## Know God Deeply

## Unchanging

Uncertainty. This is the key word for the days we live in. With a global pandemic raging, political intrigue being exposed and the economy struggling, there is a sense that the whole world is being shaken and that nothing will ever be the same again. That is why knowing God really matters. One of the words used to describe God is "<u>immutable</u>", meaning that He does not change. Let's remind ourselves of this truth.

#### **Exodus 3:13-15**

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

#### **Exodus 34:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD <sup>6</sup> The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."
<sup>8</sup> And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

#### **Numbers 23:19**

<sup>19</sup> God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

God is calling Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. READ Exodus 3:13-15 and mark references to God, including pronouns and synonyms with a

What is the question Moses is asking God?

How does God want to be known? For how long?

How does this name reflect the unchangeable character of God?

As Moses' journey progresses he asks God to show him His glory. READ Exodus 34:5-8 and mark the LORD (I AM) with a

List the different attributes that God declares about Himself?

How does Moses respond to this revelation?

In what ways does knowing that God does not change and that His name is I AM help us to have confidence in Him and His character?

READ Numbers 23:19 and again mark all references to God with a

Who is God being contrasted with?

What do we learn about the immutability of God from this verse? Reflect on each detail.

How is this an encouragement to us?

#### Psalm 102:25-27

<sup>25</sup> Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. <sup>26</sup> They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, <sup>27</sup> but you are the same, and your years have no end.

#### **Psalm 75:3**

When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady the pillars. Selah

#### Isaiah 46:9-10

<sup>9</sup> remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, <sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

#### Psalm 33:11

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

#### Psalm 119:89

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

#### **Luke 21:33**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

#### Psalm 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

#### **Deuteronomy 33:27**

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

#### Lamentations 3:22

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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READ each of the following verses and mark God, including pronouns, in the same way as before. Note what is said.

Psalm 102:25-27

What is the contrast being made between God and His creation?

#### Psalm 75:3

How does this verse apply to our times?

Selah means we are to pause and think.

Isaiah 46:9-10, Psalm 33:11

What do these verses teach about God's supremacy and His purposes and plans?

#### Psalm 119:89, Luke 21:33

How does God's unchanging character impact on His words?

#### Psalm 1:1-3

What impact can God's unchanging words have on the stability of our lives?

How do we make that a reality? What will it look like?

#### Deuteronomy 33:27

What two words in this verse reflect God's immutability? How does it comfort us?

#### Lamentations 3:22

What comfort does this verse bring you in these uncertain days?

Spend time talking to God about what you have been studying.



# **Know God Deeply. Live Differently.**

## About this study...

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Observe - What does the text say?

**Understand - What does the text mean?** 

Apply - What does this mean for me?

By using this approach, we can study the Bible in a way that allows us to know God deeply, and to live differently.

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