

FAST Lesson 2A: A Real Man Does What God Wants – Knowing God

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- I. How is it possible to know God? And what do we know about him?
- II. For us to know God, the truth must somehow be revealed to us. God accomplishes this in at least three ways: (1) through the natural world or “creation,” (2) through the “bible” or holy book written by people inspired by him, and (3) through his spirit at work within people that trust in him. However, what is revealed in creation can only be understood by what is revealed in the bible and through his spirit, because sin blinds men to what God has revealed in the natural world.
- III. The bible says many things about God, beginning with accounts of how he created our world and ending with visions of his judgment and the establishment of a new order of things. God is supernatural (the Supreme Being, above all else), yet he has also revealed himself with relational characteristics (one God existing in 3 persons). He has no boundaries or limitations. He has always been, and always will exist. His purposes and attributes are inherently good, and they don’t change. He loves us and provides for our eternal safekeeping.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.” (Psalm 19:1-3)

“Where is the wise person? Where is the educated person? Where are the great thinkers of this world? Hasn’t God made the wisdom of the world foolish? **God wisely planned that the world would not know him through its own wisdom. It pleased God to use the foolish things we preach to save those who believe.** (1 Corinthians 1:20-21)

“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24)

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, **who does not change** like shifting shadows.” (James 1:17)

“For **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,** that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)