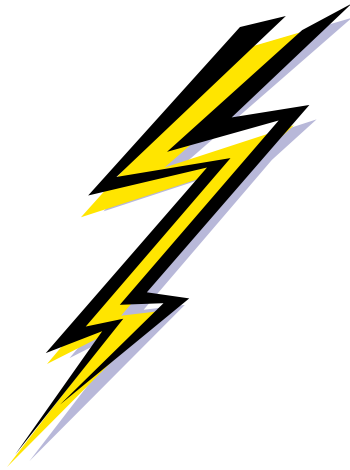


**Learn What God
Wants You to Know!
God is Real!
Part 14**



*God's
Judgment
Is
PROOF!*

OUR DAILY BREAD

Junior Edition

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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)

Welcome to our FINAL LESSON (for now)
concerning the topic GOD IS REAL. Over the
past few months we have learned some FACTS about
all the LOVING & GRACIOUS & AWESOME ways
in which God has given all mankind
PROOF THAT HE IS REAL!

Here is a quick REVIEW LIST of the EVIDENCE we have
learned about so far. We've learned that God has given us
PROOF & EVIDENCE that He is REAL in the following
ways:

NATURE & THE UNIVERSE

TRUE SCIENCE

BIBLE PROPHECY

HIS WORDS TO US (The Bible)

TIMES OF TROUBLE OR FEAR
to help us learn to TRUST Him

JESUS CHRIST & the EYE WITNESSES

WRITTEN TESTIMONY from Eye Witnesses

OUR CONSCIENCE

THE HOLY SPIRIT

FAITH

Some information on each of these EVIDENCES & PROOFS
were given in previous lessons. All these PROOFS & EVIDENCES
reveal many wonderful FACTS about God that God
wants all of us to know. They reveal how much God LOVES
us all to give us so many ways to show us that He is real.

These proofs show us that God is GRACIOUS, GOOD, CAR-
ING, FAITHFUL, POWERFUL yet GENTLE & KIND &
COMPASSIONATE, MERCIFUL, INTELLIGENT, PRE-

CISE, WISE!

However, there is one more FACT about God that these proofs also show. Read the following scriptures to see if you can figure out what that FACT about God's character is which we have NOT yet mentioned. First READ them ALL carefully, then go back & UNDERLINE the words that you think describe this other wonderful characteristic of God. Note that in each scripture the word or words that describe this FACT about God are different, but they mean the same thing. They are like SYNONYMS. See if you can find out what this other FACT about God is. Read carefully & put your thinking cap on!

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

2Peter 3:9 KJB

"The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy."

Psalm 145:8 KJB



"...once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water."

1 Peter 3:20b KJB

Read what the prophet Jonah said about the Lord:

"...for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God,

and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.”

Jonah 4:2b KJB

“ Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

Romans 15:5 KJB

Did you READ them all CAREFULLY? Did you UNDERLINE the words which describe something wonderful about the Lord that we have NOT mentioned yet? Well, just to help you a little more, see if the words YOU underlined in each of the scriptures fit in the spaces below. We provided the scripture # & a few of the letters in each word to help you.

2Peter 3:9 l _ _ _ s _ _ _ _ r _ _ g

Psalm 145:8 _ l _ _ t _ a _ _ _ _

1Peter 3:20 _ o _ _ s _ f _ _ _ i _ _

Jonah 4:2 s _ _ o _ _ o _ ng _ _

Romans 15:5 p _ _ _ e _ c _

All these WORDS mean the SAME THING! God is PATIENT! He is LONGSUFFERING! He is SLOW TO ANGER! He gives people A LONG, LONG TIME to CHANGE THEIR MINDS about who He is. He is very PATIENT. He gives people a LONG, LONG TIME to CHANGE THEIR MINDS & start BELIEVING & OBEYING what He says, instead of NOT BELIEVING HIM & DISOBEYING

what He says. The Lord gives people lots of time to consider all the GRACIOUS & LOVING EVIDENCES & PROOFS of who He is & that He is REAL & that Jesus Christ is God our only Savior!

God does NOT get angry quickly! (Do you? Sometimes I do. But God NEVER DOES! I'm asking the Lord to help me be SLOW TO ANGER & to be LONGSUFFERING & to be PATIENT. If you ask Him, He'll help you too!) The bible is FILLED with examples of God's PATIENCE & LONGSUFFERING & His being SLOW to ANGER! A very famous example of God's PATIENCE in waiting for people to simply BELIEVE HIM happened in the days of Noah. You can read about it in Genesis 6-8. In the days of Noah, mankind had become VERY WICKED. They did NOT take advantage of all the WITNESSES & PROOFS which God gives to all mankind which show that He is REAL! They did NOT believe that they should obey God. And so God told Noah that he was going to destroy all the wicked people. Because Noah & his family were people who DID believe that God was REAL, Noah & his family obeyed God. In fact, here is what the Lord tells us about Noah:

"...Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God." Genesis 6:9b KJB

(That word PERFECT does NOT mean that Noah never sinned or made mistakes. It means that in his heart, he truly wanted to KNOW GOD & DO WHAT GOD SAID TO DO & so he did all he could to HEAR what God had to say & then DO what God told him to do!) And what did God tell Noah to

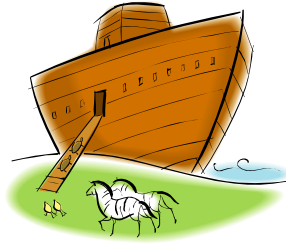


do? Why God told Noah to get PREPARED for the day when God would FLOOD the earth to destroy all the wicked people on the earth. God told Noah to

BUILD AN ARK!

A big boat!

And NOAH BELIEVED GOD & TRUSTED GOD & OBEYED GOD! Read Hebrews 11:7.



God also told Noah that while he was building this ark, he was to PREACH to the wicked people of that time. God told Noah to tell the people to CHANGE THEIR MINDS about God & to BELIEVE that God is REAL & that He would SAVE them from that FLOOD if only they would BELIEVE & get on the boat with Noah & his family! And guess how LONG, God gave Noah to PREACH that message of salvation to those wicked people! Was it for a week? Was it for a month? Was it for a year? No, No, No! It seems that God let Noah preach to those people for **120 years! Oh my! God sure is PATIENT & longsuffering & slow to anger, wouldn't you say?** Genesis 6:3.

But then there comes the time, like it did in Noah's day, when God's PATIENCE ENDS & His JUDGMENT begins. When that day of judgment came in Noah's day, only 8 people—Noah & his family—& certain animals & birds of every kind got on that ark to be saved. Even though God spoke to these people

for 120 YEARS through Noah, NOT ONE PERSON BELIVED GOD! And then God's judgment fell upon all those with whom God had been PAIENT & LONGSUFFERING & SLOW TO ANGER! And here is what happened:

"And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark."

Genesis 7:23 KJB

That FLOOD was God's JUDGMENT on the wicked of that time. God's JUDGMENT is another PROOF OR witness THAT God is REAL & that what He says about Jesus Christ being our ONLY SAVIOR is ABSOLUTELY TRUE! And to be sure, Noah & his family were WITNESSES to the FACT, that God is REAL! God told Noah EXACTLY what He would do to judge the earth in that day. And Noah & his family SAW that God DID WHAT HE SAID HE WOULD DO! Most likely we can be quite sure, that throughout their lives, Noah & his family told their children & grandchildren about how this JUDGMENT of the FLOOD proved that God is REAL! Read Psalm 145:3-5 KJB

The bible is FILLED with records of how God WARNED certain people FOR A LONG, LONG TIME that their cities would be destroyed if they did not turn to Him. Then when they did NOT listen, they saw FOR THEMSELVES that God DOES WHAT HE SAYS HE WILL DO! The Book of Ezekiel has LOTS of examples of this! God is REAL! And yet,

many **STILL REFUSE TO BELIEVE!**

However, there is an account of a city in which the people **DID** listen to God's warning. It is the city of Nineveh in which all the people ended up **BELIEVING** what God said through Jonah. Jonah 3:5-10 You can read about what happened in the book of Jonah. But as you read, see if you can figure out **WHY** these people **BELIEVED** Jonah. Hint: God sent some **BIG TROUBLE** Jonah's way when he at first refused to obey God. In a way, that "judgment" or discipline upon Jonah gave these people of Nineveh some **PROOF** that God is **REAL** & they ought to **OBEY HIM!** Imagine how Jonah looked & smelled after being inside that fish those 3 days & nights!

Sometimes, God's judgment during this life on earth **DOES** help people realize that **GOD IS REAL** & that Jesus Christ is the **ONLY SAVIOR!** Read what the Lord said about this in Ezekiel 25:17 But what about the people who **STILL** refuse to believe & who **DIE** in that state of **UNBELIEF?** Will they every **KNOW** that God is **REAL** & that Jesus is truly the **ONLY ONE** who **COULD** have saved them?

The answer is **YES**, but it will be **TOO LATE FOR THEM!** These next scriptures tell us this is so: Philippians 2:5-11 & Revelation 20:11-15. The **JUDGMENT** of God is another evidence that God is **REAL** & **POWERFUL** & what He says about Jesus Christ is **TRUE!** God's judgment also shows us that God is **PATIENT!** But don't you think it is much better to believe all God's gracious & loving forms of **PROOF** rather than to experience His judgment to find out?



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- Take Killingly to end; *Right* 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*.

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- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
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