

## EXPERIENCING GOD

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Read the following list of names, titles, and descriptions of God. Check those that describe God in ways you have personally experienced Him.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> My Advocate (Job 16:19)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Bread of Life (John 6:35)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comforter in sorrow (Jer. 8:18)  | <input type="checkbox"/> My Confidence (Ps. 71:5)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wonderful Counselor (Isa. 9:6)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Defender of widows (Ps. 68:5)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My strong Deliverer (Ps. 140:7)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Father (Isa. 64:8)           | <input type="checkbox"/> A consuming Fire (Deut. 4:24)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A sure Foundation (Isa. 28:16)   | <input type="checkbox"/> My Friend (Job 16:20)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> God Almighty (Gen 17:1)          | <input type="checkbox"/> God of all comfort (2 Cor. 1:3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> God who avenges me (Ps. 18:47)   | <input type="checkbox"/> God who saves me (Ps. 51:14)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Guide (Ps. 48:14)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Head of the church (Eph. 5:23)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Help (Ps. 33:20)             | <input type="checkbox"/> My Hiding Place (Ps. 32:7)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy One among you (Hos. 11:9)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My Hope (Ps. 71:5)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Jealous (Ex. 34:14)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Righteous Judge (2 Tim. 4:8)     | <input type="checkbox"/> King of kings (1 Tim. 6:15)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Leader (2 Chron. 13:12)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Your Life (Col. 3:4)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light of Life (John 8:12)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6:15)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lord of the harvest (Matt. 9:38) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Most Holy (Dan. 9:24)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Our Peace (Eph. 2:14)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6)       | <input type="checkbox"/> My Redeemer (Ps. 19:14)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refuge and Strength (Ps. 46:1)   | <input type="checkbox"/> My Salvation (Ex. 15:2)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My Savior (Ps. 42:5)             | <input type="checkbox"/> The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sovereign Lord (Luke 2:29)       | <input type="checkbox"/> My Stronghold (Ps. 18:2)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My Support (2 Sam. 22:19)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Teacher (Mark 10:17)       |

**Read the Scriptures below. Circle or underline words or phrases that describe ways you can direct your worship toward God through His names.**

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise (Ps. 106:47)

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. (Ps. 86:9)

I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. (Ps. 52:9)

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. (Ps. 9:10)

Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. (Ps. 5:11)

In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever. (Ps. 44:8)

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness. (Ps. 89:15-16)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name. (Ps. 96:2)

Revive us, and we will call on your name. (Ps. 80:18)

I will declare your name to my brothers. (Ps. 22:22)

Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. (Ps. 86:11)

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. (Ps. 63:4)

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. (Ps. 105:3)

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. (Ps. 33:21)

In the night I remember your name, O LORD, and I will keep your law (Ps. 119:55)

Cover their faces with shame so that men will seek your name, O LORD. (Ps. 83:16)

I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High. (Ps. 7:17)

All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name. (Ps. 66:4)

Reality 1: God is always at work around you.

Reality 2: God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

Reality 3: God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.

- Know God
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- Worship God
- Love God (John 14:5, 21-24)

**Deuteronomy 30:19-20**

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob to give them."

**Deuteronomy 32:46-47**

he said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

IF YOU HAVE AN OBEDIENCE PROBLEM, YOU HAVE A LOVE PROBLEM!

- God invites you to join Him.

**Amos 3:7**

"For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets."

**John 5:17, 19-20**

... "My Father is working until now, and I am working." ... "So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing...'"

- Knowing where God is at work.

**John 14:15-17, 26**

**John 16:8**

"And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

### **Things Only God Can Do**

1. Draws people to Himself
2. Causes people to seek Him
3. God reveals spiritual truth
4. Convicts the world of guilt about sin
5. Convicts the world of righteousness
6. Convicts the world of judgment

**What God initiates, He completes!**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. How is trusting God's plan for your life better than pursuing your own plan? How will you submit to His loving work in your life?
2. If someone closely watched your life - your words; activities; reactions; and the ways you spend your time, energy, and resources – what would they determine is most important to you?
3. What dominates your thought life?
4. In what areas are you currently living according to your own agenda—even asking God to bless your efforts—instead of seeking to join Him?
5. Because delayed obedience is choosing to be disobedient, how does your inaction affect your relationship with God?

### **Next week's Memory Verse**

#### **John 8:47**

“He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”