

**GOD, TO WHOM I BELONG  
AND WHOM I SERVE**

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## LESSON – #1 – THE SETTING

### Introduction

The topic of these studies, “God, to Whom I Belong and Whom I Serve,” is a quote from Acts 27:23. The purpose of these studies is to observe qualities of God as pictured in the Bible and what our responsibilities are toward Him. We begin by considering the setting in which the statement is found.

*Answer the following questions from Acts, chapter 27.*

1. Where were Paul and those with him going as they boarded the ship?  
What were Paul’s circumstances at the time?
2. What was Paul’s advice as they were about to leave for Phoenix?
3. Consider 2 Corinthians 11:25. What had Paul experienced in the past, enabling him to know something about sailing?
4. What prevented the ship from reaching Phoenix? Acts 27:13-15
5. How was their despair described in 27:20?
6. How does Paul describe God in 27:23?
7. What message had Paul received from an angel of God?
8. How did Paul express his trust in God? 27:25

9. What role did Paul play in keeping the sailors on the ship? 27:30-32
  
10. What did Paul encourage all to do? 27:33-38
  
11. **Thought Question:** Verse 35 says that Paul gave thanks “in the presence of them all.”  
Did Paul do this “to be seen by men” (Matt. 6:5)?  
Why would he do it?  
Explain the difference.
  
12. How many escaped? 27:44
  
13. What role did Paul play in saving all the prisoners from death? 27:42-43
  
14. List practical lessons we can learn from this chapter.

## LESSON #2 – GOD AS DESCRIBED BY PAUL IN ATHENS

*Answer the following questions from Acts 17:16-34.*

1. In Athens, what provoked Paul's spirit within him? 17:16
2. In what places did he reason with the people? 17:17
3. What two groups of philosophers provided Paul with an opportunity to speak in the Areopagus (Mars Hill)?
4. Using a Bible dictionary, describe this place.
5. What was the common practice of the Athenians, according to 17:21?  
In your opinion, is this a good practice?
6. Consider 17:22-23. How did Paul introduce the God of whom he would speak?
7. How is God described in the following verses:  
Verse 24?  
  
Verse 25?  
  
Verse 26?  
  
Verse 27?  
  
Verse 28?

8. What was Paul's conclusion? 17:29
  
9. What is God calling all men to do? 17:30-31  
Why?
  
10. State three responses to Paul's preaching in Athens? 17:32-34

## LESSON #3 – GOD AS DESCRIBED IN ISAIAH, CHAPTER 40

### Introduction

Isaiah in earlier chapters has spoken of Judah's captivity in the land of Babylon. Now he foresees the time when they will be allowed to return to rebuild Jerusalem, their nation, and the temple, even calling by name (Cyrus) the one who would allow them to return (Isa. 44:24-28). In chapter 40 he speaks of the remnant that would return and of God Who would use Cyrus as His servant to allow them to return.

*After reading the introduction, answer the following questions from Isaiah, chapter 40.*

1. What is to be spoken to God's people? 40:1-2
2. What figurative expression, found in verses 3-4, describes the "paving of the way" for those returning?
3. What greater application is given to these verses in Luke 3:2-6?
4. Consider the latter part of verse 5. What proof is given that these things would take place?
5. What description is given of man in verses 6-8, showing that what would occur would not be through man's power, but through God's power?

In verses 12-31 Isaiah speaks of the greatness and power of God Who has spoken these things.

6. Consider verse 12. Where does God measure the waters?

How does He measure the heavens?

How does He calculate the dust?

How does He weigh the mountains and hills?

7. Consider verses 13-14.

Did God need someone to counsel Him in all that He has done?

**Thought question:** Who needs counsel from Him?

8. Consider verses 15-17. How does God look on the nations?

9. Consider verses 18-20. How is the foolishness of idolatry pictured?

10. **Think.** Who made the gold, the silver, the tree that is made into an idol?

11. Consider verses 21-24. How does God look on the inhabitants of the earth?

What about the princes and judges?

Can you imagine what God must think when men receive glory for themselves for what God has accomplished through them?

12. Consider verses 25-26. What is to be considered as one looks on the stars?

13. Consider verses 27-31. What does God do for those who “wait on the Lord”?

## LESSON #4 – GOD AS SEEN IN JESUS CHRIST

*Answer the following questions briefly.*

1. Consider Colossians 1:15. What is said to show that Jesus is a true reflection of the Father? Consider also Heb. 1:3.
2. What did Jesus say to Philip, establishing the same truth? John 14:9
3. Since Jesus is the express image of the Father, we can learn of God by seeing characteristics of Jesus. Jesus was compassionate. Consider Luke 7:13; Mark 6:34; Mark 1:41. Give three occasions when Jesus was said to be compassionate.
4. Jesus expected of people only what they were **capable** of doing. What is said in Luke 21:1-4 and Matthew 25:14-30 to show this?
5. Jesus showed no partiality. He was as quick to rebuke those closest to Him as to rebuke any other. How is this demonstrated in Matthew 16:22-23?
6. Jesus had hatred for evil and deceit. What word is used again and again in Matthew 23:13-29 in describing the scribes and Pharisees of His day?
7. Jesus was uncompromising. What does He teach in Matthew 7:21-23?
8. Jesus both practiced and taught forgiveness. What did He teach His disciples in Matthew 18:21-22? Consider also Luke 17:3-4.



9. Can you think of other qualities seen in Jesus that would be reflective of the Father?

10. Summarizing this lesson, list qualities of the Father that can be seen in Jesus.

11. Considering these qualities, would you be fearful of being in the presence of Jesus if He were on earth today?

If not, should you have fear of being always in the view and presence of the Father?

12. If you were in the presence of Jesus on a daily basis, would there be changes in the way you live??

**Think about it!**

Think of areas of consideration.

The way you \_\_\_\_\_.

The way you \_\_\_\_\_.

Etc.

## LESSON #5 – GOD AS SEEN IN THE PSALMS

### Introduction

So many of the Psalms picture for us the greatness of God. We are forced to choose just a few.

*Answer the following questions from Psalm 139.*

1. What is being emphasized in the first five verses?
2. What is the writer's response, according to verse 6?
3. What is being emphasized in verses 7-12?
4. According to verses 13-16, at what point in our lives did God recognize us and care for us?
5. What is said of God's thoughts? Verses 17-18
6. What is the writer's attitude toward those who refuse to submit to God? Verses 19-22
7. What is his final appeal to God? Verses 23-24

*Answer the following questions from Psalm 29.*

8. What are mighty ones urged to do in verses 1-2?

9. What is said of the voice of the Lord in verse 4?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. List five things, found in verses 5-9, affected by the voice of the Lord.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What will the Lord do for His people, according to verse 11?

*Answer the following questions from Psalm 8.*

12. What is said of the Lord's name in verse 1?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What is emphasized in verse 3?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What causes the Psalmist to marvel? Verses 4-8

## LESSON #6 – WE BELONG TO GOD AS SLAVES

*Answer the following questions briefly.*

1. How does Paul refer to himself in Acts 27:23?
2. We have been redeemed from slavery to sin and Satan. Consider 1 Peter 1:18-19. By what were we not redeemed?  
  
By what were we redeemed?
3. As a result of having been redeemed, in whom are our faith and hope placed? 1 Peter 1:21
4. What should be our manner of life as a result of this redemption and hope, according to 1 Peter 1:13-17?
5. Consider 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Having been bought at a price, what must we do in our bodies and spirits?
6. According to these same verses, to whom do our bodies and spirits not belong?  
  
To whom do they belong?

*Answer the following questions from Romans 6:16-23.*

7. Sin leads to \_\_\_\_\_; obedience leads to \_\_\_\_\_. Verse 16
8. What action on our part resulted in our freedom from sin? Verse 17
9. Being freed from sin, to what did we become slaves? Verse 18

10. What is the fruit of enslavement to uncleanness (impurity) and lawlessness? Verses 19-21
  
11. What is the fruit of enslavement to righteousness and God? Verse 22
  
12. Death is the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin; eternal life is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Verse 23
  
13. **Think**. It is obvious that every person is a slave. It is just a question as to what or to whom he is a slave. Discuss this.

## LESSON #7 – GOD: AUTHORITY OVER HIS PEOPLE

### Introduction

If God is Master, and we are His slaves, does this relationship not give Him the right to command with full expectation of our obeying? Obviously, then, to be God's slave we must understand His authority. Remember Paul's statement and the theme of these lessons: **“God, to Whom I belong and whom I serve.”**

*Answer the following questions briefly.*

1. Through whom does God speak today? Hebrews 1:1-2
2. According to 1 Corinthians 2:10-13, through what divine being has God revealed His mind to man?

Through what men, according to Ephesians 3:5?

3. Consider also Jesus' words in John 14:25-26 and John 16:12-13. What promises did Jesus make to His apostles

4. How does that message come to us today? Ephesians 3:3-4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

5. What then must be our guide as we slaves serve our Master?

6. **Think.** Consider Isaiah 55:8-9. Would a slave's thinking as to what is good always agree with that of his master?

When difference of thinking occurs, whose thinking prevails?

Does our thinking always agree with God's?

Whose is always right?

7. What must always be our response when man's instructions differ from God's? Acts 5:29

8. List various relationships that we have in life that might be affected by our answer to question #7.

What is said in Matthew 10:37 along these lines?

9. Consider James 4:7-10. In these verses we are told to do three things to God (the Lord). List them.

10. What will God do for the one who willingly does these three things?

## LESSON #8 – GOD: HE CARES FOR YOU

*Answer the following questions from Matthew 6:19-34.*

1. Where are we to place our treasures?
2. Consider the context. What would be true of an eye that is good (single, clear) as is spoken of in verse 22?
3. What choice must be made? Verse 24
4. Think about verses 25-34. Why do we not need to worry about material things?
5. God feeds the \_\_\_\_\_ and clothes the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What must be true of us, according to verse 33, if we are to have God's promise to supply our needs?

*Answer the following questions from 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.*

7. While God cares about our physical needs, He is more concerned about our spiritual needs. What is said in these verses that would lead to this conclusion?
8. State Paul's reaction, as given in verses 9.10.
9. **Think.** What was there about Paul's character that would bring him to react in this way?



*Answer the following questions from 1 John 1:1 – 2:2.*

10. We are told in 1 John 1:1-3 that we can have fellowship with the Father and the Son. No greater statement of God's care for us could be made. What is fellowship?

Discuss the  **blessing**  of being in fellowship with God.

11. How do we come into fellowship with God, according to these same verses?

12. What must be true of us if we are to have fellowship with God, according to the rest of chapter 1 ?

13. What role does Jesus have that enables us to continue in fellowship with God? 2:1-2

14. What is said of God in 1 Peter 5:7?

15. Summarizing this lesson, state in your own words God's care for us who are His children.

## LESSON 9 – GOD: WORTHY OF REVERENCE AND RESPECT

*Answer the following questions briefly,*

1. What was Isaiah's reaction after seeing the Lord and hearing the seraphim? Isaiah 6:1-5
2. Consider Revelation, chapter 4. What are the four living creatures (beasts) doing day and night?

What are the 24 elders doing?

3. How does Cornelius express his reverence for God in Acts 10:33?

### **Reverence for God's name**

4. What is said of God's name in Psalm 8:1?
5. What is said of His name in Psalm 111:9?
6. **Thought Question:** Discuss ways we can show irreverence for God's name; also, ways to show reverence for His name.

### **Reverence for God's word**

7. Consider 1 Thess. 2:13. In what way did the Thessalonian Christians show reverence for God's word?

8. What did they do with the word they received? 1 Thess. 1:8
9. Consider Acts 17:11-12. How did the Bereans show reverence for God's word?

With what results?

10. What is to be our reaction whenever God speaks, according to Habakkuk 2:20?
11. **Thought Question:** Discuss ways we can show irreverence for God's word; also, to show reverence for His word.

### **Reverence in worship**

12. What must be true of our worship, according to John 4:24?
13. What is said in 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 indicating the reverence with which we partake of the Lord's supper?
14. Consider 1 Corinthians 14:40. What instructions are given, helping us to stay focused on our purpose?
15. **Thought Question:** Discuss ways we can show irreverence in worship; also, to show reverence in worship.

## LESSON 10 – REJOICING ETERNALLY AROUND GOD’S THRONE

*Answer the following questions from Revelation 7:9-17.*

1. What did John see before God’s throne? Verse 9
2. What were they doing? Verse 10
3. What three groups joined them in praise? Verses 11-12
4. Who were they, according to one of the elders? Verses 13-14
5. What were they doing night and day? Verse 15
6. Who dwelt among them? Verse 15
7. What was the Lamb doing for them? Verses 16-17
8. What was God doing for them? Verse 17
9. This is a picture of God’s triumphant people. What is required to be in that number, according to Rev. 2:10?
10. This leads to the question, “Faithfulness to Whom?”

11. According to 2 Timothy 2:19, Who knows who the truly faithful people are?
  
12. What was essential for these to have hope of some day being around God's throne, according to John 3:16?
  
13. This verse says that one must believe. In whom must one believe?  
  
Does the word "believe" just mean to mentally accept that Jesus is God's Son?  
  
Discuss this.
  
14. What will be true of all of us, according to 2 Corinthians 5:10?
  
15. The challenge. Those who will be around God's throne are those who have come to God through Jesus Christ, who serve Him faithfully, and find forgiveness daily through the cleansing blood of Christ (1 John 1:7, 9). **Are you among them?**