

Foundations for Your Faith

Lesson 2a: What is my God like?

Once a person has made the decision to trust Jesus as savior, life is only beginning. Yes, it marks the end of one perspective on life. Christ is at the end of a search for life, and at the beginning of finding it. The Apostle Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5¹⁷. . . *if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!* There is so much that is new. On top of that, you are now in this new relationship with God, but you don't even know who that is!

Not to panic! We will have eternity to get to know God — He is that big and incomprehensible. But in His kindness, our wonderful God gives us the opportunity to be a head start here on this earth. With that in mind, our lesson here focuses on the beginning part of getting to know who God is. Take your time. Let it sink in. The creator and king of the universe wants you to know Him. Wow!

The Bible and the Christian Life begin with God.

Genesis 1:1

Is it possible that man could have invented the God of the Bible?

Ex 3:14--”

Psalm 19:1--

Man is always tempted to believe that God should be cast in his own image. In other words, we think the world would be better if God looked like us, or at least like we WANTED him to look.

Exodus 20²

I. God's holiness

A. Holy and Righteous

Holy: Set apart from evil and selfishness

Righteous: The ultimate standard of "right"

Ex. 15:11

Deut 32:4

Ps 99:3,5,9

B. God is bigger than man's ability to comprehend. . .

Romans 11:33-36

. . . **But, our Holy, Righteous God can be known personally by man**

Jer 9:23,24

II Cor 4:6

Eph 1:17-23

C. God is morally perfect

Purity Hab 1:13

Faithfulness Lam 3:22,23

Mercy Is 54:10; Hos 2:19,20

Lovingkindness Romans 8:35-39; I John 4:9,10, 16b

In his book The Race, John White cites Kenneth Grahame's children's story, Wind in the Willows. "Mole and Rat after a night of anguish encounter Friend and Helper at dawn on an island on the River Thames. We are told that as Mole looked, ...he lived. And still as he lived, he wondered. 'Rat!' he found breath to whisper, shaking. 'Are you afraid?' 'Afraid?' murmured the Rat, his eyes shining with unutterable love--'Afraid! Of Him? Oh, never, never! And yet--and yet--Oh, Mole, I am afraid!' Holiness, you see, easier **felt** than **telt**."