

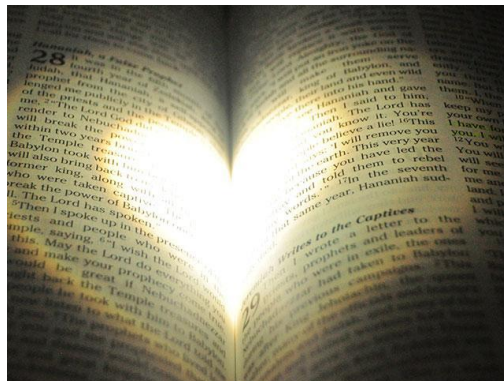
Back to the Father

Your Journey

Knowing Our Father

The God of Scripture – Part 3

Who is the God of Scripture?



I am fully aware of the questions and confusion that are in the minds and hearts of many on the subject of God. A lot of confusion about who or what God is has come from sources outside the Bible and has muddied the water and has made it difficult to look at the scripture in an objective way. If we are in a state of confusion on this subject it is not because of God, for he is not a God of confusion. The scripture makes it clear that God desires that we would come to know him. That we would worship him not only in spirit but also in truth. The more accurate our understanding of who God is the more meaningful our relationship with him can be. So, let us see what the scripture has to say about who God is.

I believe the following scriptures are clear enough in themselves so I will wait and make my comments at the end in the summary.

Deut 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that Yahweh he is God; there is none else besides him. WEB

Deut 4:39 Know therefore this day, and lay it to your heart, that Yahweh he is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is none else. WEB

1 Kings 8:60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that **Yahweh, he is God**; there is **none else**. WEB

Joel 2:27 You will know that I am in the midst of Israel, And that I am **Yahweh**, your **God**, and there is **no one else**; And **my** people will never again be disappointed. WEB

Deut 6:4-5 Hear, Israel: **Yahweh** is our **God**; **Yahweh is one**: 5 and you shall love **Yahweh your God** with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. WEB

Deut 32:39 See now that I (*Yahweh*), even I, am **he**, There is **no god with me**: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; There is none who can deliver out of **my** hand. WEB

2 Sam 7:22 Therefore **you are great, Yahweh God**: for there is **none like you, neither is there any God besides you**, according to all that we have heard with our ears. WEB

Neh 9:5-6 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless **Yahweh your God** from everlasting to everlasting; and blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. **You are Yahweh, even you alone**; **you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their army, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all**; and the army of heaven worships you. WEB

Isa 63:16 For **you** are our **Father**, though Abraham doesn't know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us: **you, Yahweh, are our Father**; our Redeemer from everlasting is your name. WEB

Isa 64:8 But now, **Yahweh, you** are our **Father**; we are the clay, and **you** our potter; and we all are the work of **your** hand. WEB

Ps 89:26 He (*David, verse 20*) will call to **me** (*Yahweh, verse 8*), '**You are my Father, My God**, and the rock of my salvation!' WEB

Ps 83:18 That they may know that **you alone, whose name is Yahweh**, Are the **Most High over all the earth**. WEB

Ps 86:10 For **you** are great, and do wondrous things. **You are God alone.** WEB

Isa 43:10-11 You are my witnesses, says **Yahweh**, and **my** servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am **he**: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am **Yahweh**; and besides me there is no savior. WEB

Isa 44:6-8 Thus says **Yahweh**, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, **Yahweh of Armies**: I am the first, and I am the last; and **besides me there is no God.** 7 Who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for **me**, since I established the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall happen, let them declare. 8 Don't fear, neither be afraid: haven't I declared to you of old, and shown it? You are **my** witnesses. **Is there a God besides me?** Indeed, **there is not.** I don't know any Rock. WEB

Isa 45:5-7 I am **Yahweh**, and **there is none else; besides me there is no God.** I will gird you, though you have not known **me**; 6 that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that **there is none besides me**: I am **Yahweh**, and **there is no one else.** 7 I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil. I am **Yahweh**, who does all these things. WEB

Isa 45:21-22 Declare you, and bring it forth; yes, let them take counsel together: who has shown this from ancient time? who has declared it of old? Haven't I, **Yahweh**? and there is **no God else besides me**, a just God and a Savior; there is **no one besides me.** 22 Look to **me**, and be you saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am **God**, and **there is none else.** WEB

Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am **God**, and **there is none else**; I am **God**, and there is none like me; WEB

Jer 10:10 But **Yahweh** is the **true God**; **he is the living God**, and an everlasting King: at **his** wrath the earth trembles, and the nations are not able to abide **his** indignation. WEB

Mal 2:10 Don't we all have one father? Hasn't **one God** created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers? WEB

Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together. Knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the greatest of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The greatest is, 'Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one: 30 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.' This is the first commandment. 31 The second is like this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 The scribe said to him, "Truly, teacher, you have said well that he is one, and there is none other but he, 33 and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." No one dared ask him any question after that. WEB

John 5:44-45 How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you don't seek the glory that comes from the **only God**? 45 "Don't think that I will accuse you to the **Father**. There is one who accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have set your hope. WEB

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they should know **you** (*the Father, see verse 1*), the **only true God**, and him whom **you** sent, Jesus Christ. WEB

Rom 3:29-30 Or is **God** the **God** of Jews only? Isn't **he** the **God** of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since indeed there is **one God** who will justify the circumcised by faith, and the uncircumcised through faith. WEB

1 Cor 8:4-6 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there is **no other God but one**. 5 For though there are things that are called "gods," whether in the heavens or on earth; as there are many "gods" and many "lords;" 6 yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we live through him. WEB

Cor 15:21-28 For since death came by man, the resurrection of the dead also came by man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then those who are Christ's, at his coming. 24 Then the end comes, when he will deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when he will have abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For, "He put all things in subjection under his feet." But when he says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that he is excepted who subjected all things to him. When all things have been subjected to him, then the Son

will also himself be subjected to him who subjected all things to him, that **God** may be all in all. WEB

Gal 3:20 Now a mediator is not between one, but **God is one**. WEB

Eph 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 **one God and Father** of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. WEB

1 Tim 2:5 For there is **one God**, and one mediator between **God** and men, the man Christ Jesus, WEB

James 2:19 You believe that **God is one**. You do well. The demons also believe, and shudder. WEB

Jude 24-25 Now to **him** who is able to keep them from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of **his** glory in great joy, 25 to **God** our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. WEB

- Nestle-Alden and United Bible Societies' manuscripts read "the only God" and "through Jesus Christ our Lord". As in NAS and most all other translations.

Jude 24-25 Now to **Him** who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of **His** glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the **only God** our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. NASB

Ex 20:2-6 "I am **Yahweh** your **God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 You shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 you shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, **Yahweh** your **God**, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. WEB see also Deut 5:6-10

The scriptures have stated over and over again in a number of different ways so we might know and understand clearly that Yahweh he is God and there is none else besides him. There is no god with him, he is God alone. He is the Father the only true God. He is the only one that is to be worshiped, loved and honored as God.

We see this truth backed up by a very good source, by Jesus himself.

Luke 4:8 Jesus answered him, "Get behind me Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord (Yahweh) your God, and him only shall you serve.'" WEB

John 4:21-24 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, will you worship the Father. 22 You worship that which you don't know. We worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshippers. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." WEB

- The worship of others is not condemned in the Bible only the worship of others as God. See study on worship.

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