



God, Man and Satan
Lesson 2

**The Word of God is
Our Source**

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Lesson 1 The Word of God is Our Source

*“O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name;
or you have done wonderful things...” Isaiah 25:1b*



In lesson 1 we learned that God reveals himself through his creation, but certain things about God we only learn through reading Scripture. Let's go back to that Psalm 19 which you just studied in lesson 1. Psalm 19 is divided into “two books”—creation and the Scriptures. Did you check the boxes? Yes, we learn about God by gazing at the stars. But no matter how long we look into the nighttime sky, the stars will only tell us certain things about God. At 19:7 there is a shift from the stars to “the law of the Lord.” Ahhh, there is another something proclaiming information about God. David, the author of these words, goes on to describe the Bible as disclosing truths about God that we could not possibly understand if you just looked at the sun or stars. List them in the chart below:

Law of the Lord	
Statutes of the Lord	
Precepts of the Lord	
Commands of the Lord	
Fear of the Lord	
Ordinances of the Lord	

Read through your list again and read aloud the various synonyms for the word Bible. Now list the different adjectives used to describe the Word of God:

Finally, reread and list the verbs of what the Word of God does:

Think what the Word of God does for you. It has the power to change you, transform you. I have made the mistake of trying to put a desk together without reading the owner's manual. When I've fumbled and done it my way, I later realize that it would have been smart to read the directions first.

Read also: Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:16, Psalm 119, 1 Peter 1:22-25, 2 Peter 1:3-4, 19-21 and list what the Word of God does for you:

It is because of the life nurturing effects of God's revealed Word—it buoys us up, it gives hope, it helps us refocus etc., that we turn to the Bible to work through the remainder of our study of God, Man and Satan. Before we look at what God is like in abstract terms, we will look at the way the Bible most commonly describes God. That is by using pictures or models drawn from everyday life. We cannot see God and understand him in the same way that we know other people. There are 2 reasons for this:

1. God is a different being from us. He is the Creator; we are his creation.
2. Our sinfulness separates us from God and blurs our vision of him.



Because of our limited understanding, God, in his grace, reveals himself to us in ways that we can understand. The best example of God doing this, is when he became a man himself, Jesus. But in addition, God uses many other pictures to describe himself.



One of the very common pictures used to describe God is as a parent. Go through the references below and write down a few words beside each reference describing what the picture tells us about God.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 _____

Deuteronomy 32:18 _____

Psalms 27:10 _____

Proverbs 3:11-12, Hebrews 12:5-11 _____

Isaiah 66:12-13 _____

Jeremiah 3:19 _____

Matthew 6:9 _____

Matthew 23:37 _____

Luke 15:11 _____

2 Corinthians 6:18 _____

My favorite Bible picture is of God as our good shepherd. What does this picture tell us about God?

Psalm 23 _____

Isaiah 40:11 _____

Ezekiel 34:1-16 _____

Matthew 9:36 _____

Luke 15:3-7 _____

John 10:11-20 _____

1 Peter 2:25 _____

“God is light.” The picture of light and darkness is used often in the Bible to help us understand what God is like. What does this picture tell us about God?

I John 1:5 _____

Isaiah 9:2, 60:20 _____

Psalm 130:5-6 cf. Psalm 27:1 _____

Psalm 36:9 _____

Malachi 4:2 _____

Proverbs 6:23 _____

What wrong ideas could any of these pictures lead to?

How is the picture of God as parent, as shepherd, or as light meaningful to you?

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Law of the Lord	Revives the soul vs 7
Statutes of the Lord-	Trustworthy, making wise the simple vs 7
Precepts of the Lord	Giving joy to the heart vs 8
Commands of the Lord-	Radiant, giving light to the eyes
Fear of the Lord	Pure, enduring forever
Ordinances of the Lord	Sure and righteous, more precious than gold, sweeter than honey, warns & rewards vs 11

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Finally, reread and list the verbs of what the Word of God does: **revives, giving joy, making wise, giving light, enduring, warns, rewards**

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Deuteronomy 32:18 They forgot the God who gave them birth

Psalms 27:10 The Lord receives us even if our parents don't

Proverbs 3:11-12, Hebrews 12:5-11 He disciplines us

Isaiah 66:12-13 He nurses us, carries on knee, like a comforting

Jeremiah 3:19 Treats us like sons

Matthew 6:9 He's in heaven, there are other children

Matthew 23:37 He's like a mother hen wanting to protect us

Luke 15:11 He doesn't lecture us about our mistakes, He forgives

2 Corinthians 6:18 He wants to be our father and call us his sons & daughters

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Psalms 23 Takes care of every need, gives rest, restores, guides

Isaiah 40:11 He gathers us in his arms, carries us close to his heart

Ezekiel 34:1-16 Rescues, strengthens weak, justice

Matthew 9:36 He has compassion on us, sees us as sheep with shepherd

Luke 15:3-7 Goes after lost, finds him, rejoices when found

John 10:11-20 Lays down his life for me, knows one

1 Peter 2:25 He's the shepherd and overseer

"God is light." The picture of light is used often in the Bible to help us understand what God is like. What does this picture tell us about God?

I John 1:5 He's light not darkness

Isaiah 9:2, 60:20 Great light in darkness, he's everlasting

Psalms 130:5-6 He's my light so I don't need to fear

Psalms 36:9 We are in the light when we knew how

Proverbs 6:23 His commands, teaching is a lamp/light

Malachi 4:2 He rises with healing

What wrong ideas could any of these pictures lead to? A statue of a shepherd becoming an idol, we put the bad characteristic of our earthly father onto God.

How is the picture of God as parent, as shepherd, or as light meaningful to you? My father provided a lot of security after my mother.

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