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Title: Keeping God's Word

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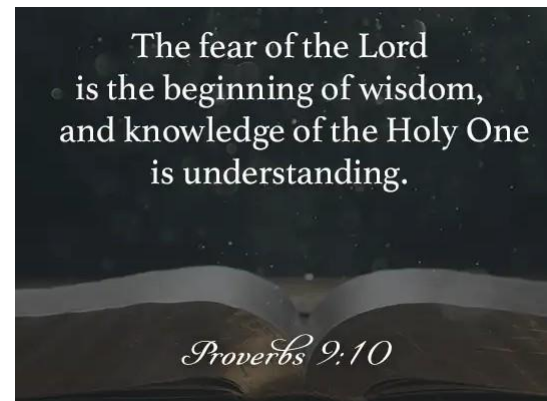
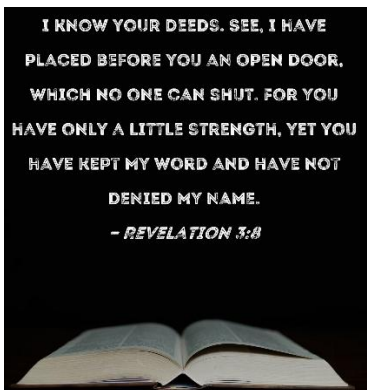


Speaker-PM: Donovan Bale

Title: Wisdom

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News and Prayer Requests

- Gospel meeting at Kirkwood Sept 19-21 with Craig Bean.
- Gospel meeting in STJ, Sept 28-Oct3 with Marshall McDaniel.

Who is God? 9/5/2025 By Patrick Hite

We are introduced to God in the very first verse of the bible, where we read that He created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). He is the one who was before all things and created all things by the power of His word. He is the one who sustains all things that we might continue to live (Genesis 1:29-30, Job 12:7-10). God is the Father of all mankind (Genesis 2:7). He is the ruler of all, the greatest and highest authority there is. He is the God of gods, King of kings, and Lord of lords (Deuteronomy 10:17, I Timothy 6:15).

How do we know who God is?

In the ancient days, He spoke to men like Abraham, Issac, and Jacob (Genesis). Through these men, God brought forth the Israelites, with whom He made a covenant and to whom He gave the Law so they could learn how seriously He takes holiness, sin, sacrifice, obedience, and faith (Exodus, Leviticus). At various times God spoke to His people through the prophets to teach them and bring them to repentance (Hebrews 1:1). In the time of the New Testament, God spoke through His Son, Jesus, who came to be the Savior of the world (Hebrews 1:2, I John 4:14). Today, God speaks to us through His words written by the prophets and apostles that He preserved across the ages so we can know all we need about life and godliness (II Peter 1:3).

What is the character of God?

Throughout the scripture we see the various parts of God's character. God is light, meaning He is all good and there is no evil or darkness found in Him at all (I John 1:5). Both God and His word are truth (John 17:17) and therefore He is incapable of deceit (Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 6:18). God is faithful to His people and as long as we are faithful to Him He does not forsake us (II Thessalonians 3:3, Hebrews 13:5). God is jealous and avenging, and He shows wrath against those who oppose Him (Nahum 1:2, Romans 12:19). But He is also slow to anger and rich in mercy towards those who follow Him (Luke 6:36, Psalm 86:5). God is just and never acts wrongly or with partiality in anything (Deuteronomy 32:4, Acts 10:34). Simply put, God is perfect and righteous in all that He does (Psalm 11:7, 18:30).

Is God still active in the world?

Although in times past God worked in ways that were much more tangible to our senses, God is still very active in the world. He continues to sustain and provide all things that are necessary for life (Acts 17:28, Matthew 6:25-34). He blesses us with every physical and spiritual blessing (James 1:17, Ephesians 1:3). He listens and answers the prayers of the righteous (Proverbs 15:26, I John 5:14). He strengthens us in times of temptation and times of trial (I Corinthians 10:13, Isaiah 41:10). God may not be as visibly active in the world today, but there is no doubt that He works in the world and in our lives.

Why should I care about God?

One day, each and every one of us is going to die. Our flesh will return to the dust, and our spirit will return to God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7). There is also going to come a day that each of us will have to give an account to God for all that we have done in our lives, whether good or evil (Ecclesiastes 12:14, Romans 14:12). On that day we will receive only one of two things: eternal life with God, or eternal separation from Him (Matthew 25:31-46). If we want to be able to stand before God with confidence that we have done that which is pleasing to Him, we need to care about what pleases Him. We need to care about all He has done so that we can have eternal life with Him (Romans 5:8), and we need to care about what He says we must do if we want to have eternal life with Him (John 3:16, 17:3).