

GOD'S LOVE on Trial



The Identity of God (Part 1)

Lesson 3

If I asked you, “Do you know John Doe?” the first thing you would want to know is “Who is John Doe?” Until that question is answered you really could not say that you know John Doe. To understand God’s love we must first be able to answer the question, “Who is God?”

1. How did Jesus define true worshipers?

John 4:23 _____

2. What startling statement of Jesus revealed to the woman at the well her ignorance of who she worshiped?

John 4:22 _____

We may, like the woman at the well, think that we are worshiping the true God correctly. Yet, we may discover that our understanding of God is incorrect, and we are worshiping a god we don’t know, just as she did.

3. What inscription did Paul find that revealed the ignorance of the men on Mars’ Hill.

Acts 17:23 _____

4. In what is the only thing we can legitimately glory?

Jeremiah 9:23, 24 _____

God desires us to love Him and worship Him because we *know* what He is like. He wants us to understand Who He is, and what His character is like so that when we worship Him, we can worship Him honestly with all our hearts.

5. If we offer sacrifices to idols, who are we really worshipping?

1 Corinthians 10:20 _____

6. If we worship strange or new gods, who are we really worshipping?

Deuteronomy 32:16, 17 _____

The Bible teaches that if we worship idols or gods that we do not know, then we are actually worshipping devils. Friends, this is serious! We had better make sure that we know Whom we are worshipping because, if not we are in danger of worshipping Satan and could be lost. If we worship a god whom we do not know, even if there is no outward idol for our eyes to look upon, we can be just as truly worshipping Satan as were the servants of Baal.

7. How did God emphasize His singularity.

Isaiah 44:6 _____

All of the pronouns are singular, indicating that only one person is speaking. Who is this one person? We shall see.

8. How many Gods are there?

1 Corinthians 8:4 _____

9. To whom was Paul referring?

1 Corinthians 8:6 _____

10. To how many other persons was Paul referring by the term “one God”?

1 Corinthians 8:4 _____

11. What did Jesus say about our Lord?

Mark 12:29 _____

12. How did the scribe Jesus was speaking to reiterate this statement?

Mark 12:32 _____

13. To whom did the Jews refer by using the word “God”?

John 8:54 _____

14. Did Jesus know who the scribes and Pharisees were referring to when they said, “God”?

John 8:54 _____

When this scribe said, “There is one God; and there is none other but he,” Jesus knew that he was talking about His Father.

15. How did Jesus respond to this scribe’s statement?

Mark 12:34 _____

16. Was this a compliment or a rebuke?

Mark 12:34 _____

In Mark 12:29 we read, “Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord.” The word, “Lord,” here is directly referring to God, the Father, as we have seen. This verse is a quotation of Deuteronomy 6:4 where the Hebrew word translated, “LORD” is Yahweh, the personal name of God, the Father. The title, “Lord,” in the New Testament is a translation of the Greek word, κυριος, which means, “Master.” This term

often refers to Jesus Christ, as we have seen in 1 Corinthians 8:6. He is our Lord and Saviour. Both the Father and the Son are called, "Lord," a title that applies perfectly well to either of them, for they both have dominion over us. "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God" (1 Corinthians 11:3).

Both Paul and Jesus agreed that there is one God, and none other but He, and that this one God is God, the Father, and nobody else.

This lesson is continued in part 2 (Lesson 4).

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