

The Easy Bible Truth



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The knowledge of God is an essential feature of Christian attainment. Those “*who know not God*” are among those whom vengeance is to overtake. (2 Thessalonians 1:8). Knowledge of God is the basis of a relationship to God. How can we love and serve Him, who we do not know? Knowledge is the foundation of all. It is the rock upon which eternal life is built.

John 17:3:

“This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”.

This knowledge of God is to be found where God has placed it – in the Holy Scriptures, which we know as the Bible. Nature tells us something about the Supreme wisdom in all her arrangements – it shows us the presence of the skill displayed in the construction of even the smallest creature; it shows the presence of a supreme design with perfect intelligence, but nature can do no more. It tells us that God is, but it can tell us nothing of this being, His character, His purpose, His will with regard to mankind, or His object in forming the universe.

However, when we look at the Bible representation of the “Father, Son and the Holy Spirit,” we find it in accord with normal rational thinking.

To begin with “*The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Ephesians 3:14) as God is described, who was made known to Israel by angels, revealed through the prophets and manifested in Jesus. The first thing revealed about him is his absolute unity. He is declared as ONE.

Look at these few illustrations

1. Moses to Israel: “*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is ONE Lord*” (Deuteronomy 6:4).
2. Jesus to one of the scribes: “*Jesus answered, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is ONE Lord*” (Mark 12:29).
3. Paul to the Corinthian believers: “*To us there is but ONE God, the Father of whom are all things, and we in Him*” (1 Corinthians 8:6).

The Bible says that all things are of the Father. Does not this imply that He is ‘the source’? And, being the source is He not the centre of creation? We cannot doubt the suggestion that God has a located existence. The scriptures expressly teach the location of God’s existence. Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:16 that he dwells “*In the light that no man can approach unto.*”

If God dwells in unapproachable light, He must have an existence there, which is not shown in the earthly thinking. This is borne out by Solomon’s words: “*God is in Heaven and thou upon earth...*” (Ecclesiasties 5:2).

The Biblical testimony before us: is that God is the only self-sustaining existence in the universe. All other forms of life are derived from the life, which is in Him. The following statements affirm this view: “*In Him we live and move and have our being*” (Acts 17:28). “*To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things*” (1 Corinthians 8:6).

So what do we learn from the above?

- God is one.
- He is the creator and sustainer of all things.
- He dwells in heaven in unapproachable light.
- He is the Father of all.
- He is the possessor of all power.

We should be humbled by our small knowledge of the Supreme Being, the creator of heaven and earth, the sustainer of all life, in whose hands is the power of life and death for all creation. It we weak mortal humans who do not and cannot understand the full extent of the Divine mind and who must approach humbly to the One who has power to grant us the gift of immortal life.