

GODHEAD COURSE

Lesson 5

Who is the God of the Bible?

In the previous lesson we established from the bible that there is one God. The bible is a monotheistic Book. We also saw that there are different monotheistic concepts.

Is the God of the bible a triune monotheistic God, or is He a one individual monotheistic God?

This lesson will be a very short and direct answer to these questions. Lessons 6 – 10 will be a more detailed answer in which we will examine more biblical evidence that runs harmoniously throughout the whole bible.

Our first verse is from the lips of Jesus:

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3

According to Jesus, the Only true God is God the Father, the One who sent Him to this earth. Jesus was being very specific and exclusive when he said *“the only true God”*. The use of the word *“only”* states exclusivity; meaning no one else is God.

What did Jesus mean by saying the Father is the *“Only true God”*? Was He saying that He himself is not a divine being? That cannot be.

The bible clearly tells us that Jesus is divine.

Then how can His words be understood?

Jesus was saying that the Father is the only **source** of Godship or divinity.

Consider these verses:

“Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling

in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.” 1 Timothy 6:15, 16

The words “*no man hath seen nor can see*” clearly refer to God the Father as Jesus was seen by many when he was on this earth.

Do the words “*who only hath immortality*” mean that Jesus never had immortality before coming to this earth as well as after his resurrection?

What about others, like angels, Enoch, Moses, Elijah and the first fruits resurrected at Jesus’ crucifixion who were created, translated and resurrected; don’t they have conditional immortality?

What about Adam and Eve before the fall and what about the redeemed at the end of time?

Speaking of the redeemed, Paul says:

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. “For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” 1 Cor 15:52, 53

Clearly, we will have immortality, although it will be conditional.

So how does one understand the words “*who only hath immortality*” when other beings have or will have immortality? The answer is that God the Father is the Only Source of immortality.

This understanding maintains the exclusivity brought out in the text, “*Only the Father hath immortality*” and harmonizes it with the rest of the bible that states that other beings have immortality. The same principle applies with the phrase “*the only true God.*”

Consider these verses:

“As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

“For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1 Cor 8:4 - 6

After stating the fact that there is no other God but One, Paul goes on to identify who this one God is. Writing to the believers in Jesus, he says: “there is but one God, the Father”. This verse clearly states that the One God of the Bible is not a committee of three but that he is “God the Father”. Then Paul goes on to say why the Father is the One God. He says: “of whom *are* all things”. God the Father, the one God of the bible, is the Source of all things.

The term “One God” refers to the One source of all things. It does not mean “only” one being with a divine or God nature. It means one source of all things.

This is in perfect harmony with what Jesus said, that the Father is the “*Only true God*” meaning, the Only source of divinity and Godship.

It also harmonizes with Paul saying that the Father “*only hath immortality*” meaning God the Father is the Source of immortality.

God the Father is the one God of the bible. He is the Monotheistic God since He is the Source of all things.

Notice what Jesus said:

“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;” John 5:26

The life mentioned in this verse is an eternal and immortal life. The “Father hath it in Himself” means it is an unborrowed or underived life. The Father is not dependent on any one else to have this life. He is the Source of life.

Then Jesus went on to say, that as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

There are two important facts in this verse:

1. Jesus has the same life as the Father. He has in Himself.
2. The Father gave this life to His Son.

This means Jesus has this immortal, divine, original and unborrowed life. He has it in himself. Why? Because the Father gave it to Him emphasizing that the Father is the source of all things including the life of His Son.

More verses that clearly state who the God of the bible is:

*“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **One God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”*

Ephesians 4:4-6

Although Paul mentioned one Spirit and one Lord, he still emphasized only **One God**. He also specified who this one God is. It is not the Spirit, neither is it the Lord, neither is it a combination of all three. It is the Father. Why? Because He is above all, and through all, and in you all.

He is the Source of all things. He is the origin of everything and everyone.

Just a side note in here. In order to prove a triune monotheistic God, many Christians look for verses that mention Father, Son and spirit and think that is evidence of a triune God. Since all three are mentioned, then all three must make up the one God of the bible.

That is incorrect thinking. It's important to understand what the author meant by the verse. The passage from Ephesians is a perfect example of misusing scriptures.

Paul did mention One Lord, one spirit and One God, but that does not mean a trinity. A simple reading of the text reveals who is the One God. It is God the Father, not a trinity.

Matthew 28:19 is another text used to prove a trinity simply because it mentions the three. Yet when reading the entire chapter, one discovers that Jesus was not talking about who God is, neither was he identifying the God of the bible. The word "God" is not even mentioned in the whole chapter.

Jesus was instructing the disciples about baptism. Matthew 28:19 says there is a Father, a Son and a spirit. It does not identify the relationship between them, neither does it identify the God of the bible. To find answers for these questions one must look elsewhere in the bible.

A future lesson will deal with the verses that mentions all three such as 1 John 5:7 and so forth.

To this point, clear scripture has shown that the One God of the bible is God the Father, and that He is the Source of all things.

Consider this verse:

“And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him that God may be all in all.” 1 Cor 15:28

Why will Jesus will be subject unto the Father? He will be subject unto the Father:

- So that God, the Father, might be all in all. Why?
- Because the Father is *the Source of all things*, including the life of His Son.

The bible does not teach a triune monotheistic God. It tells us very clearly that the One God of the bible is God the Father. He, the Father, is the Source of all things including the life of His Son.

There are many more verses to prove this conclusion. This study was just a brief look into this topic. If you would like to dig deeper into the monotheistic nature of God, please watch lessons 6-10.

It is very important to have a good understanding regarding the monotheistic nature of God, that He is God the Father. This is the most fundamental and foundational step in understanding and teaching this topic.

When the biblical truth that the one God of the bible is God the Father, not a committee of three, is clearly understood and believed, the rest falls in place. One cannot arrive at a God with a triune nature if they are governed by the biblical truth that the One God is God the Father.

Hence it is very important to give a convincing biblical argument to this point.

May Jesus continue to guide and lead you as you continue studying this topic

God bless

