

KNOWING GOD

Powerful Scriptures and Quotes

Ephesians 1:17 (CEB)

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you.

John 17:3

And this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus the Messiah, whom You have sent.

Philippians 3:7-10 (Passion)

Yet all of the accomplishments that I once took credit for, I've now forsaken them and I regard it all as nothing compared to the delight of experiencing Jesus Christ as my Lord! To truly know him meant letting go of everything from my past and throwing all my boasting on the garbage heap. It's all like a pile of manure to me now, so that I may be enriched in the reality of knowing Jesus Christ and embrace him as Lord in all of his greatness. My passion is to be consumed with him and not clinging to my own "righteousness" based in keeping the written Law. My "righteousness" will be his, based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ—the very righteousness that comes from God. And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus more fully and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me.

Psalms 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed are all those who take refuge in him!

Bill Johnson, from the book God is Good

One of the great commands of Scripture pertaining to the experience of His goodness is "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 34:8). If you'll taste it for yourself, you'll see it more clearly. Your perception of truth will increase as you experience truth more deeply.

Psalms 42:1-2 (NIV)

*As the deer pants for streams of water so my soul pants for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*

Matthew 22:34-38; Mark 12:28-31

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees regrouped. One of their own, who was an expert in the Torah, had heard the Sadducees arguing with Jesus. Noticing how well Jesus had answered them, he took his turn and tested him with this question: "Rabbi, of all the commandments in the Torah, which one is the greatest?" Jesus answered him, "The most important commandment is this:

HEAR, O ISRAEL:
THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.
YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.
DEUTERONOMY 6:4,5

This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is equally important to it:

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.
LEVITICUS 19:18

There are no other commandments greater than these two. In fact, the whole Torah and all of the teachings of the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

A.W. Tozer, from the book *Knowledge of the Holy*

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him.

Bill Bright, from the book *God: Discover His Character*

...everything about our lives, our attitudes, motives, desires, actions, and even our words is influenced by our view of God.

THE INVISIBLE QUALITIES OF GOD: His Character & Nature

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Bill Johnson, from the book *God is Good*

Because God is better than I think, I must adjust my thinking and the tenderness of my heart until I live conscious of both His nature and His presence. And that awareness then becomes the reality I live from. His nature defines who I am and what I do.

GOD IS THE CREATOR

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Colossians 1:16-17 (NLT)

For through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

GOD IS ETERNAL

Psalm 90:1-2 (Passion)

Lord, you have always been our eternal Home, our Hiding Place from generation to generation. Long before you gave birth to the earth and before the mountains were born, you have been from everlasting to everlasting, the One and Only true God.

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Listen well! I'm telling you the truth: Long before Abraham came into being, I AM."

GOD IS FAITHFUL

God is totally trustworthy to keep His promises and to be completely true to all of who He is.

2 Timothy 2:13 (ESV)

If we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

1 Kings 8:15 (NIV)

...Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who with His own hand has fulfilled what He promised with His own mouth to my father David...

Hebrews 10:23 (Passion)

So now we must cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps His promises.

Graham Cooke

God cannot change. He cannot be anything other than who He is. Out of His love and His promises, you were selected as His treasure. God's faithfulness has been the bedrock of His dealings with humanity throughout time.

Hudson Taylor

All God's giants have been weak men and women who have gotten hold of God's faithfulness.

GOD IS OUR FATHER

God protects, cares for, and guides a family of redeemed sons and daughters who've put their trust in Him.

He has eternally existed in a perfect relationship of love and oneness with the other two unique Persons of the Trinity, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:15-16 (Passion)

And you did not receive the "spirit of religious duty," leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the "Spirit of full acceptance," enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, "Beloved Father!" For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, "You are God's beloved child!"

GOD IS GLORIOUS

God is majestic, awesome, and great beyond description. His glory is the manifestation of the reality of Who He is.

John Piper

The glory of God is the manifestation of the beauty of his holiness. It is the going public of his holiness. It is the way he puts his holiness on display for people to apprehend. So the glory of God is the holiness of God made manifest.

Psalm 47:2 (Passion)

*The Lord God Most High is astonishing, awesome beyond words!
He's the formidable and powerful King over all the earth.*

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

GOD IS GOOD

God is for us and with us and totally committed to our well-being. Everything He does, He does with absolute excellence and perfection.

Psalm 106:1; 107:1; 118:1,29; 136:1; (see also 1 Chron. 16:34; 2 Chron. 5:13; 7:3; Ezra 3:11)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 119:68 (NIV)

You are good, and what You do is good...

Romans 8:31 (NIV)

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Psalm 46:1-3 (NIV)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah

GOD IS GRACIOUS

A.W. Tozer

Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving.

It is...a self-caused propensity to pity the wretched, spare the guilty, welcome the outcast, and bring into favor those who were before under just punishment.

Isaiah 30:18-19 (NIV)

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him! O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious He will be when you cry for help! As soon as He hears, He will answer you.

We need to never, ever forget how *amazing* grace is!

GOD IS HOLY

A.W. Tozer

God's holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered. We know nothing like the divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable...

Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. He is that standard.

John Piper

His holiness is what he is as God that nobody else is. It is his quality of perfection that can't be improved upon, that can't be imitated, that is incomparable, that determines all that he is and is determined by nothing from outside him. It signifies his intrinsic, infinite worth, his intrinsic, infinite value.

Isaiah 6:3 (NKJV)

...Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.

Isaiah 57:15 (NKJV)

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

1 John 1:5 (CEB)

This is the message that we have heard from Him and announce to you: "God is light and there is no darkness in Him at all."

GOD IS LOVE

God cares for us intimately, extravagantly, perfectly and purely, even when we don't love Him. And He always does what He knows is for our own good and the good of all concerned.

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1 John 4:16 (NIV)

...God is love...

Psalms 57:10 (Passion)

Your love is so extravagant it reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness so astonishing it stretches to the sky!

Lamentations 3:22,32 (Message)

GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out, His merciful love couldn't have dried up...

If He works severely, He also works tenderly. His stockpiles of loyal love are immense.

Romans 8:35-39 (NLT)

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:18-19 (NLT)

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

GOD IS MERCIFUL

God doesn't give us what we deserve, but He looks on us with great compassion, and understands that we are but dust.

A.W. Tozer

Mercy is...the goodness of God confronting human suffering and guilt. Were there no guilt in the world, no pain and no tears, God would yet be infinitely merciful; but His mercy might well remain hidden in His heart, unknown to the created universe...

Psalms 103:8-14 (Passion)

You're so kind and tenderhearted to those who don't deserve it and so very patient with people who fail you! Your love is like a flooding river overflowing its banks with kindness. You don't look at us only to find our faults, just so that you can hold a grudge against us. You may discipline us for our many sins, but never as much as we really deserve. Nor do you get even with us for what we've done. Higher than the highest heavens— that's how high your tender mercy extends! Greater than the grandeur of heaven above is the greatness of your loyal love towering over all who fear you and bow down before you! Farther than from a sunrise to a sunset— that's how far you've removed our guilt from us! The same way a loving father feels toward his children— that's but a sample of your tender feelings toward us, your beloved children, who live in awe of you! You know all about us inside and out. You are mindful that we're made from clay.

GOD IS OMNIPOTENT

God is infinite in His power and abilities.

A.W. Tozer

Since He has at His command all the power of the universe, the Lord God omnipotent can do anything as easily as anything else. All His acts are done without effort. He expends no energy that must be replenished. All the power required to do all that He wills to do lies in undiminished fullness in His own infinite being.

Isaiah 40:26 (NLT)

Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.

Psalms 66:3 (NLT)

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.

GOD IS OMNIPRESENT

A.W. Tozer

God is everywhere, close to everything, next to everyone...

The Scriptures declare that God is immanent in His creation, that there is no place in heaven or earth or hell where men may hide from His presence...

In His infinitude He surrounds the finite creation and contains it. There is no place beyond Him for anything to be...

Psalms 139:7-10 (NIV)

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.

Matthew 18:20

For wherever two or three gather together in my name, I'm right there among them.

Matthew 28:20 (Passion)

And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age.

GOD IS OMNISCIENT

Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Isaiah 40:13–14 (NLT)

Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him? Has the LORD ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach him what is right or show him the path of justice?

Psalms 139:1–6; 15–18 (Passion)

Lord, you know everything there is to know about me. You've examined my innermost being with your loving gaze. You perceive every movement of my heart and soul, and understand my every thought before it even enters my mind. You are so intimately aware of me, Lord. You read my heart like an open book and you know all the words I'm about to speak before I even start a sentence! You know every step I will take before my journey even begins! You've gone into my future to prepare the way, and in kindness you follow behind me to spare me from the harm of my past. With your hand of love upon my life, you impart a Father's blessing to me. This is just too wonderful, deep, and incomprehensible! Your understanding of me brings me wonder and strength.

You even formed every bone in my body when you created me in the secret place; carefully, skillfully shaping me from nothing to something. You saw who you created me to be before I became me! Before I'd ever seen the light of day, the number of days you planned for me were already recorded in your book. Every single moment you are thinking of me! How precious and wonderful to consider that you cherish me constantly in your every thought! O God, your desires toward me are more than the grains of sand on every shore! When I awake each morning, you're still thinking of me.

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS & JUST

God always deals with every person and every situation based on the righteous standard of His perfect person and will.

A.W. Tozer

Everything in the universe is good to the degree it conforms to the nature of God and evil as it fails to do so. God is His own self-existent principle of moral justice, and when He sentences evil men or rewards the righteous, He simply acts like Himself from within, uninfluenced by anything that is not Himself.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (NLT)

He is the Rock; His deeds are perfect. Everything He does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright He is!

GOD IS OUR SAVIOR

God has redeemed us out of sin and death and darkness with His own life and placed us into a Kingdom of light and freedom.

John 4:42 (Message)

They said to the woman, "We're no longer taking this on your say-so. We've heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. He's the Savior of the world!"

GOD IS THE SON

The Son is the tangible manifestation of the uncreated, invisible God. He has eternally existed in a perfect relationship of love and oneness with the other two unique Persons of the Trinity, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 16:15-16; Mark 8:29; Luke 9:20

"But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter spoke up and said, "You're the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

GOD IS THE SOVEREIGN KING

The nations, as well as all of history and world events, are under His complete control and authority and His eternal plans and purposes will be accomplished.

A.W. Tozer

God's sovereignty is the attribute by which He rules His entire creation, and to be sovereign, God must be all-knowing, all-powerful, and absolutely free...

Matthew 27:11-12; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3; John 18:33,36-37

So Pilate went back inside the Praetorium and called for Jesus to be brought before him. "Are you really the King of the Jews?" the governor asked him.

Standing, facing the governor, Jesus answered him, "Yes, it's true! It's just as you've said it..."

Jesus answered him, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom is not from this realm."

Then Pilate said to him, "So, then, you are a king, after all."

"You're right in saying that I'm a King," Jesus answered. "In fact, it was for this very reason that I was born, and for this purpose I've come into the world—to testify to this truth..."

1 Timothy 6:15-16 (ESV)

He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who alone has immortality, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Whom no one has ever seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Revelation 1:5 (NIV)

...Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth...

GOD IS SPIRIT

God is uncreated, without a body, and invisible to the natural human eye. He has eternally existed in a perfect relationship of love and oneness with the other two unique Persons of the Trinity, the Father and the Son.

John 14:16-17; 16:13-15

...I'll ask the Father, and he'll give you another Encourager, who's just like me. He's the Spirit of Truth, who will be with you forever.

...when the Spirit of truth comes, he'll guide you into all truth. He'll not speak on his own authority, but he'll speak exactly what he hears, and he'll declare to you things that are still to come. He'll glorify me by taking what is mine and making it known to you. Everything that belongs to my Father is also mine. That's why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and make it known to you.

GOD IS A WARRIOR

God is at war against, and will be victorious over, all that is evil and harmful to His creation.

Exodus 15:3,6-7 (TEV)

The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name...

Your right hand, LORD, is awesome in power; it breaks the enemy in pieces. In majestic triumph You overthrow your foes; Your anger blazes out and burns them up like straw.

Isaiah 42:13 (NLT)

The LORD will march forth like a mighty hero; He will come out like a warrior, full of fury. He will shout his battle cry and crush all his enemies.

GOD IS WISE

A.W. Tozer

Wisdom, among other things, is the ability to devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means...

It sees the end from the beginning, so there can be no need to guess or conjecture.

Wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, and is thus able to work toward predestined goals with flawless perfection.

All God's acts are done in perfect wisdom, first for His own glory, and then for the highest good of the greatest number for the longest time. And all His acts are as pure as they are wise, and as good as they are wise and pure.

Psalms 147:5 (Passion)

How great is our God! There's absolutely nothing his power cannot accomplish and he has infinite understanding of everything.

Jeremiah 51:15 (NIV)

He made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding.