

## Lesson 62: God the Father, Part 1

**Memory Verse:** And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. Exodus 34:5-7

1. Is it important for us to know God? In **John 17:3** Jesus is praying to His Father. He says: "And this is \_\_\_\_\_, that they might \_\_\_\_\_ thee the only \_\_\_\_\_ God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast \_\_\_\_\_. Our \_\_\_\_\_ depends on us knowing God, the Father. How can we know Him?"

2. **Job 11:7-9** "Canst thou by \_\_\_\_\_ find out \_\_\_\_\_? canst thou find out the \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_? It is as \_\_\_\_\_ as heaven; what canst \_\_\_\_\_ do? \_\_\_\_\_ than hell; what canst \_\_\_\_\_ know? The \_\_\_\_\_ thereof is \_\_\_\_\_ than the earth, and \_\_\_\_\_ than the sea."

**Note:** "No finite mind can fully comprehend the character or the works of the Infinite One. We cannot by searching find out God. To minds the strongest and most highly cultured, as well as to the weakest and most ignorant, **that holy Being must remain clothed in mystery.**" Ed 169.1

3. How is He described in **Psalms 97:2**? "C\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are round about him: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the habitation of his \_\_\_\_\_." Though he is surrounded with clouds and darkness, He has **revealed** to us His **righteousness** and **judgment**.

**Note:** "We can so far comprehend His **dealing** with us as to **discern boundless mercy united to infinite power**. We can **understand** as much of His purposes as we are **capable of comprehending**; beyond this we may still **trust** the **hand** that is **omnipotent**, the **heart** that is **full of love**." Ed 169.1

4. "Yet the works of creation testify of God's power and greatness.

**Psalms 19:1** 'The heavens \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; and the firmament \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.' Those who take the **written word** as their counselor, will find in **science** an **aid** to understand God." PP 116.1

**Romans 1:20** "The \_\_\_\_\_ things of Him from the creation of the world are \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ by the things that are \_\_\_\_\_, **even his eternal** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The **character** and **power** of God are revealed by the **works** of His hands. In the natural world are to be seen **evidences** of God's **love** and **goodness**. These **tokens** are given to call **attention** from nature to nature's God, that His 'eternal power and Godhead' may be **understood**." MM 103.3

5. The Bible says in **Deuteronomy 29:29** "The \_\_\_\_\_ things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are \_\_\_\_\_ belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may \_\_\_\_\_ all the words of this law."

God has not revealed everything about Himself, but let us study some things He **has** revealed because He wants us to know them.

Why has He revealed these things to us? "that we may \_\_\_\_\_ all the words of this law."

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**Note:** “The revelation of Himself that God has given in His word is for our study. This we may seek to understand. **But beyond this we are not to penetrate.** The highest intellect may tax itself until it is wearied out in **conjectures** regarding the nature of God; but **the effort will be fruitless.** This problem has not been given us to solve. **No human mind can comprehend God.** Let not finite man attempt to interpret Him. **Let none indulge in speculation regarding His nature.** Here silence is eloquence. The Omniscient One is above discussion.” 8T 279.1

6. Jesus Himself told us to call God our \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 6:9** “After this manner therefore \_\_\_\_\_ ye: Our \_\_\_\_\_ which art in heaven, \_\_\_\_\_ be thy \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Note:** “God is our **tender, pitiful Father**, and every believing child is the object of His **special care.**” FLB 38.2”

“The word and works of Christ testified to a **divine power** which accomplishes miraculous results, of a **future**, eternal life exalted above the finite life, of God as a **Father** to the children of men, watchful of their **true** interests, and **guarding** them. He taught that God was a **rewarder** of the righteous, and a **punisher** of the transgressor. He was not an intangible spirit, but a **living ruler of the universe.** This **gracious Father** was **constantly working for the good of man**, and mindful of **all** that concerns him. The very hairs of his head are numbered. Not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice of the Heavenly Father, and **man is more valuable than many sparrows.**” 3SP 47.1

7. Is the idea of God as a loving heavenly Father something new in the New Testament?

**Psalms 103:13** “Like as a \_\_\_\_\_ pitieth his \_\_\_\_\_, so the \_\_\_\_\_ pitieth them that \_\_\_\_\_ him.”

**Psalms 89:26** “He shall cry unto \_\_\_\_\_, Thou art my \_\_\_\_\_, my \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of my salvation.”

**Note:** “He pointed His hearers to the **Ruler of the universe**, under the new name, “**Our Father.**” He would have them understand **how tenderly the heart of God yearned over them.** He teaches that God **cares** for every lost soul; that ‘like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.’ Psalm 103:13. **Such a conception of God** was never given to the world by **any** religion but that of the Bible. Heathenism teaches men to look upon the Supreme Being as an object of fear rather than of love – a malign deity to be appeased by sacrifices, **rather than a Father pouring upon His children the gift of His love.** Even the people of Israel had become so **blinded** to the precious teaching of the prophets concerning God that **this revelation of His paternal love** was as an **original subject**, a **new gift** to the world.” MB 74.1

“This name, spoken to Him and of Him, is a **sign of our love and trust toward Him**, and a **pledge of His regard and relationship to us.** Spoken when asking His **favor** or **blessing**, it is as **music** in His ears.” FLB 38.4

“He invites us to **trust in Him** with a trust **deeper** and **stronger** than that of a child in his earthly father. Parents love their children, but the love of God is **larger, broader, deeper**, than human love can possibly be. It is **immeasurable.**” FLB 38.5

8. God is our Father, but He is also the Ruler of the Universe. His greatness and majesty are greater than all that we can even imagine. David put it well in **1 Chronicles 29:10-13** “Wherefore David blessed the \_\_\_\_\_ before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed

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be thou, LORD God of Israel our \_\_\_\_\_, for ever and ever. Thine, O \_\_\_\_\_, is the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_: for \_\_\_\_\_ that is in the heaven and in the earth is \_\_\_\_\_; thine is the \_\_\_\_\_, O LORD, and thou art \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ above \_\_\_\_\_. Both riches and honour come of \_\_\_\_\_, and thou reignest over \_\_\_\_\_; and in thine hand is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; and in thine hand it is to make \_\_\_\_\_, and to give \_\_\_\_\_ unto all. Now therefore, our God, we \_\_\_\_\_ thee, and \_\_\_\_\_ thy glorious name.”

**Note:** “God is our **Father**, who **loves** and **cares** for us as His children; He is also the **great King of the universe**.” FLB 39.2 Imagine – this great King of the universe has a tender, loving care for YOU!

“God cannot be compared with the things His hands have made. These are mere earthly things, suffering under the curse of God because of the sins of man. **The Father cannot be described by the things of earth**. The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and is **invisible to mortal sight**.” FLB 39.3

9. Paul says in **Romans 11:33,34** “O the \_\_\_\_\_ of the riches both of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God! how \_\_\_\_\_ are his judgments, and his \_\_\_\_\_ past finding out! For who hath \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord? or who hath been his \_\_\_\_\_?”

**Note:** “**We must not attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which He veils His majesty**. ... It is a **proof** of His mercy that there is the **hiding** of His power, that He is **enshrouded** in the awful clouds of mystery and obscurity; for to lift the curtain that conceals the divine presence is death. **No mortal mind can penetrate the secrecy in which the Mighty One dwells and works**. We can comprehend no more of His dealings with us and the motives that actuate Him than He sees fit to reveal. He orders everything in **righteousness**, and we are not to be dissatisfied and distrustful, but to bow in **reverent submission**. He will reveal to us as much of His purposes as it is **for our good** to know; and beyond that we must trust the hand that is omnipotent, the heart that is full of love.” FLB 39.4

10. Even though God is so great and powerful, He is still a Personal God.

“God is a Spirit; yet He is a **personal** being; for **so** He has **revealed** Himself.” FLB 40.2

**Hebrews 1:1-3** “**God**, who at sundry \_\_\_\_\_ and in divers \_\_\_\_\_ spake in time past unto the fathers by the \_\_\_\_\_, Hath in these last days \_\_\_\_\_ unto us by his \_\_\_\_\_, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he \_\_\_\_\_ the worlds; Who being the \_\_\_\_\_ of his glory, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ all things by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his power, when he had by himself \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, sat \_\_\_\_\_ on the right \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ on high.”

**Note:** “As a **personal being**, God has **revealed Himself in His Son**. The outshining of the Father's glory, 'and the express image of his **person**,' Jesus, as a **personal** Saviour, came to the world. As a **personal** Saviour He ascended on high. As a **personal** Saviour He intercedes in the heavenly courts.” FLB 40.3

“I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His **lovely person**. The Father's **person** I could not behold, for **a cloud of glorious light covered Him**. I asked Jesus if His Father had a **form** like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, 'If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist.' ” FLB 40.4

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“The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is received by many who profess to believe the Scriptures; but, however beautifully clothed, **this theory is a most dangerous deception**. ... If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power within him. **These theories** {pantheism, etc.}, followed to their logical conclusion, ... **do away with the necessity for the atonement and make man his own savior**. ... Those who accept them are in **great danger** of being led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a **fiction**.” FLB 40.5

“The revelation of Himself that God has given in His Word is for our study. This we may seek to understand. But beyond this we are not to penetrate. ... **None are to indulge in speculation regarding His nature**. Here silence is eloquence. The Omniscient One is above discussion.” FLB 40.6

11. What does **Psalm 111:9** say about the Name of God? “He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is his name.”

**Note:** **Reverence** should be shown also for the name of God. **Never** should that name be spoken lightly or thoughtlessly. **Even in prayer its frequent or needless repetition should be avoided**. ‘Holy and reverend is His name.’ Psalm 111:9. Angels, as they speak it, veil their faces. With what **reverence** should **we**, who are **fallen** and **sinful**, take it upon your lips!” Ed 243.5

“We are **never** in any manner to **treat lightly** the titles or appellations [names] of the Deity. ... The angels veil their faces in His presence. The cherubim and the bright and holy seraphim approach His throne with solemn reverence. **How much more should we finite, sinful beings, come in a reverent manner before the Lord, our Maker!**” FLB 41.2

“I saw that **God's holy name** should be used with **reverence** and **awe**.” FLB 41.3

“Some think it a mark of humility to pray to God in a **common** manner. ... They **profane His name** by **needlessly** and **irreverently** mingling with their prayers the words, ‘God Almighty’ – awful, sacred words, which should never pass the lips except in **subdued tones** and with a **feeling of awe**.” {FLB 41.4}

“Those who realize the **greatness** and **majesty** of God, will take His name on their lips with **holy awe**. He dwelleth in light **unapproachable**; no man can see Him and live.” FLB 41.5

12. What does Jesus tell us about by what names we should be called? **Matthew 23:9,10**  
And call no \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ upon the earth: for one is your \_\_\_\_\_, which is in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Neither be ye called \_\_\_\_\_: for one is your \_\_\_\_\_, even \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** “If Christ were on earth today, surrounded by those who bear the title of ‘Reverend’ or ‘Right Reverend,’ would He not repeat His saying, ‘Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ?’ Matthew 23:10. The Scripture declares of God, ‘Holy and reverend is his name.’ **To what human being is such a title befitting?** How **little** does **man** reveal of the **wisdom** and **righteousness** it indicates! How many of those who assume this title are **misrepresenting** the **name** and **character** of God! FLB 41.6

“According to the teaching of the Scriptures, it dishonors God to address ministers as ‘Reverend’. No mortal has any right to attach this to his own name or to the name of any other human being. **It belongs only to God**, to distinguish Him from every other being. **Those who lay claim to this title take to themselves God's holy honor**. They have no right to the stolen word, whatever their position may be. ‘Holy and reverend is His name.’ **We dishonor God when we use this word where it does not belong**.” Youth's Instructor, July 7, 1898. Ev 133.3

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13. The Name of God is closely associated with the Character of God. In **Exodus 34:5-7** God is telling us His NAME. He was speaking to Moses – showing Him His Glory.

“And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and abundant in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Keeping mercy for thousands, \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the \_\_\_\_\_; [justice] visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. What did God tell us His NAME is? M\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_, L\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_, T\_\_\_\_\_, F\_\_\_\_\_, J\_\_\_\_\_

All these are blended in perfect balance telling us WHO God is.

14. **1 John 4:8** tells us: “He that loveth not \_\_\_\_\_ not God; for \_\_\_\_\_ IS \_\_\_\_\_.

Love is the sum total of all these characteristics of God. Love is not a sentimental feeling, but it is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, full of goodness and truth, forgiving, and just.

**Note:** “The **law** given upon Sinai was the enunciation of the **principle of love**, a revelation to earth of the **law of heaven**. It was ordained in the hand of a Mediator – spoken by Him through whose power the hearts of men could be brought into **harmony** with its principles. **God had revealed the purpose of the law** when He declared to Israel, 'Ye shall be **holy** men unto Me.' Exodus 22:31.” MB 46.2

15. God's character is like L\_\_\_\_\_. In fact, what does **1 John 1:5** tell us?

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, and in him is no \_\_\_\_\_ at all.”

If God is L\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:\_\_\_\_) and God is L\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:\_\_\_\_),

Then L\_\_\_\_\_ must be L\_\_\_\_\_. The opposite of **Light** is D\_\_\_\_\_.

We will learn what that represents too. It must be the opposite of L\_\_\_\_\_.

16. Not only that, but a description of the light is given us in the L\_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 6:23** For the commandment is a \_\_\_\_\_; and the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

And **Romans 13:10** tells us that: “L\_\_\_\_\_ worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore \_\_\_\_\_ the fulfilling of the \_\_\_\_\_.

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So, God is L\_\_\_\_\_ is L\_\_\_\_\_ is L\_\_\_\_\_.

17. We know some of the characteristics of **light**.

What color is the light? **Matthew 17:2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_.

We know that when this \_\_\_\_\_ light passes through a prism (or a drop of water) it shows us the colors of the R\_\_\_\_\_. What are these colors: R\_\_\_\_\_, O\_\_\_\_\_, Y\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_, B\_\_\_\_\_, I\_\_\_\_\_, V\_\_\_\_\_. How many are there? \_\_\_\_\_

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God is L \_\_\_\_\_ which equals L \_\_\_\_\_. But shown in its full spectrum it reveals: M\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_, L\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_, T\_\_\_\_\_, F\_\_\_\_\_, J\_\_\_\_\_. How many are there? \_\_\_\_\_ God's L \_\_\_\_\_ reveals these characteristics. It is summed up in one word, L \_\_\_\_\_, but it is spelled out in more detail in His L \_\_\_\_\_.

There are people who would like to cut off part of the spectrum of God's character and dwell on only His M\_\_\_\_\_ while cutting off His T\_\_\_\_\_ or His J\_\_\_\_\_.

Others dwell only on His J\_\_\_\_\_ while cutting off His M\_\_\_\_\_ and Gr\_\_\_\_\_.

As the R\_\_\_\_\_ is a perfect blend of all \_\_\_\_\_ colors, So God's L \_\_\_\_\_ is a perfect blend of all \_\_\_\_\_ of the characteristics given in Exodus 34. His M\_\_\_\_\_ never excludes His J\_\_\_\_\_ and His J\_\_\_\_\_ never excludes His M\_\_\_\_\_. They are both part of the spectrum of His character of L \_\_\_\_\_ just the same as R\_\_\_\_\_ and V\_\_\_\_\_ are both part of the spectrum of the colors of the R\_\_\_\_\_. Neither one is the R\_\_\_\_\_ without all the others. So M\_\_\_\_\_ is not L \_\_\_\_\_ without J\_\_\_\_\_ and all the other aspects of God's beautiful character of L \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** " 'God is love.' His **nature**, His **law**, is love. It ever has been; it ever will be." FLB 59.2

"**Every** manifestation of creative power is an **expression of infinite love**." FLB 59.3

"It is **through His power** that summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, day and night, follow each other in their regular succession. It is **by His word** that vegetation flourishes, that leaves appear, and the flowers bloom. **Every good thing we have**, each ray of sunshine and shower of rain, every morsel of food, every moment of life, is a **gift of love**." FLB 59.4

18. God has revealed this great love to us! **1 John 3:1** calls us to behold it.

"Behold, what \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ hath bestowed upon \_\_\_\_\_, that we should be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_: therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ knoweth us \_\_\_\_\_, because it knew \_\_\_\_\_ not."

**Note:** "When we seek for **appropriate language** in which to **describe the love of God**, we find words too tame, too weak, too far beneath the theme, and we lay down our pen and say, 'No, it **cannot** be described.' We can only do as did the beloved disciple, and say, 'Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.' 1 John 3:1. In attempting any description of this love, we feel that we are as **infants** lisping their first words. Silently we may adore; for silence in this matter is the only eloquence. **This love is past all language to describe.**" FLB 43.3

19. What is the greatest revelation of God's Love? **Romans 5:8** "But God commendeth his \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_, in that, while we were yet \_\_\_\_\_, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_."

**1 John 3:16** Hereby \_\_\_\_\_ we the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ down his \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_: and we \_\_\_\_\_ to lay down our lives for the brethren.

**Note:** "The **gift of Christ** reveals the Father's heart." FLB 59.6

"God made to our world the wonderful gift of His only-begotten Son. In the light of this act, it could **never** be said by the inhabitants of other worlds that God could have done **more** than He did to show His **love** for the children of men. He made a sacrifice that **defies all computation**." FLB 59.7

"The heart of God **yearns** over His earthly children with a **love stronger than death**. In giving up His Son, He has **poured** out to us **all heaven** in one gift." FLB 45.2

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“Giving Christ, **God has given everything**. Nothing greater, nothing more costly, **could** He bestow. In giving His Son, **He gave all heaven**, not because of any goodness or righteousness that we possess, but **because He loved us.**” 18MR 337.3

“You who doubt the mercy of God, **look at the Lamb of God**, look at the Man of sorrows, who bore your grief and suffered for your sin. **He is your friend**. He died on the cross **because He loved you**. He is **touched** with the **feeling** of your infirmities and bears you up before the throne. In view of His **unspeakable love** should not **hope, love, and gratitude be cherished in your heart?** Should not **gladness** fill your service to God?” TMK 224.5

20. Why did He do it? **1 John 4:9,10** In this was \_\_\_\_\_ the love of God toward \_\_\_\_\_, because that God \_\_\_\_\_ his only begotten \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_, **that we might \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_**. Herein is \_\_\_\_\_, not that \_\_\_\_\_ loved God, but that \_\_\_\_\_ loved us, and sent his \_\_\_\_\_ to be the propitiation for our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** “Through yielding to sin,  
**man placed his will under the control of Satan.**

He became a **helpless captive** in the tempter's power.

God sent His Son into our world  
to **break the power of Satan**,  
and to **emancipate the will of man**.

He sent Him to **proclaim liberty to the captives**,  
to **undo the heavy burdens**,  
and to **let the oppressed go free**.

By pouring the whole treasury of heaven into this world, by giving us in Christ all heaven,  
**God has purchased the will, the affections, the mind, the soul, of every human being.**

When man **places himself under the control of God**,  
the **will** becomes firm and strong to do right,  
the **heart** is cleansed from selfishness and filled with Christ-like love.  
The **mind** yields to the authority of the law of love,  
and every **thought** is brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

The **powers**, hitherto 'members of unrighteousness,' and 'servants of sin,'

are consecrated to the service of the God of love.” AUCR, June 1, 1900 par. 10

21. **Colossians 1:12-14** “Giving thanks unto the \_\_\_\_\_, which hath made \_\_\_\_\_ meet to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints in \_\_\_\_\_: Who hath \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and hath \_\_\_\_\_ us into the \_\_\_\_\_ of his dear \_\_\_\_\_: In \_\_\_\_\_ we have \_\_\_\_\_ through his \_\_\_\_\_, even the forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Note:** “That this redemption might be ours, God withheld not even the sacrifice of Himself. He gave Himself in His Son. **The Father suffered with Christ** in all His humiliation and agony. **He suffered** as He saw the Son of His love **despised and rejected by those whom He came to elevate, ennoble, and save**. He saw Him hanging upon the cross, **mocked and jeered** by the passers-by, and **He hid as it were His face from Him**. He saw Christ bearing the sin of the world, and dying in the sinner's stead. The human heart knows the love of a parent for his child. **We know what a mother's love will do and suffer for her beloved one**. But never can the heart of man **fathom the depths of God's self-sacrifice.**”

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22. **2 Corinthians 5:18,19** “And \_\_\_\_\_ things are of \_\_\_\_\_, who hath \_\_\_\_\_ us to himself by \_\_\_\_\_, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that \_\_\_\_\_ was in \_\_\_\_\_, reconciling the \_\_\_\_\_ unto himself, not imputing their \_\_\_\_\_ unto them; and hath committed unto us the \_\_\_\_\_ of reconciliation.”

**Note:** " 'God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.' 2 Corinthians 5:19. **God suffered with His Son.** In the agony of Gethsemane, the death of Calvary, **the heart of Infinite Love paid the price of our redemption.**" SC 13.2

“**Through that gift** there comes to us **day by day the unfailing flow of Jehovah's goodness.** Every flower, with its delicate tints and sweet fragrance, is given for our **enjoyment through that one Gift.** The sun and moon were made by Him; there is not a star that beautifies the heavens which He did not make. There is not an article of food upon our tables that He has not provided for our sustenance. The superscription of Christ is upon it all. **Everything is supplied to man through the one unspeakable Gift, the only-begotten Son of God.** He was nailed to the cross that all these bounties might flow to God's workmanship.” FLB 45.3

23. He gave Himself for us so that we may be re-created in His image – His beautiful character of LOVE. **Ephesians 3:17-19** “That Christ may \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ by faith; that ye, being \_\_\_\_\_ and grounded in \_\_\_\_\_, May be \_\_\_\_\_ to comprehend with all saints what is the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_; And to \_\_\_\_\_ the love of Christ, which \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, that ye might be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ the fulness of God.”

**Note:** “**All the paternal love** which has come down from generation to generation through the channel of human hearts, **all the springs of tenderness** which have opened in the souls of men, are but as a **tiny rill** to the **boundless ocean** when compared with the **infinite, exhaustless love of God.** Tongue cannot utter it; pen cannot portray it. You may **meditate** upon it every day of your life; you may **search** the Scriptures diligently in order to **understand** it; you may **summon every power and capability** that God has given you, in the endeavor to **comprehend the love and compassion of the heavenly Father;** and **yet there is an infinity beyond.** You may study that love for ages; yet **you can never fully comprehend the length and the breadth, the depth and the height, of the love of God in giving His Son to die for the world.** Eternity itself can never **fully** reveal it. Yet as we study the Bible and meditate upon the life of Christ and the plan of redemption, these great themes will open to our understanding more and more.” FLB 43.4

“Love is the **principle** that underlies God's **government** in heaven and on earth, and this **love** must be **interwoven** in the **life** of the Christian. ... The **heart** that is influenced by this **holy principle** will be **carried above everything of a selfish nature.**” FLB 43.2

24. What kind of love does God have for us? **Jeremiah 31:3** It is \_\_\_\_\_.  
“The \_\_\_\_\_ hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have \_\_\_\_\_ thee with an \_\_\_\_\_ love: therefore with lovingkindness have I \_\_\_\_\_ thee.”  
What is God's purpose in loving even the evil? It is to \_\_\_\_\_ them to Himself.



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25. What is His purpose in drawing them to Himself? **Romans 2:4**

“Or despisest thou the riches of his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; not knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God leadeth thee to \_\_\_\_\_?”

26. God wants to lead them to \_\_\_\_\_. Why? **Acts 26:18**

“To \_\_\_\_\_ their eyes, and to \_\_\_\_\_ them from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ unto God, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

God wants them to R\_\_\_\_\_ so that they would receive F\_\_\_\_\_ of their sins and be turned from the P\_\_\_\_\_ of S\_\_\_\_\_ so that they could receive an I\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven. God wants to redeem all from sin and the power of Satan and bring them home to heaven with Him. Those who are S\_\_\_\_\_ by F\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus will be able to go.

27. Now let's look at some more verses which describe to us what God is like. We already learned that He is described as L \_\_\_\_\_, L \_\_\_\_\_, and this is His L \_\_\_\_\_.

Now we will see how these are described.

**Psalms 119:172** My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. What is the opposite of righteousness? Un\_\_\_\_\_.

But what does the Bible call it? **1 John 5:17** All \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_: and there is a sin not unto death. And **1 John 3:4** says “Whosoever committeth \_\_\_\_\_ transgresseth also the \_\_\_\_\_: for \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.” So sin is going against the L\_\_\_\_\_ of God. It is going against R\_\_\_\_\_.

What else does it go against? When we go against the L \_\_\_\_\_ of God, We are also going against L \_\_\_\_\_ and L \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore we are going against God Himself because this is what God IS.

28. How else is the law of God described? **Psalms 119:142** Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_. We learned in Exodus 34 that one of the characteristics of God is T\_\_\_\_\_. Here again we see that His L \_\_\_\_\_ describes His C \_\_\_\_\_ and one aspect of that is T\_\_\_\_\_. So when we go against the L \_\_\_\_\_ of God, we are going against T\_\_\_\_\_. If we go against T\_\_\_\_\_, what will we have? F\_\_\_\_\_.

29. In **Romans 7:12** we learn: “Wherefore the law is \_\_\_\_\_, and the commandment \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.” Are these also characteristics of God?

In **Leviticus 11:44** God says: “For I am the LORD your God: ... I am \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Psalms 34:8** says: “O taste and see that the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”

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And **Deuteronomy 32:4** He is the Rock, his work is \_\_\_\_\_: for all his ways are \_\_\_\_\_: a God of \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is he. So God is described as H\_\_\_\_\_, J\_\_\_\_\_, and G\_\_\_\_\_. Also this last verse tells us all His ways are \_\_\_\_\_. He is a God of T\_\_\_\_\_ and He is R\_\_\_\_\_.

30. In **Psalm 19:7,8** We find that “the law of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_, ... the testimony of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_, ... The statutes of the LORD are \_\_\_\_\_, ... the commandment of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_.” So we can add these four things to a description of the C\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

31. Let's look at **Psalm 119:151**: “Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. In **John 17:17** we learn that “Thy \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. So we see that all of God's \_\_\_\_\_ is T\_\_\_\_\_ and teaches us the C\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**2 Timothy 3:16** tells us that “A \_\_\_\_\_ scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is \_\_\_\_\_ for d\_\_\_\_\_, for r\_\_\_\_\_, for c\_\_\_\_\_, for i\_\_\_\_\_ in R\_\_\_\_\_. We know that God is R\_\_\_\_\_, so Scriptures teaches us to know God. So when we study the Bible, we learn to know God through His perfect, good, and righteous character.

32. **Psalm 119:130** tells us “The entrance of thy \_\_\_\_\_ giveth \_\_\_\_\_; it giveth \_\_\_\_\_ unto the simple. We learned already that \_\_\_\_\_ is Light. So when His Word enters our hearts, we get an U\_\_\_\_\_ of His Character. What effect will this understanding have on us? **Psalm 119:11** Thy \_\_\_\_\_ have I \_\_\_\_\_ in mine heart, that I might not \_\_\_\_\_ against thee. When His W\_\_\_\_\_ enters our H\_\_\_\_\_ we get an understanding of His character and one aspect of His character is R\_\_\_\_\_. We learned that \_\_\_\_\_ is Un\_\_\_\_\_. So God's W\_\_\_\_\_ will go against Un\_\_\_\_\_, or S\_\_\_\_\_, in our hearts.

33. Remember, we need to know God to have E\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_. Can we have eternal life if we have sin or unrighteousness in us? Read the verse. The answer is \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Corinthians 6:9** Know ye not that the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ inherit the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_?

34. How will God's word get sin out of our hearts? **Psalm 119:9** “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking \_\_\_\_\_ thereto according to thy \_\_\_\_\_.” Sin is expelled from our hearts when we study God's Word and then “take \_\_\_\_\_” to what we study. In other words, we obey the Word.