

**“WHO IS THE LORD?”**  
**Acts 17:24-31**

**Introduction:**

1. For many years the Israelites were in harsh bondage in Egypt.
2. They cried to the Lord Who sent Moses and Aaron to deliver them.

“Afterward, Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord God of Israel: Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.’ And Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go’” (Exodus 5:1,2).

3. Pharaoh’s question, “Who is the Lord?” is relevant today.
  - a. A Harris Poll in Nov. 2013 revealed that 74% of the US adults polled believe in God, down from 82% in an earlier poll.
  - b. A Religious News Service study in Oct. 2014 of the 43 largest religious groups in the US asked the question, “How certain are you that God exists?”
  - c. Approximately 90% of members of churches of Christ said they are absolutely certain God exists.
    - 1) What about the other 10%?
    - 2) SDA’s, Pentecostals, J. W.’s, Southern Baptists and Mormons had a higher percentage of certainty.
    - 3) Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Disciples, and Episcopalians had a lower percentage.

4. Who is the Lord? What does the Bible say about Him?

**Discussion:**

- I. HE IS THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE.
  - A. The Bible begins with the fact: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

- B. The Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God for it is self evident to an honest, reasonable mind.**

**“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).**

**“The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 14:1).**

**II. HE IS OMNISCIENT, OMNIPOTENT, OMNIPRESENT AND IMMUTABLE.**

- A. God is omniscient - He knows all things.**

**“Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite” (Psalm 147:5).**

**“For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things” (1 John 3:20).**

- B. God is omnipotent - He is all powerful.**

**“Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You” (Jeremiah 32:17).**

**“For with God nothing will be impossible” (Luke 1:37).**

**“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!” (Revelation 19:6).**

- C. God is omnipresent - He is everywhere.**

**“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into Heaven, You are there. If I make my bed in Sheol (Hades), behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me” (Psalm 139:7-10).**

**D. God is immutable - He does not change.**

**“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19).**

**“For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore, you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob” (Malachi 3:6).**

**“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).**

**III. HE IS INFINITE IN LOVE, MERCY, GOODNESS, JUSTICE AND HOLINESS.**

**A. God is infinite in love.**

**“He who does not love does not know God, for God is love” (1 John 4:8).**

**B. God is infinite in goodness and mercy.**

**“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever” (Psalm 118:29).**

**C. God is a just God.**

**“He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He” (Deuteronomy 32:4).**

**D. God is a holy God.**

**“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy” (Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:15,16).**

**IV. HE GIVES HIS CREATION EVERYTHING GOOD AND NECESSARY.**

**A. God provides for all our physical needs.**

**“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17).**

**“Nevertheless, He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness” (Acts 14:17).**

**B. God provides for all our spiritual needs.**

- 1. He gave us His Son to die for our sins (John 3:16).**
- 2. He gave us the Scriptures to guide us to Heaven (2 Peter 1:2,3; 2 Timothy 3:16,17).**
- 3. He has promised us eternal life (1 John 2:25).**

**V. HE IS A PERSONAL GOD WHO IS INTERESTED IN HIS CREATION.**

**A. God is interested in every detail of our lives.**

**“Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear, therefore. You are of more value than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:29-31).**

**B. God is near each one of us.**

**“... though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring’” (Acts 17:27, 28).**

**Conclusion:**

- 1. He is “the Judge of all the earth” (Genesis 18:25).**
- 2. He “has appointed a Day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man Whom He has ordained” (Acts 17:31).**
- 3. Are you ready to meet Him on that Day?**

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