see the evidence of God in the beautiful sky with a sun, moon, and stars hanging in the midst of space. With every flower that buds, with every bird that sings, with each tree that sways, with every towering mountain, and with every winding river we see the evidence of God.

God's inspired Word reveals the power and might of God. The Bible is confirmed and clarified by the creation of God. Also the creation of the confirms and clarifies the Bible! The Bible reveals the power of God which can literally change lives! This is the greatest evidence of God!

### **4. What is the true character of God? (there are many let's look at a few)**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 John 4:16; Psalm 147:5; Proverbs 15:3; Deuteronomy 33:7; Revelation 1:8

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God is Love. God is omnipotent & omniscient. Omnipotent means all powerful and almighty having unlimited authority throughout unlimited space. He is also omniscient, meaning that God knows everything. There is nothing He does not know. God is eternal. He always existed and will forever exist.

### **5. Who is the Godhead?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Romans 1:20; 1 John 5:4 -11; Genesis 1:1, 2 & 26, 27; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19; John 17:11, 21; Ephesians 2:18 - 22

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It is true that there is one God and no other, but the Bible teaches that this one God is a unity of three co-eternal divine persons identified as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are three separate holy, infinite, and immortal beings who are equal in power and authority throughout endless space. So the Godhead, divine nature of God, is not one person but three divine and holy beings unified in purpose, thought, and character, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No one in the Godhead was created. They always existed.

### **God the Father**

#### **6. How is God the Father clearly revealed to us? In other words, what is the best way to learn about who God the Father is and what He was all about?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** John 14:5 – 12

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#### **7. How much does God the Father love us and what are His roles in the plan of salvation? Let's look at four roles**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:**

**Role 1: Out of love give His Son, Jesus to die for the sins of the world.**

Romans 8:39; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10

**Role 2: The second role in the plan of salvation is that God the Father announces, approves, and confirms His Son's ministry to all the world.**

Matthew 3:16 – 17; John 12:28,29; Matthew 17:1 – 5

**Role 3: Communication link to Heaven**

Matthew 6:6&7; John 14:12-14

**Role 4: The forth and most critical role of God the Father is that He accepts the atonement of Jesus Christ.** Revelation 3:5, 21; John 6:40

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## **God the Son (Jesus)**

### **8. What is the main mission of Jesus Christ?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 Timothy 1:15; Matthew 1:21; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Mark 2:17; Matthew 18:11; Matthew 20:28; Acts 3:26; Romans 3:24 – 26; Romans 5:8 – 10; 1 John 3:8; 1 John 4:9,10; Luke 4:18,19

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Jesus Christ did not come to this earth to entertain us, wow us or applaud us. His main mission is rescue sinners from the flames and heavy debris of sin. He came to save us from death to life.

### **9. What qualifies Jesus to be our Saviour or our Rescuer from sin?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 Peter 1:19; Exodus 12:5; Isaiah 53:7, 8; John 1:29, 36; 1 Peter 2:21 – 24; Hebrews 7:26, 27; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 John 3:5; Hebrews 10:14

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Jesus was the only perfect and acceptable sacrifice for our sins. He is spotless without sin. In ***John 1:29***, before Jesus was baptized, as John the Baptist sees Jesus walking toward him, John says “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” Jesus was the spotless lamb that John was referring to. Also ***Hebrews 10:14*** let’s us know that Jesus was the only perfect and acceptable sacrifice for the sins of the world.

### **10. What qualifies Jesus to be our perfect sacrifice?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** John 1:1-3,14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:5; Jude 1:20, 21; Matthew 4:7, 10; Philippians 2:5 – 11;

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The first thing that makes Jesus Christ a perfect sacrifice for our sins is that He is Divine, a member of the Godhead. He is equal with God the Father and perfect in character. Jesus is our mediator. Jesus is Lord. Lord in the Greek means that Jesus is “*supreme* in authority .” Jesus Christ is the fullness or embodiment of the Godhead. When know Jesus you know God the Father and the Holy Spirit. The second thing that makes Jesus Christ a perfect sacrifice for our sins is that He became a human. Jesus was fully God and fully human. He was perfect yet without sin. He is the only one qualified to die for us. No not even the angels can qualify because they are not God.

## **God the Holy Ghost**

### **11. Who is the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit does not start His work in the book of Acts He is very active throughout the entire Bible from Genesis in the creation until Revelation, the end of time.

The Holy Spirit is not an “essence” that comes from Jesus. He is independently divine. The third divine person the the Godhead. In the Bible He is referred to as the Spirit of God, the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Good Spirit, the Comforter, Helper, Intercessor, and Spirit of Your Father just to name a few. **Read some of the names of the Holy Spirit - Isaiah 11:1,2**

Let's look at some Biblical proof of His independent divinity.

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:**

**He is Omniscient – ALL KNOWING** 1 Corinthians 2:9 – 11; Romans 11:33

Deep Gk. (bathos), describes the knowledge of God. It is unfathomable to man; but the Holy Spirit understands it.

**He is Omnipotent – ALL POWERFUL** Job 33:4

He is the Almighty Holy Spirit who empowers ordinary men and women of God to do some extraordinary works that only God can do. (Examples: **Deuteronomy 34:9** ; Judges 3:9, 10; Zechariah 4:6)

**He is Omnipresent—The Holy Spirit is everywhere present** Psalm 139:7 -10

**He is Eternal – know as the Eternal Spirit** Hebrews 9:14

**He is Holy – He is known as the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit** Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 1:13

**He is Truth—He is the “Spirit of truth”** John 14:17

### **12. What is the character of the Holy Spirit? (All summed up in one text)**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Galatians 5:22-23

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13. What is the *main* mission of the Holy Spirit?

Read ALL the following Bible texts:

- A. Leads us to ALL truth: John 16:13  
 B. Convicts us of sin: John 16:8 – 9 (Greek word for Reprove is “convict”)  
 C. Testifies of Jesus: John 15:26

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14. What is the purpose of the gift of the Holy Spirit to God's church?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: 1 Corinthians 12:1 – 11

Key Greek word definitions:

**Manifestation** - exhibition / bestowment

**Profit** – contribute, advantage, bring together

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15. What was the purpose of the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in the book of Acts?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1 – 8

Greek Definitions (Very Important)

Tongues – Greek - glōssa [*gloce'-sah*] the *tongue*; by implication a *language*: - tongue.

Utterance – Greek – apophtheggomai [*ap-of-theng'-om-ahee*] to *enunciate plainly*. **Enunciate = pronounce clearly**

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Pentecost was a yearly feast that was 50 days after the Passover celebration. It was a celebration and thanksgiving God of the beginning of a new harvest. ALL males of Israelite heritage were required to attend this feast in Jerusalem.

The Holy Spirit is given to empower God's people with supernatural abilities to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The holy spirit is not to given to puff up “self” or edify self in anyway.

**16. What does the Bible say concerning the gift of tongues (languages)? Does the people need to understand what is being said?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 Corinthians 14:2 – 33;

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Many people and churches have adopted the false notion that the Holy Spirit's job is to give us an emotional experience that is outwardly shown by dancing, shouting, speaking in “tongues”, and uncontrollable movements. Some express that they are “drunk” or “stuck” in the spirit.

These outward emotional manifestations are said to be evidence of the Holy Spirit. Many of these manifestation are supernatural. There have been report of individuals in church flying through the air or being literally stuck in one spot in church for hours.

**17. Is this truly the Holy Spirit or something else?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 Peter 5:8; Luke 21:36

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You will NEVER find in the Bible that the Holy Spirit makes people fly through the air, talk or move uncontrollable. But you do find evidences of individuals in the Bible who were possessed by demonic spirits move uncontrollably or do supernatural things that he or she was unaware.

**18. Where do we find the spirit of confusion and no control behavior?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Mark 9:20 – 27; Mark 5:2 – 5, 8, 15; Exodus 32:1-7, 15 - 18

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**19. Do we need to “test” the “spirit” to make sure it is of the true God of Heaven?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 John 4:1 [Isaiah 8:20]

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**20. How can you receive the power of the Holy Spirit?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32

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**21. How do you know that you have the Holy Spirit?**

**Read ALL the following Bible texts:** 1 John 3:23, 24; Galatians 5:22, 23

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