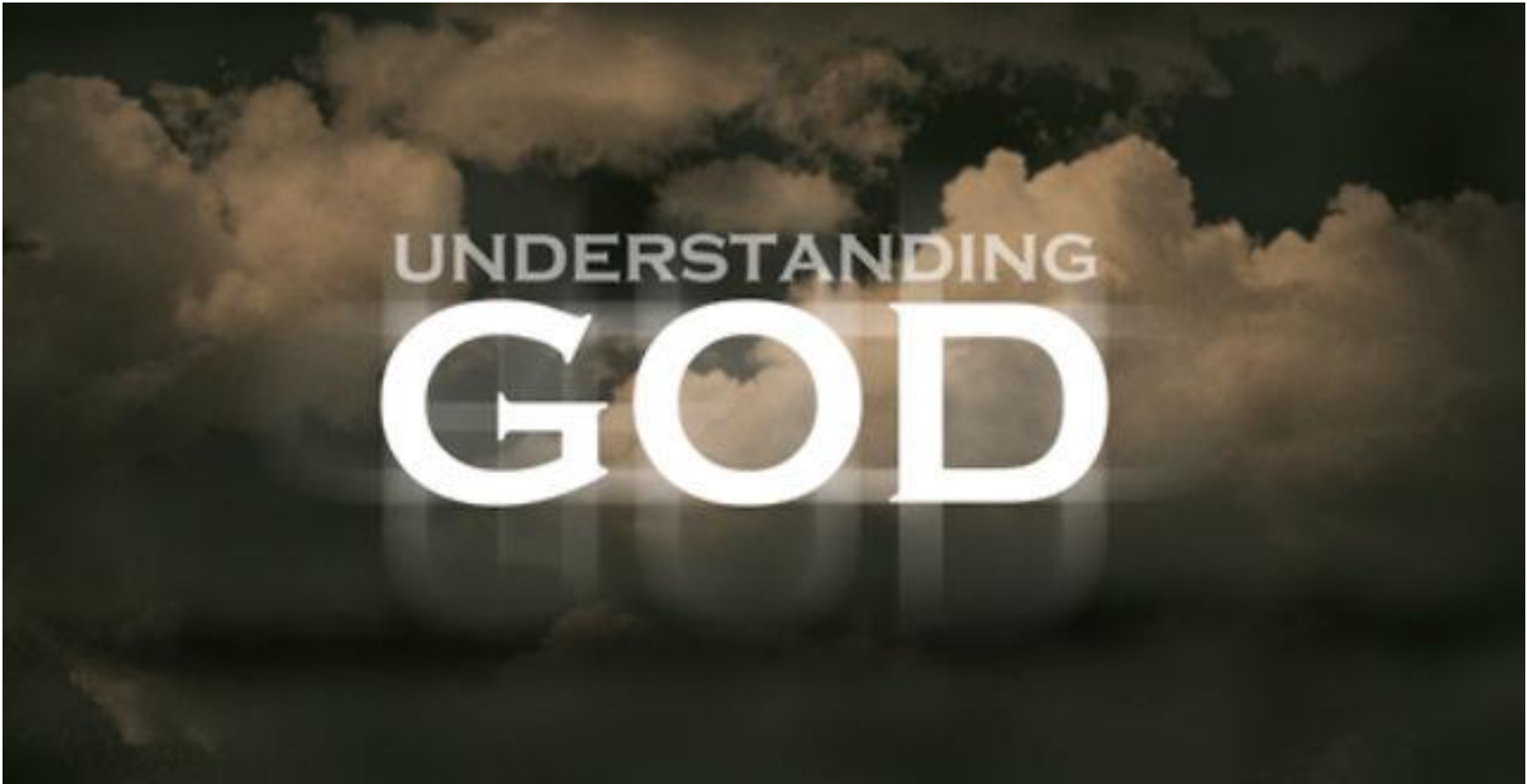




UNDERSTANDING GOD

Understanding God BIBLE STUDY SERIES

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THE TRUE GOD

We believe the Scriptures teach that there is one and only one living and true God; an Infinite, Intelligent and Spiritual Being; the Creator, Preserver and Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, reverence, and love; that in unity of the Godhead, there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit); equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (References: John 4:24; Psalm 147:5; Exodus 15:11)

Who is God?

- God is the ONE Supreme Being. God is worshipped as the only One wise enough and strong enough to create and maintain the universe.
 - Deuteronomy 4:39
 - Isaiah 44:6
 - Isaiah 46:9
 - Colossians 1:16-17

What is God?

- God is Spirit. God is a personal being without flesh and blood and therefore invisible. God is God.
 - John 4:24
 - 1 Timothy 1:17

Where is God?

God's home and throne are in a place called heaven, but God inhabits the whole earth. We cannot hide from God. God's eyes see everything. We cannot escape God for God is everywhere.

- Jeremiah 23:24
- Isaiah 66:1
- 2 Chronicles 16:9
- Proverbs 15:3
- Psalm 139:7-8

How Big is God?

God's size is unlimited. God is bigger than the entire universe, larger than anyone can realize. There is no device known to man by which God's "bigness" can be measured.

- Isaiah 40:12
- Isaiah 40:15

The Origin of God?

God has no origin. Origin is a word that can apply only to things created. God is self-existent, self-dependent and self-sufficient. God existed before time began.

- Psalm 90:1-2
- John 1:1-3
- Colossians 1:16-17

The Self Sufficient God

God is all of what is needed in Himself. All life is in and from God, whether it be the lowest form of unconscious life or the highly conscious, intelligent life of a seraph. No creature has life in itself; all life is a gift from God. God is the One who contains all, who gives all that is given, but who can receive nothing that He has not first given.

- John 1:3
- John 5:26
- Job 38:4

Has any man ever seen God?

No man has ever seen God because God is Spirit and invisible, but God has revealed Himself to man in various.

- John 1:18

Our Desire with God

- Deuteronomy 6:4-5