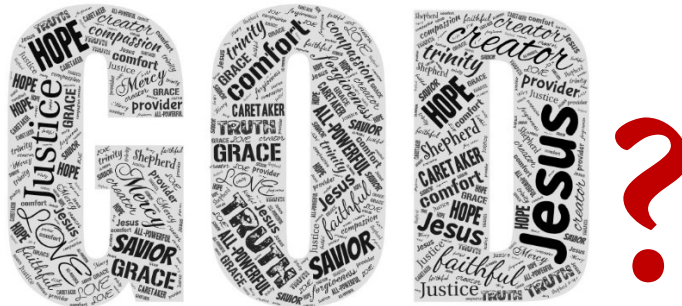


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Introduction:

In Exodus 5:1-2, Moses and Aaron told Pharaoh, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says: ‘let my people go’...” Pharaoh replied, “**Who is the Lord that I should obey him** and let Israel go? **I do not know the Lord** and I will not let Israel go.”

Today’s society seems to echo Pharaoh’s attitude towards God. Knowledge of who God is, and consequently, the desire to obey Him, is noticeably lacking.

God longs to have a close relationship with all people and He wants us to know Him intimately. His ultimate character, from His mighty power to His great love and compassion for all people, is revealed in the Bible.

This summer, we invite you to join us as we search God’s word to deepen our understanding of who God really is, and what that means for our lives.

This year’s Bible reading challenge has been written in a devotional format. Each week, we will read verses from both the Old and New Testaments that focus on a particular characteristic of God. I challenge you to think about the weekly readings in the context of the week’s topic and meditate on how the chosen verses illuminate God’s character. Most days also include a short thought about the day’s reading, intended to provide additional focus and understanding for why the specific verses were chosen for that day.

As we get to know God better, I pray that our faith in Him will grow, and it will produce in us a greater desire to serve Him and share His truth.

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law
~ Psalm 119:18 ~*

Date	Reading	To Think About...
Introduction:	Who is God?	
May 29	<input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 5:1-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 6:1-8 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Optional: Finish the story - Exodus 7-14</i>	Do you know anyone who shares Pharaoh's attitude concerning God in Exodus 5:2? What do the 10 plagues show us about who God is?
May 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 145 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 86	List all the characteristics of God found in these two Psalms.
May 31	<input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 3: 1-15 <input type="checkbox"/> John 8:49-59 <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:1-5 & 10-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 2:9 <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 1:1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> John 14:8-11 <input type="checkbox"/> John 10:30 <input type="checkbox"/> John 16:5-16 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 5:6-12 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 13:14 <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 6:4	Who is God: Establishing the Trinity
June 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:160 <input type="checkbox"/> John 17:1-21 <input type="checkbox"/> John 14:6 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 45:18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 31:5 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 43:3	Who is God: The God of Truth
June 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 7:7-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 4:29 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 105:1-4 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 55:6-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:1-18 <input type="checkbox"/> Hosea 10:12 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 6:33 <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11:6	Seek God's Truth
Characteristic:	Creator	<i>Think about God as the creator of the universe.</i>
June 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 2:10 & 4:22-24	What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
June 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 3	Are we obligated to obey our creator? Why or why not?
June 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 45: 7-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 17:16-31 <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 1:18-25	

June 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 10:6-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 3:19-20 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 104	Can you find evidence of God's wisdom in creation?
June 9 <i>Level 1 Complete</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 8:1-4 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 139:13-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 33	<p>What do these verses tell us about the value God places on human life?</p> <p><i>Who is God? He is the God who</i></p> <hr/>
Characteristic:	All-Powerful	<i>Do you like superhero movies? Why? Why do you think we find superheroes so fascinating?</i>
June 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 32:17-19 & 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 17:1-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 21:1-7	How do each of the readings this week display God's unlimited power over all things?
June 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 16 & 17	
June 14	<input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 5:13-15 & 6:1-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 10:1-15	
June 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 2:1-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 4:35-41 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:21-28 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 14:22-33	
June 16	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:1-44 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 27:32-66 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 28:1-10	<p><i>Who is God? He is the God who</i></p> <hr/>
Characteristic:	Sovereign	Sovereign: supreme ruler; possessing ultimate power
June 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 47 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 97 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 7:17	<p>Consider this week's reading in the context of the above definition of sovereign.</p> <p>If you had to be under the rule of a king, what abiding principles would you want that King to hold?</p>
June 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Samuel 5 & 6	
June 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 18:16-46 <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 3	Choose 1 or read both.
June 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 90:2 <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 1:8 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 40:25-31 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 40:13-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 8:1-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 46:9-11	<p>According to these verses, what characteristics does our sovereign God possess?</p> <p>Consider this question while reading next week also.</p>
June 23 <i>Level 2 Complete</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Chronicles 29:10-13	<p><i>Who is God? He is the God who</i></p> <hr/>

Characteristic:	Judgement & Justice	Justice: the principle that people receive what they deserve; the quality of being impartial or fair; assigning earned rewards or punishments; correctly administering the law.
June 26	<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 33:22 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 9:1-16 <input type="checkbox"/> James 4:7-12 <input type="checkbox"/> John 12:44-50; <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 4:11-13 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 96:13 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 11:7	If God is the creator and supreme ruler of the universe, does it follow that He has the authority to be our lawgiver (determine right and wrong) and judge (determine reward & punishment for right and wrong actions)?
June 27	<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 32:1-4; <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 18:30-32 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 5:4; Psalm 45:7 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 1:16-17 & 59:1-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 10:12-20 <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:9 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 98:1-9 & 99:1-5	What characteristics of God are described in these verses? Are these the characteristics you want in a judge?
June 28	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 17:10 <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 18:1-33 <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 19:1-29 <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 16:5-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 7:6-17	According to the verses from this week. How can we be sure that God judges with perfect justice?
June 29	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 139 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 4:1-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 2:1-11	
June 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 34:6-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 30:11-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 17:1-20 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 58: 1-2 & 10-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 10:19-31	Would God be a just God if He allowed evil to go unpunished? <i>Who is God? He is the God who</i> <hr/>
Characteristic:	Mercy / Grace / Forgiveness	<i>"He does not treat us as our sins deserve...as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." ~Psalm 103:10a & 12 NIV~</i>
July 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 25:1-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 30:18 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 37:1-14	Grace and mercy for Israel
July 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 9:1-19 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 1:1-7, 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Micah 7:18	
July 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonah 1-4	Grace and mercy for the gentiles
July 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 15:11- 24 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 18:21-35	Grace and mercy for all mankind
July 7 <i>Level 3 Complete</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 1:9 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 103	<i>Who is God? He is the God who</i> <hr/>

Characteristic:	Savior	<i>"God did not send Christ as a reward to the obedient, but rather as a ransom for the defiant" ~Cortney Whiting~</i>
July 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 48:17-18 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 59 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 61 <input type="checkbox"/> Zechariah 3:1-4 <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 7:9-17	Savior of Israel
July 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 79:8-9 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 44:22-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 68:20 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 42:1-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 53	God's perfect justice cannot let sin go unpunished. God's supreme love ruled that He would take our punishment on himself.
July 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:5-25 & 57-80 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 1:18-25 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 2:1-32	Jesus: savior of all people
July 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 22:47-71 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 23 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:1-7	Redeem = buy back
July 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Timothy 1:15-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 1:16-17 <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 3:21-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 1:12-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 6:1-23 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 1:18-19 <input type="checkbox"/> Titus 2:11-15 & 3:1-7	<i>Who is God? He is the God who</i> <hr/>
Characteristic:	God is Love	<i>"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His son [to die] for our sins." ~1 John 4:10 ~</i>
July 17	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 36:5-10 <input type="checkbox"/> John 3:16 <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 1:3-8 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 3:1 <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3:26-29	God's great love for us.
July 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 23:37-39 <input type="checkbox"/> Malachi 3:7-18 <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 2:1-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:6-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Titus 3:3-7	We are undeserving of God's love.
July 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 3:16-18 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 4:7-12 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a	A world without God is a world without love. <u>God is Love:</u> after reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, reread it and replace the word love with God.
July 20	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13:1-17 & 34-35 <input type="checkbox"/> John 15:12-17 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 10:25-37 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 4:16-21	How does God's definition of love contrast with the self-seeking love of the world? How should we respond to God's love?

<p>July 21</p> <p><i>Level 4 Complete</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 54:10 <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 30:1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 31:3-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 136 <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:28-39 <input type="checkbox"/> John 15:9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 3:14-21 	<p>Nothing can make God stop loving us.</p> <p><i>Who is God? He is the God who</i></p> <hr/>
<p>Characteristic:</p>	<p>Comforter / Compassion</p>	<p>Comfort: <i>to come along side and encourage or console.</i></p> <p>Compassion: <i>a deep feeling or concern about the troubles of others.</i></p>
<p>July 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 7:4-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:49-52, 76-77 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 34:18 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 43:5 	<p>Name at least two ways God comforts us.</p>
<p>July 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 16:1-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 21:1-21 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 56:8 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 12:6-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 40 	<p>The God Who Sees Me</p>
<p>July 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 5:21-34 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:36-50 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 17:11-19 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 19:1-9 	<p><u>The God Who Sees Me:</u></p> <p>As you read over the next 2 days, notice <i>who</i> Jesus interacts with, and <i>how</i> he treats them.</p>
<p>July 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:40-42 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:11-15 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 9:35-37 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 14:13-21 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 20:29-34 	
<p>July 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 4:14-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51:1-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 145:8-21 <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 4:4-9 	<p><i>Who is God? He is the God who</i></p> <hr/>
<p>Characteristic:</p>	<p>Provider / Caretaker</p>	
<p>July 31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 40:10-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 34 <input type="checkbox"/> John 10:1-15 	<p>The Lord is my shepherd...</p>
<p>August 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 23 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 6:25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 4:19 	<p>He provides everything I need...</p>

<p>August 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 40:29-31 <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 17:7-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 11:28-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 3:7-19 & 4:1-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 62 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 91:1 	<p>He restores my soul...</p>
<p>August 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:97-105 <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 2:6-20 <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 3:5-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 4:14 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 15:1-7 	<p>He guides me on the right paths...</p>
<p>August 4 <i>Level 5 Complete</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 34 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 41:10 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 56 <input type="checkbox"/> Nahum 1:7 	<p>I will fear no evil...</p> <p><i>Who is God? He is the God who</i></p> <hr/>
<p>Characteristic:</p>	<p>Faithfulness / Hope</p>	<p>Faithful: <i>The act of being true to your word or promise. Following through on your commitments. Reliable. Trustworthy. Steadfast in allegiance and love.</i></p>
<p>August 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 100 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:89-91 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 89:1-37 <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 7:9 	
<p>August 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 12:1-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 23:14 & 24:1-15 <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 6:13-20 	<p>God's faithfulness to the Israelites.</p>
<p>August 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 29:1-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Malachi 3:6-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 45:13 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 1:1-7,11 <input type="checkbox"/> Nehemiah 9:5-37 <input type="checkbox"/> Lamentations 3:21-23 	<p>Reflect on God's promises to the Israelites. How many of them were kept? Does God's track record give Him credibility for the future?</p>
<p>August 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 1:3-11 <input type="checkbox"/> James 1:13-17 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 10:13 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 2:1-13 <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 13:5-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 10:19-23 	<p>How does God show His faithfulness to us? Does God's faithfulness, as illustrated in the Bible, provide assurance that He is trustworthy?</p>
<p>August 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> John 14:1-30 & 16:33 <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1:1-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Thess. 4:13-5:24 <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 21:1-7 	<p><i>Hope.</i></p> <p><i>Who is God? He is the God who</i></p> <hr/>