# Learn What God Wants You to Know

GOD IS REAL! Part 10



God Has Spoken!





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# SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* 

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name*. (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. (Colossians 3:16a KJB) We've been learning some awesome FACTS that God wants all mankind to KNOW! We've learned that the first FACT which God wants mankind to KNOW & BELIEVE is that:

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We've seen that God has NOT hidden the fact that He is REAL. He's given us ALL of NATURE to show us He is REAL. True science shows us that God is real. Bible prophecy shows us that God is real. Today we will see another evidence that God has given us to show us that He is REAL & ALSO to show us WHAT HE IS LIKE! Read these next 2 scriptures to see what this other EVIDENCE IS!



"For I *am* the LORD: <u>I will speak</u>, and <u>the word that I shall speak</u> shall come to pass;" Ezekiel 12:25 KJB

"<u>The mighty God, even the</u> <u>LORD, hath spoken</u>, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof." Psalm 50:1 KJB

Now if God were NOT REAL, how could He EVER speak WORDS! But God IS REAL! He has ALWAYS spoken. In fact, simply by His SPEAK-ING A WORD, all that we see around us was created!

"For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:9 KJB God has SPOKEN! And because He has allowed His VOICE to be heard by man, His spoken Word is EVIDENCE that He is REAL! And as we have learned in past lessons, there have been MANY, MANY people in the past who have heard God's VOICE with their VERY OWN EARS!

> The very first people to HEAR GOD SPEAK were Adam & Eve!

As you read through your King James Bible, you will learn the names of many, many other people who

HEARD GOD SPEAK with their VERY OWN EARS! These people also told other people what God told them.

And not only did God SPEAK to certain people—both men & women, but God also had certain people WRITE down what God told them to write. Today we have EVERYTHING God wanted these people to WRITE down for us to READ saved for us in just ONE BOOK. Since about 1611, all God's Words have been SAVED for us to read in The King James Bible.

The Bible is a BOOK OF BOOKS! It is ONE BOOK that contains 66 books. The Bible lists about 44 different men's names whom God used to write most of the 66 books that are saved for us in that Bible. However for some of those 66 books, the author is NOT NAMED. And only God alone knows who the people are that He chose to speak to & then write down that part of what He has spoken! From the names which God has allowed us to know, we see that many of them lived hundreds & even 1500 to 2000 years APART from each other! Many of them did NOT even speak the same LANGUAGE!

Think of the Bible as a LETTER from God to you personally! Here's how God had the Bible - His personal letter to YOU - written down.

First, God SPOKE personally to a certain person. Then God told this person to start writing down certain things that He had to say at that particular time of history. Then God used other men to add more & more things



to His letter. God told each one exactly what to write down.

As we have seen, God did NOT use just ONE person to write the whole bible. Each person wrote only certain parts of what God had to say at that time of history. God did NOT tell each person EVERY-THING. that He had to say all at once. God chose to take about 2000 years to finish telling what He wanted written down.

Now even though all these people lived at all different times of history, God had each of them write different parts about just ONE MAIN TOPIC ! What is the MAIN TOPIC of the Bible—God's SPO-KEN then WRITTEN Word?

The ONE MAIN TOPIC of the ENTIRE BIBLE is this: THE LORD JESUS CHRIST & HIS WORK to save mankind by His death on the cross and His resurrection! But God had each one write only part of what God wanted to say about Jesus until finally, in about 70-90 AD, God FINISHED SPEAKING what He had to say about Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, especially of those who believe!

1Tim 4:9-10 KJB

As we see from the names of the men whose names ARE given as being the authors of many of the books, all these men were quite different from each other in many ways. Some of these men were REALLY INTELLIGENT. Others were average.

They had all kinds of careers too.

One was a shepherd who became a king. Others were fishermen. One was a "fig grower". Another a tent-maker. Yet they ALL knew EXACTLY what to write down! How did they know? Because God SPOKE WORDS to them



through His Holy Spirit & let them know EXACTLY what to write down.! NOT ONE of them contradicted what another wrote down! That sure is a MIRACLE that only GOD can do! For how was the last person whom God used to write down His words able to continue on without making ONE MISTAKE from something someone else wrote 2000 years before ??? Only a REAL GOD could give them the ability to do that!

Here's one of the MAIN REASONS WHY God gave us His WORD - His LETTER - the BIBLE: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, (holy scriptures are God's REAL WORDS to man.) which are able to make theewise unto salvation through faith which is inChrist Jesus."2 Timothy 2:15 KJB

That is one of the MAIN REASONS <u>WHY</u> God gave His word. So we could know HOW TO BE SAVED from the Lake of Fire, become God's child forever & someday go to heaven! This is what God's SPOKEN then WRITTEN Word says about that:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16:31 KJB

Now read <u>HOW</u> God gave us His Word & another MAIN reason WHY "All scripture is <u>given</u> <u>by inspiration of God</u>, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." 2Tim 3:16-17 KJB

HOW did God give His word? He INSPIRED certain men to write it down!

WHY did He give it? <u>One main reason</u>: To tell mankind that Jesus is their ONLY SAVIOR! Jesus is their ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN! God has told mankind that Jesus is the one who has PAID IN FULL for ALL the sins of ALL mankind! And now, they must believe in Jesus if they want to be SAVED from eternal death in the Lake of Fire. God has told mankind that they must believe in Jesus if t



told mankind that they must believe in Jesus if they want to have the eternal life needed to be God's child & then live forever with Him in heaven someday!

The other main reason: So those who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior will READ, BELIEVE & OBEY His word & KNOW how to live the rest of their lives on earth the way GOD WANTS THEM TO—as God's children should! And not only that, but look what God does for the believer in Jesus Christ who puts God's word FIRST in their life, who LEARNS God's word & CHOOSES TO DO THINGS HIS WAY! Titus 2:11-12 KJB

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and <u>will manifest</u> <u>myself to him</u>." John 14:21 KJB



Jesus promised that His children who have His word & KEEP it - guard it in their souls, think it's REAL important to know & obey - THOSE people will KNOW that HE'S REAL! HOW??? Because He will "manifest" Himself to them. What does MANI-FEST mean? It means He'll SHOW THEM HE IS REAL by talking RIGHT TO THEM PERSONALLY IN HIS LETTER! They WON'T HEAR HIS VOICE WITH THEIR EARS, but God will make them know that He is talking RIGHT TO THEM from the WORDS that He had written down so long ago! People who treasure God's Word with all their heart & really want to KNOW JESUS will see that

God is real by what He "SPEAKS TO THEIR HEARTS" as they READ His BIBLE each day. Now this is a MIRACLE only GOD CAN DO! God has SPOKEN to man & God has had what He has spoken WRITTEN down! Our part is simply to READ His Word everyday; then, by faith believe it & obey it. God PROMISES, that when we simply do that, He'll show us personally that He is REAL & what He is REALLY LIKE!!! TRY IT YOURSELF! YOU'LL BE A M A Z E D what God will do to show YOU PERSONALLY that HE IS REAL !!!!!!!!! Yes, nature shows us that God exists; but only by STUDYING His Word & then doing what He says can we learn what God is REALLY LIKE. How gracious, loving, kind, He is. Only a REAL GOD could speak REAL WORDS to us! And He HAS! God's SPOKEN & WRITTEN WORD PROVES THAT

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**Something to think about:** We can't know our family & friends really well unless we spend time TALKING WITH THEM & LISTENING TO THEM a lot. Well, it works that way with God too. We need to talk to Him in prayer. We need to hear what He says to us in His Word. That's how we can know that GOD IS REAL. God says this: "I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: ...<u>I the Lord speak</u> righteousness, <u>I declare</u> things that are right. ..... *there is* no God else beside me; a just <u>God and a Savior</u>; *there is* none beside me. ... Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

I have sworn by myself, the <u>word has gone out of my</u> <u>mouth</u> in righteousness, and shall not return..."

Isaiah 45:19,21c,22,23

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#### From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6** W.
- Take <u>Killingly St</u> (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* Take <u>Mineral Spring</u> to end on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn Left at light (CVS on corner), and then bear Left at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- G.C.F. is on the *Left*.

- **From Rt. 146**
- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From 146 N turn *Left* off Exit; from 146 S turn Right.
- and stay Left around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
  - Take next Right onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
  - Go about 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mi.
  - G.C.F. is on the *Right*.

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