

KNOWING GOD AND SERVING GOD PART I

INTRODUCTION: God's invitation to know Him is at the heart of the faith. Much of Scripture focuses on this offer and how people responded to it. In the Old Testament, we find a particular focus on Israel, with whom God established a unique covenant in order to accomplish His plan of salvation. In the New Testament, we find Him fulfilling that plan through Jesus Christ. Throughout the Bible, we learn what it means to know God and live according to His ways.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: (GENESIS CHAPTER 1-18)

SCRIPTURE READING: (GENESIS 1:1-5)

I. GOD AS CREATOR (GENESIS MEANS THE ORIGIN OF EVERYTHING)

- A. (The Universe) (Chp.1) "In the Beginning" God created time and space Universe.**
- B. (The World) (Chp.1-2) Earth and creatures created, God is sovereign over the world and He accomplishes His purpose in it.**
- C. (People) (Chp.1-2) Human beings made in His Image and in Eden wanted us to see what He intended for us**
- D. (Work) (Chp.2:8-17) Humans to carry out His work in the world. Work was a gift from God but not hindered by sin initially.**
- E. (Family) (Chp.2,4) Created male and female, and established the institution of the family.**
- F. (Evil and sin) (Chp.3) When God made the world, He declared it to be "very good" (Gen. 1:31). But evil entered in when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God (3:1-7). Now the "fall" is revealed showing man has the terrible ability to misuse every good thing, bringing shame and guilt, unleashing trouble in all human relationships, and eventually result in death.**
- G. (Salvation and redemption) (Chp.3, 12) God's ultimate response to sin was to overcome it through Jesus' death on the cross. (Genesis 3: 14-15) The rest of Genesis shows God plan to work through Abraham and his descendants to bless all people of the earth.**
- H. (Cities) (Chp.4) God established the rule of law, which led to founding of world's first city. We see the establishment by God "Family, State, and Church" which are in God's plan inseparable institutions.**
- I. (Nations) (Chp.10) God's design to reach all the people of the World.**
- J. (Languages) (Chp.11) God confounded the languages of the builders at Babel. From Babel to Pentecost Scattering and gathering.**
- H. (The Nation of Israel) (Chp.12) Israel came about as a result of the faith and obedience of Abraham and his wife Sarah. The origins of the nations in a special place in God's overall plan of redemption.**

CONCLUSION: GOD IS ETERNAL "ELOHIM" a plural form of Hebrew word that reflects that God is a Trinity. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each of whom is God. So the life of God is community, and the work of God is a partnership (JOHN 1:1-5). The Grace of God intends to make His blessing through Jesus Christ to all families, tribes, and nations.