## WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT MY GOD?

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My God is all-knowing. Job 37:16; Romans 11:33-36; Colossians 2:3; 1 John 3:20 My God is **Almighty**. Genesis 17:1; Job 40:2; Psalm 91:1; Revelation 4:8; 15:3 My God answers prayer. Psalm 86:6-7; 116:1-2; 138:3; Jeremiah 33:3; 1 Peter 3:12 My God comforts. Psalm 23:4; John 14:16-18; Romans 15:4; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 My God is compassionate. Lamentations 3:21-23; Psalm 56:8-9; 86:15; 1 Peter 5:7 My God is in control. 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Psalm 18:30, 32; 115:3; Isaiah 55:8-9 My God corrects. Psalm 32:3-5; Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:5-7; Revelation 3:19 My God is Creator. Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-25; Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 4:11 My God delivers. Daniel 3:17, 28; Psalm 34:4, 6-7, 17-19; 50:15; 2 Corinthians 1:9-10 My God is eternal. 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15-16; Hebrews 13:8; Revelation 1:8, 17-18 My God is faithful. Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 92:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 1 John 1:9 My God is my **Father**. Matthew 6:9, 26, 32; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7; 1 John 3:1 My God wants me to **fear** Him. Psalm 128:1-2; Proverbs 9:10; 31:30; Luke 12:4-5 My God forgives. Psalm 86:5; 103:3, 12; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 1:14; 1 John 1:9 My God gives. John 3:16; Acts 17:25; 2 Corinthians 9:15; James 1:17; 2 Peter 1:3-4 My God is to be glorified. 1 Chronicles 16:24, 27-29; Psalm 24:7-10; 1 Corinthians 10:31 My God is good. Psalm 34:8; 145:7, 9; Nahum 1:7; John 10:11, 14; Romans 2:4 My God is gracious. 2 Corinthians 9:8; 12:9; Ephesians 1:6-7; 2:8-9; Hebrews 4:16 My God is **great**. Deuteronomy 3:24; Psalm 135:5-6; Jeremiah 32:17; Luke 1:37; 1 John 4:4 My God guides. Psalm 37:5, 23; 73:24; Proverbs 3:5-6; 16:9; John 10:3-4, 27; 16:13 My God hears. 2 Samuel 22:7; Psalm 34:4, 6, 15, 17; 116:1-2; 120:1; 1 John 5:14 My God helps. Psalm 46:1; 146:3, 5; Isaiah 41:10, 13; Hebrews 4:16; 13:6 My God is **holy**. Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Revelation 4:8 My God is hope. Psalm 42:11; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Romans 15:4, 13; Colossians 1:27 My God gives joy. Psalm 16:11; 100:2; John 15:9-11; Romans 15:13; Philippians 4:4 My God is judge. Romans 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 4:2-5; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 My God knows me. Job 42:2; Psalm 139:1, 3-4, 23-24; Jeremiah 17:9-10; Hebrews 4:13 My God wants me to **know Him.** Jeremiah 9:23-24; James 4:8; 2 Peter 1:2-3; 3:18 My God is light, Psalm 27:1; John 1:4-5, 9; 8:12; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:5-7 My God lives and gives life. John 6:47-48, 51; 10:10; Acts 17:25, 28; Romans 14:7-8 My God is love. Jeremiah 31:3; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 8:35, 37-39; 1 John 4:8-10, 19 My God wants me to love others. Matthew 22:39; John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 4:8-9 My God is **merciful.** Psalm 103:8-11, 17; Luke 6:36; Ephesians 2:4; Titus 3:5 My God gives peace. John 14:27; 16:33; Philippians 4:7, 9; 2 Thessalonians 3:16 My God is all-powerful. 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Jeremiah 32:17, 27; Ephesians 1:19-20 My God is to be **praised**. 1 Chronicles 16:8-10, 23-29; Psalm 150:6; Revelation 19:5-7 My God hates **pride**. Proverbs 6:16-17; 8:13; 16:5, 18; 26:12; Daniel 4:37; 1 Peter 5:5-6 My God **protects.** Psalm 4:8; Psalm 27:5; Psalm 91:2-15; Proverbs 18:10; Jude 24 My God provides. Psalm 23:1; 34:9-10; Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:19; 2 Peter 1:3 My God is righteous. Psalm 92:15; Romans 3:21-26; 5:17-19; 9:14; Revelation 16:5, 7 My God is my rock. 2 Samuel 22:2-3, 32, 47; Psalm 31:2-3; 61:2; 1 Corinthians 10:4 My God is the **Savior**. Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:77-79; Titus 3:4-7; 1 John 4:9-10, 14 My God is my **Shepherd.** Psalm 23; Psalm 100:3; John 10:2-4, 7, 9, 11, 14-16, 27-28 My God is strong. Psalm 28:7; Isaiah 40:28-31; Ephesians 6:10-13; Philippians 4:13 My God is sufficient. Psalm 23:1; 73:25; 2 Corinthians 3:5; 12:9-10; Colossians 2:9-10 My God is supreme. Isaiah 46:9-11; John 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15-18 My God teaches. Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12; 27:11; 94:10; John 14:26; Ephesians 4:20-21 My God wants me to be thankful. Psalm 100:4; 2 Corinthians 9:11-15; Ephesians 5:20

My God is able. Daniel 3:17; Romans 4:21; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 3:20; Jude 24

My God wants me to "think Bible." Isaiah 26:3-4; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Philippians 2:5; 4:4-9

My God wants me to trust Him. Psalm 34:8; 56:3-4, 11; Isaiah 26:3-4; Jeremiah 17:5-8

My God is truth. Deuteronomy 32:4; John 8:31-32; 14:6, 16-17; 17:17; 1 John 5:20

My God is unchanging. Psalm 90:1-2; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 1:8, 10-12; 13:8

My God gives victory. 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; 2 Corinthians 2:14; Philippians 4:13

My God is all-wise. Proverbs 2:6; Romans 11:33-34; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Colossians 2:3

My God is with me. Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20; John 14:16-17; Hebrews 13:5

My God gave me His **Word**. Psalm 19:7-11; John 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12

My God is a God of wrath. Jeremiah 10:10; John 3:36; Revelation 6:16-17; 14:9-11

This is a start to a list of characteristics of God that will help you in your study of beginning to know Him. It is vitally important to study Who our God is and have a knowledge of Him because it is the very foundation of our Christian faith. Every decision we make in our "everyday lives" should be impacted by what we believe about our God. Satan is the father of lies, and he wants us to believe lies about God, while the Bible teaches us the truth about God. Unless we study God's Word and learn the truth about God, we will easily believe the lies of Satan instead of the truth about God. (For example, if a loved one is seriously ill, I can either believe that God doesn't love me and isn't in control, or I can believe that God always loves me, hears my prayers, is always in control, and wants me to grow to be more like Christ through this trial.)

I want to share a life-changing project that has helped me to begin to know God. Begin by purchasing a loose-leaf notebook. Using this suggested alphabetical list of some of the attributes of God, put one at the top of each page. Start by reading through the book of Psalms looking for God and Jesus Christ (or begin with the verses on this sheet). Every time you come across a verse about Him, write the whole verse out under the appropriate category. Continue doing this with all of your Bible reading adding any verses you find about God. You will soon have a notebook full of truth about your God. Any time a trial comes your way, you need assurance or encouragement in your daily life, or you want help for yourself or someone else, ask the question, "What do I know about my God?" and your notebook full of Bible truth about your God will be at your disposal. We often act according to our feelings (which are usually wrong), but as we meditate on Who God is, and how it affects our daily life, it changes our thinking and helps us respond to life biblically. Knowing God can mean the difference between victory or defeat, right choices or wrong, rest or distress, joy or depression!

It's also special to use the categories during your prayer time to praise God for Who He is. I review one category each day and try to think about how it should affect my life. The next step is to memorize some of the verses and meditate on them until they become a firm part of your faith. This study can be a tremendous blessing and help to you if you will take a few minutes a day to work on it. It's overwhelming to see how good and great our God is!! This absolutely changed my life and I hope it will be a help to you too!

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