

SHE SITS AT HIS FEET

Bible Study Workshop



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GOD AS THE CENTRAL CHARACTER

- Reason: From Genesis to Revelation, God is the primary actor and focus. The Bible starts with God's creation of the world (Genesis 1:1) and ends with the vision of His ultimate reign (Revelation 22:13).
- Example: In Genesis 1:1, the Bible begins with, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," establishing God as the main character from the outset.

GOD'S REVELATION OF HIMSELF

- Reason: The Bible is fundamentally God's self-revelation to humanity. It reveals His attributes, will, and redemptive plan.
- Example: In Exodus 3:14, God reveals His name to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM," showing His eternal, self-existent nature.



GOD'S REDEMPITIVE PLAN THROUGH CHRIST

- Reason: The central theme of the Bible is God's redemptive work through Jesus Christ. The Old Testament points forward to Christ, and the New Testament reveals and explains His work.
- Example: In Luke 24:27, after His resurrection, Jesus explains to the disciples on the road to Emmaus "what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself," indicating that the scriptures are ultimately about Him.



HUMANITY'S ROLE IN RELATION TO GOD

- Reason: While humans are important in the narrative, their role is always in relation to God's actions, commands, and purposes.
- Example: In Genesis 12:1-3, God calls Abraham, not for Abraham's sake alone but to make him a blessing to all nations, showing God's larger purpose.

SCRIPTURE FOR OUR INSTRUCTION AND GROWTH

- Reason: While the Bible isn't primarily about us, it is given for our benefit—to teach, correct, and train us in righteousness.
- Example: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 states, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES AND ANALYSIS:

- **Creation and Fall: Genesis 1-3**

- Focus on God: God creates the world and humanity, establishing His sovereignty and purpose.
- For Us: We learn about God's power, creativity, and the intended relationship between God and humanity.

- **Exodus and the Law: Exodus 20**


- Focus on God: God gives the Law to reveal His holiness and standards.
- For Us: The Law shows us God's righteousness and our need for a savior.

- **Life and Ministry of Jesus: Gospels**


- Focus on God: Jesus, God in the flesh, fulfills the prophecies and reveals the Father.
- For Us: Through Jesus' teachings, death, and resurrection, we see God's love and the path to salvation.


- **Paul's Letters: Romans 3:21-26**

- Focus on God: Paul explains God's righteousness and justification through faith in Jesus.
- For Us: We understand our justification by faith and the implications for our lives.





BIBLE STUDY: FOCUSING ON GOD'S CHARACTER

- Understanding the Primary Subject
 - Reason: The Bible is fundamentally a revelation of who God is. From Genesis to Revelation, the scriptures are centered on God's nature, character, and His plan for humanity.
 - Example: In Exodus 3:14, God reveals Himself to Moses as "I AM WHO I AM," showing that understanding God is foundational to understanding the rest of the Bible.
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BIBLE STUDY: FOCUSING ON GOD'S CHARACTER

- Building a Relationship with God
 - Reason: The Bible is not just a book of rules or history but a means to know God personally. Focusing on God helps us deepen our relationship with Him.
 - Example: In John 15:15, Jesus calls His disciples friends, not servants, highlighting the relational aspect of our faith.
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BIBLE STUDY: FOCUSING ON GOD'S CHARACTER

- Seeing God's Redemptive Plan
 - Reason: Throughout the Bible, we see God's overarching plan of redemption, culminating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Understanding God's character and actions helps us see this plan more clearly.
 - Example: John 3:16 encapsulates God's love and His redemptive plan for the world.
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BIBLE STUDY: FOCUSING ON GOD'S CHARACTER

- Experiencing Transformation
 - Reason: Focusing on God leads to spiritual growth and transformation. As we behold His glory and understand His ways, we are changed into His likeness.
 - Example: 2 Corinthians 3:18 explains that as we contemplate the Lord's glory, we are transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory.
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BIBLE STUDY: FOCUSING ON GOD'S CHARACTER

- Guiding Our Lives
 - Reason: Knowing God's character and will helps us align our lives with His purposes. His attributes, such as His love, justice, mercy, and faithfulness, provide a model for how we should live.
 - Example: Micah 6:8 instructs us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, reflecting His character in our actions.
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FINDING GOD'S CHARACTER

1. Begin in prayer, asking God to reveal to you who He is.
2. Look for how God describes Himself in the passages: In Exodus 34:6-7, God describes Himself to Moses, saying He is "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."

FINDING GOD'S CHARACTER

3. Notice God's Actions: In Exodus 14, God parts the Red Sea, showcasing His power and willingness to deliver His people.
4. Reflect on God's commands: In Exodus 20, the Ten Commandments reveal God's holiness and His desire for His people to live righteous lives.

FINDING GOD'S CHARACTER

5. Look for repeated themes or words/phrases: The theme of God's faithfulness and provision is repeated in the story of manna in Exodus 16.
6. Understand God's names: "Jehovah-Jireh" (The Lord Will Provide) in Genesis 22:14 and "Jehovah-Rapha" (The Lord Who Heals) in Exodus 15:26.

FINDING GOD'S CHARACTER

7. Use cross-references: Compare God's deliverance of Israel in Exodus with His deliverance of believers in the New Testament.

8. Apply what you learn: If you learn about God's faithfulness, consider how you can trust Him more in your own life circumstances.

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GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

- Verses: Exodus 13:21-22 - "By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people."
- Characteristic: God actively guides and directs His people, providing both clarity and assurance.

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DELIVERANCE AND POWER

- Verses: Exodus 14:21-22 - "Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left."
- Characteristic: God demonstrates His power and ability to deliver His people from seemingly impossible situations.





PROVISION: GOD IS OUR PROVIDER

In Exodus 16:4, He sends manna from heaven,
demonstrating His faithfulness in meeting our
needs and teaching us to rely on His daily
provision and care.


HOLINESS AND CONSECRATION

God is holy and calls us to be set apart.
In Exodus 19:5-6, He speaks of His people as a holy nation, emphasizing the importance of living a life dedicated to Him, reflecting His purity and righteousness.



PRESENCE AND IMMANENCE

God desires to dwell among us. In Exodus 25:8, He instructs the building of a sanctuary so He can live among His people, showing His deep desire for a close, personal relationship with us and His constant presence in our lives.





**WHAT OTHER
CHARACTERISTICS
HAVE YOU FOUND
WHEN YOU READ
THE BIBLE?**



READING REFLECTIONS

- How does seeing God as a guide change the way I make decisions and seek direction?
- How can I rely on God's power in my current challenges, knowing He is a deliverer?
- In what ways has God provided for me recently, and how can I express gratitude for His provision?
- What does it mean for me to live a holy and consecrated life, knowing God is holy?
- How can I become more aware of God's presence in my daily routine?
- How do the characteristics of God I've studied this week challenge or comfort me?
- What one action can I take this week to reflect God's character in my interactions with others?



**WHAT
QUESTIONS DO
YOU HAVE
ABOUT STUDYING
THE BIBLE?**

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