

**WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST**

**Lesson 2 - Part 1**

**GOD THE FATHER**

**God is self-existent, great, and eternal**

1. Last lesson we learned about God. This lesson we want to learn more about God. Let us review what we have learned about God so far.

To say God exists, is to say He is

What is God like?

- He is
- He is unchangeable in
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2. To say God exists, is to say He is real. He is alive and will continue to have life. God is spirit, infinite, and eternal. He is unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Write four reasons how we know there is a God.

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What shows us that God is a person? God has a personality:

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6. We know God has a personality because He thinks, has feelings, and has a will.

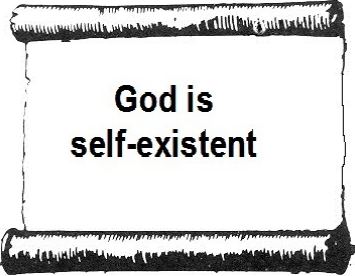
In this lesson we want to learn three more things that tell us what God is like. These three things are:

- God is self-existent
- God is very great
- God is eternal

What does the name Jehovah or “Yahweh” tell us about God?

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7. The name Jehovah or Yahweh says that God is the Self-existent One. We cannot be self-existent. If we do not have food for some time, we die. If we have no water or fluids for a week, we would be dead. If we cannot breathe for ten minutes, we are dead. We have to have food, water, and air to live. We cannot exist by ourselves.



Are people self-existent?

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8. No, people are not self-existent. We cannot give life to ourselves. Someone must give us life.

Psalm 36:9

*For with you (God) is the fountain of life....*

The Fountain of Life is the beginning of life. It is the One from whom all life comes.

Who gives us life?

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9. God gives us life. We cannot live by ourselves. We could not be born alive by ourselves.

Psalm 71:6

*From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.*

People are not self-existent. God is self-existent. He is the Fountain of Life, or the One from whom all life comes.

John 5:26

*For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.*

What does the Father have in Himself?

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10. God has life in Himself. He is self-existent. He does not need anyone to keep Him alive because He is life. God can say "I am that I am."

Exodus 3:14

*God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*

Exodus 6:2,3

*God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty (El Shaddai), but by my name the LORD (Jehovah) I did not make myself known to them."*

Who is self-existent?

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11. God is self-existent.

God says, "I AM" because He always was, and is, and always will be. He

never changes but is always the same. He has life in Himself.

James 1:17

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

We learned that God is:

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- very great
- eternal

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12. We learn that God is self-existent, very great, and eternal.

2 Chronicles 2:6

*But who is able to build a temple for him, since the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain him? Who then am I to build a temple for him, except as a place to burn sacrifices before him?*



How great is God?

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13. He is so great that the highest heavens cannot hold Him.

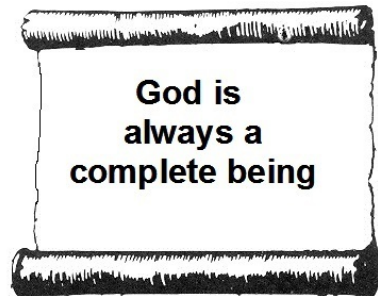
Jeremiah 23:24

*"Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.*

What does God fill?

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14. God fills heaven and earth. He is much greater than our minds can understand. God is everywhere but **He never divides Himself. He always stays as a complete being.** He is always one complete God. God does not consist of parts nor can He be divided into parts.



Though God is very great, what does He never do?

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15. God never divides Himself. He always stays as a complete being. We never have one part of God in one place and another part of Him in another place. He always stays as one complete being. He is very great.

What is the second thing we learned about the nature of God?

God is:

- self-existent
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- eternal

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16. God is very great. He is everywhere but He never divides Himself. He always stays as a complete being.

God is also eternal.



Genesis 21:33

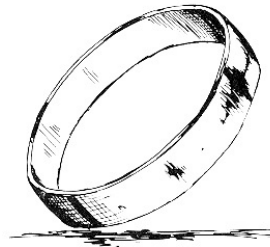
*Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the LORD, the Eternal God (EL Olam).*

What is the English name for God when the Hebrew name is "El Olam"?

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17. The English name is the Eternal God. Eternal means from always to always.

There is no beginning and no end. It is like a ring. You cannot find the beginning nor the end of the ring. God is like that - He has no beginning and no end.



Psalms 90:2

*Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

How long does God live?

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18. God is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the eternal God. The world was made and it will end some day. People are born and their bodies die. But God was there before the world was made and before people were born. God will still be there after the world comes to an end.

What is the third thing we have learned that God is like?

God is:

- self-existent
- very great
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19. The third thing we have learned about God is, that He is eternal. He is called El Olam, the Eternal God.

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20. What are the three things we have learned in this lesson that tell us what God is like?

God is:

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