

# Concept of God

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## I. Introduction.

## II. The consequences of having a right view of God.

A. "What is God good for now?"

B. It is important to have a right concept about God.

1. It will determine the course one has in life. God is the starting point for wisdom and understanding. (Proverbs 1:7, 9:10)

a. God is never proven, but assumed.

b. Life cannot be enjoyed without God.

c. God is an unchanging reference point. (Psalm 102:7)

2. It will determine our character. The basic problem is not ignorance, but rebellion. (Romans 1:21-25)

3. It will determine the contribution one makes. (Daniel 11:32)

a. God wants to do exploits through you.

b. A hero is one who has penetrated through to ultimate reality and has been hooked into eternity.

4. It determines your contentment. (Psalm 62:5)

a. The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

b. We need to be able to have fun.

## III. Sources for knowing about God.

A. God has to reveal Himself to man.

B. We by nature think that we are the center of the universe - we did not think up God; God thought up man.

C. God has taken the initiative to reveal Himself to us.

1. Through nature. (Psalm 119, Isaiah 40:26)

2. Through what is invisible. (Hebrews 11:3)

3. Through human beings and human nature.
4. Through what He reveals specially.

IV. Special revelation. (Hebrews 1)

A. God's revelation comes from the Bible and Jesus Christ.

B. Essentials for having a proper concept of God.

1. A pure heart. (Matthew 5:8)
  - a. Our concept of God determines our character.
  - b. Our character determines our concept of God.
  - c. Do you try to have a clear conscience before God and man. (1 John 1:9)
2. We have to search the Scriptures. (Proverbs 2:1-5)
  - a. God is omniscient. (Psalm 139)
  - b. There is a difference between memorizing an outline and getting into the Scriptures yourself.
3. We have to seek Jesus. Jesus is God on earth living in the circumstances that we have to. (John 14:9)
4. We have to be obedient. (John 14:21)
  - a. Surrender comes before knowing God's will.
  - b. God is holy, and God is love. He wants us to be holy and love because He is holy and loved. We should reflect it ourselves. (1 John 4:7, John 14:21)
  - c. God is not our servant - we are here to do His will.
  - d. The big problem is pride. The solution is surrender.

V. Conclusion: spend some time getting to know God a little better. (Psalm 139)

**Application questions.**

1. Why is it important to know God? Which reason applies to the most personally? Explain.

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2. What is special revelation and is it unique?

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3. How shall we know God better? How will you personally engage in knowing God more in light of this message?

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