



ANSWERS: Unit 1: Who Is God?

Learning to know and love God for who He is, His character, attributes, and being.

Lesson 5 God Is Holy

Day One Set apart

Bible references in lesson:

But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." Exodus 33:20

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:16

But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Luke 12:5

For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. ¹¹Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. Read 2 Corinthians 5:7–11

Read Acts 9:31 and answer questions 1–2:

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. Acts 9:31 (Read 2 Corinthians 5:7–11)

1. The early church lived in the **fear** of the Lord.
2. Why do you think these early believers were following Jesus?

When you live in the fear of the Lord, you are following Jesus. You are not afraid of what anyone may do to you. You are faithful to God. You understand God's mystery, power, and holiness. You recognize God is pure and hates evil. All people will be accountable or answerable for the things done in the body, whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Read Genesis 2:2–3 and answer questions 3–5:

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. Genesis 2:2–3

3. By the seventh day God finished His work of creating the world and He rested (v. 2).
4. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy (v. 3a).
5. Why did God bless the seventh day and make it holy (v. 3b)?

Because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.

Read Hebrews 1:3 and answer questions 6–8:

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3

6. Who is the exact representation of God's being (v. 3a)?

The Son, Jesus, Christ, or Messiah

7. What work did the Son accomplish on the cross (v. 3b)?

He provided purification for sins. (The purification of sins is essential for the New and Eternal Covenant Christ mediated.)

8. What did Christ do after He completed His sacrifice and the purification of sins (v.3c)?

He sat down at the right hand of God.

Bible references in lesson:

Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹³"Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy. ¹⁴ "'Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people. ¹⁵For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death. ¹⁶The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. ¹⁷It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed. '" Exodus 31:12–17

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day. Deuteronomy 5:15

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:23–28

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. Acts 20:7

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 1 Corinthians 16:2

9. Having read Eric Liddell's story above, would *you* run on Sunday? Explain your answer:

Personal Answer

Action Step

10. God is Holy. Consider this truth as you meditate (think deeply) on the following Scriptures. Then write anything that God revealed to you or what you learned through this exercise:

Personal answer, but please encourage one another when your discipleship team shares.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ¹¹Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. 1 Chronicles 16:10–11

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. ³⁰Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. ³¹Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" 1 Chronicles 16:29–31

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

—End Day One—

Day Two

Friends with the Holy

Read Exodus 3:2–5 and answer questions 11–15:

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” ⁵“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Exodus 3:2–5

11. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush (v. 2a).

12. What drew Moses’ attention to the bush (vv. 2–3)?

The bush was on fire but did not burn up.

13. The angel or messenger appears and God calls, “Moses! Moses!” How does Moses respond (v. 4c)?

Here I am.

14. What is the reason God gives for having Moses take off his sandals (v. 5)?

For the place where Moses is standing is holy ground.

15. Why is the ground holy?

Because God is there and making His presence known. Also, because God says it is holy and thus makes it holy.

16. How do you think you would react if God called you to a dangerous mission?

Personal Answer

Read Exodus 19:5–6 and answer questions 17–19:

“Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” Exodus 19:5–6 (Covenant is an agreement, pact, treaty, or alliance between two parties.)

17. What must the people do to be God’s treasured possession (v. 5)?

Obey God fully and keep His covenant.

18. By obeying God and keeping His covenant, even though the whole earth is His, they will be for the Lord a kingdom of _____ **priests** _____ and a _____ **holy** _____ nation (v.6)

19. Why do you think obedience is important to God?

Personal answer, however, this is written in the lesson: God is sacred. He is worthy and entitled to respect. Disobeying God is the same as disrespecting Him. By not obeying God, we are saying His rules and plans are not important. Disobedience also reveals a lack of trust in God. We are saying we know better. Ultimately, we are placing ourselves in charge over God. This defiance is called rebellion.

20. How will studying about God's holiness change your relationship with God?

Personal answer, however, this is written in the lesson: Learning about God's holiness *should* change our relationship with God. It should make our relationship genuine and thus, better. It is important to consider friendship with God according to *His* requirements. Friendship with God is not like our human relationships.

21. Read John 15:14. Jesus said, "You are my **friends** _____ if you do what I _____ **command** _____."

You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:14

Bible references in lesson:

And God spoke all these words: ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³"You shall not murder. ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵"You shall not steal. ¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." Exodus 20:1–17

Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Exodus 25:8

Action Step

22. Take some time to think about your relationship with a holy God. Do you treat His name with respect? Do you listen, watch, or read anything that misuses His name? Do you submit to His sovereign plan for your life? Do you follow His holy Son each day? How do you honor Him?

After thinking about your relationship with God, write down areas you will work on to improve your relationship with our holy God.

Personal Answer

—End Day Two—

Day Three

God's Holy Presence

Read Leviticus 10:1–2 and answer questions 23–27:

Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, contrary to his command. ²So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Leviticus 10:1–2

23. What did Nadab and Abihu put into their censers (v. 1a)?

They put fire in them and added incense.

24. Did the LORD authorize or approve their actions (v. 1b)? Yes **No** (Underline One)

25. Did Nadab and Abihu do what God had commanded (v. 1c)? Yes **No** (Underline One)

26. What did God do to Nadab and Abihu (v. 2)?

God sent fire to consume them, and they died. Or God took their life.

27. Why do you think God's fire consumed them and they died (See also Exodus 30:9; Leviticus 6:12–13, 9:24)?

Aaron's sons did not treat God as holy. They did not consider the LORD worthy of obedience, so they took control of the situation.

Notes from the lesson:

Aaron's sons did not treat God as holy. Instead of revering God and obeying His commands, they took control of the situation, disregarding the Lord's authority and holiness. By offering unauthorized fire, they treated a holy task and a sacred place with irreverence, reducing them to something casual and commonplace. Their disobedience was a direct violation of God's prescribed order for worship, showing a disregard for His holiness and authority.

The fire was unauthorized because it was not commanded by God, reflecting presumption and deviation from His strict instructions for worship (Exodus 30:9). Leviticus 1–9 details the precise procedures for offerings, including the use of holy fire from the altar, which was initiated by God Himself (Leviticus 9:24). Nadab and Abihu likely used common fire, dishonoring God's holiness. Their disobedience violated God's command to use altar fire for offerings (Leviticus 6:12–13), and their actions may have been at the wrong time, without proper preparation, or influenced by irreverence, as suggested by the prohibition against drinking on duty (Leviticus 10:8–10).

Read Leviticus 10:3 and answer questions 28–31:

Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of when he said:" 'Among those who approach me I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honored.'" Aaron remained silent. Leviticus 10:3

28. How did Moses explain the deaths of the two priests, Nadab and Abihu?

They did not approach God in a holy way. They did not honor God in front of the people.

29. Is God honored when we disobey Him? Yes No (Underline One)

30. What will you do to change any areas of your life where you are disobeying and dishonoring God to areas of obedience and honor?

Personal Answer

31. If you are struggling or need help with obeying God in some area of your life, share with your discipleship team and pray for each other.

Personal Answer

Bible references in lesson:

The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover. Leviticus 16:2

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:10

Read Leviticus 17:11 and answer questions 32–34:

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. Leviticus 17:11

32. What made atonement for one's life before Christ came to *earth to die as the perfect, sinless sacrifice for our sins?*

It is the blood that makes atonement for one's life or the life of a creature.

33. Why did an animal have to be sacrificed?

The cost or punishment for sin is death. The animal died instead of or in place of humans.

34. Did you realize God is so serious about sin? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

Reference in lesson:

"Aaron is to offer the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household. ⁷ Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ⁸ He is to cast lots for the two goats— one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat. ⁹ Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the LORD and sacrifice it for a sin offering. ¹⁰ But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat. ¹¹ "Aaron shall bring the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household, and he is to slaughter the bull for his own sin offering. Leviticus 16:6–11

35. Read Leviticus 16:30. What was the reason for the atonement day?

The reason for atonement day was to cleanse the people from all their sins.

... because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the LORD, you will be clean from all your sins. Leviticus 16:30

36. Review and think about days 1–3 of this lesson. How are God’s holiness and human sin opposed (in conflict) to each other?

Personal answer, but God’s holiness and humanity’s sin are in conflict. God is pure and free from moral fault. Sin sets itself against God’s pure and holy rule. In the same way, God is set apart from worldly pursuits and thus, human sin goes in a direction against God.

Action Step:

37. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand and appreciate God’s holiness as well as leading you in a meaningful worship time. Share how the Holy Spirit led you:

Personal Answer

—End Day Three—

Day Four
Holy Jesus

38. If Eric had not won or even placed in the 400-meter race, would he have still honored God?
Yes No (Underline One)

Bible references in lesson:

Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained. 1 Samuel 2:30c

that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. John 5:23

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain. Hebrews 8:5

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Hebrews 4:14

Read Matthew 27:50–52 and answer questions 39–41:

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵²and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. Matthew 27:50–52

39. Jesus' human body died on the cross, and what happened to His spirit (v. 50)?

Jesus gave up His spirit. In other words, Jesus' physical body died on the cross, but His spirit did not. Note: "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

40. What temple curtain do you think was torn (v. 51)? (cf. Hebrews 9:3)

The curtain of the temple was torn. The curtain or veil separating the Most Holy Place of the temple (sanctuary, tabernacle) was torn in two.

Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place . . . Hebrews 9:3

41. What did the torn, temple curtain (veil) to the Most Holy Place signify (mean, indicate)?

Jesus' death opened a direct way into God's presence.

Bible reference in lesson:

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹²He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:11–12 Reference: (Hebrews 9:1–14).

42. Read Hebrews 9:22. Why did Jesus die or shed His blood for our sins?

Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22

Bible references in lesson:

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 1 Peter 2:22

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Acts 4:32–35

43. Do you think Ananias did something wrong? Yes No (Underline One)

Notes in lesson: The apostle Peter was certain Ananias had sinned. Peter questioned how he had let Satan fill his heart that he had lied to the Holy Spirit. Ananias had a choice. With his free will and with Jesus' help, he could have been honest. It is a choice that we all have.

44. Read Acts 5:4. What was Ananias' sin?

He had lied to God.

"Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." Acts 5:4

45. Read Acts 5:5. What happened to Ananias?

He died.

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Acts 5:5

Read Ephesians 5:3–5 and answer questions 46–48:

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Ephesians 5:3–5

46. What are improper for God's holy people (vv. 3–4)?

Sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, greed, obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse joking

47. What is an immoral, impure, and greedy person called (v. 5)?

Idolater

48. Will an idolater inherit the kingdom of Christ and of God (v. 5)? Yes No (Underline One)

Read Leviticus 20:7–8 and answer questions 49–51:

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Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. ⁸Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy. Leviticus 20:7–8

49. Why is God telling the Israelites to set themselves apart and be holy (v. 7)?

God tells the Israelites to be holy because He is the LORD their God.

50. What are two actions the Israelites were commanded to take to live as holy people (v. 8a)?

1. Keep God's decrees and 2. follow them

51. Ultimately, who makes a person holy (v. 8b)?

God

Read 1 Peter 1:15–19 and answer questions 52–55:

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” ¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:15–19

52. The apostle Peter says to be ___holy___ in all you do (v. 15).

53. Why should you be holy in all you do (v. 16)?

Because God is holy

54. Since you call on God the Father who judges each person’s work impartially (fairly), how should you live out your time here on earth (v. 17)?

In reverent fear

55. How were you redeemed from sin and an empty way of life (v. 19)?

With the precious blood of Christ

Action Step

56. Be holy this day. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in holy thoughts, deeds, and actions. How did the Holy Spirit led you?

Personal Answer

—End Day Four—

Day Five
Holy Heart

Bible reference in lesson:

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.
Luke 6:45

Read Isaiah 29:13 and answer questions 57–58:

The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.” Isaiah 29:13

57. The Lord said, “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their _____ **hearts** _____ are far from me.

58. What was the people’s worship of God based on?

Human rules

Bible reference in lesson:

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. Matthew 6:5

59. Read Ephesians 4:22–24. What should your new self be like (v. 24)?

The new self is supposed to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22–24

Read Acts 20:24 and answer questions 60–61:

However, I [Paul] consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:24

60. What is the race the apostle Paul is talking about?

The race or task of testifying to the good news of God's grace or the gospel of Jesus Christ.

61. When Eric accepted God's calling to go to China, what race did he want to complete?

Eric wanted to tell the world the good news of God's grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He was in the same race as the Apostle Paul.

Action Step

62. Memorize 2 Corinthians 7:1 *Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

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