

The study of the Trinity

PART - 3

STUDY # 25



**THE GREAT TRUTHS OF
THE BIBLE**

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17



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THE STUDY OF THE TRINITY THE HEAVENLY FATHER

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture reference and read thoroughly.

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Today in **THE THIRD PART** of the study of the Trinity we begin by remembering what we learned in the previous classes-


 That the scriptures **DO NOT TEACH** the “popular” Christian doctrine of the Trinity and that it is a part of “doctrines of devils” (**I Timothy 4:1**).

 Further a study of **THE HOLY SPIRIT** revealed that the scriptures teach that the Holy Spirit is the “**power from on High**” as Jesus taught us in -

Luke 24:49

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”

Yes ! The Holy Spirit is **THE POWER OF GOD** and is **NOT A PERSON OR A GOD !**

 Even further a study of the Son of God revealed that He is **THE FIRST DIRECT AND ONLY SUCH CREATION OF GOD** (Revelation 22:13) and His glory is this ! (John 1:14)

He is the **CO-CREATOR** with God and is God's spokesperson and "the angel of the LORD".

 He is known as **ARCHANGEL MICHAEL** in Heaven and is....."at the right hand" of His God and Father (John 20:17; Revelation 3:12).

 Today we will study what the scriptures teach about **THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

Let us begin with the words of **THE MASTER** Himself in -


John 17:3


".....that they might **KNOW** thee the **only TRUE GOD....."**

Yes! According to Jesus the Heavenly Father is....**THE ONLY TRUE GOD !!**

PLEASE NOTE these words of Jesus !
- They have a deeper meaning !

WHAT HE MEANT WAS -

 **"thee"** - meaning the reference is to the **Father ONLY !**

 **"the only"** - meaning that the Father **ALONE is GOD** and there are no **TRINITY OF GODS !**





“TRUE GOD” - meaning amidst so many false gods and those that **CLAIM** to be Gods, the Father is **THE ONE TRUE GOD.**

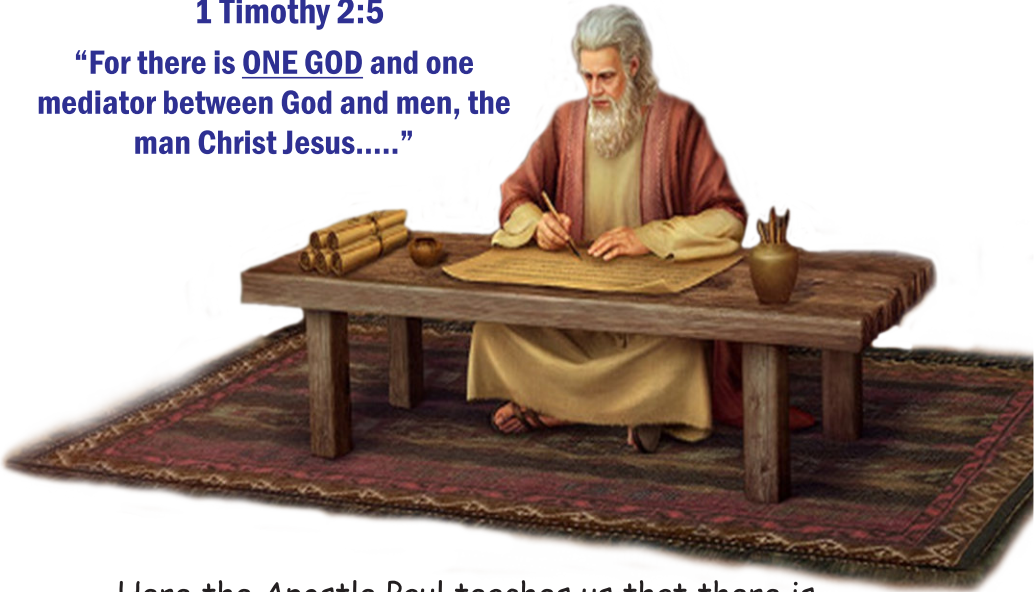
OH ! WHAT A WONDERFUL WITNESS OF JESUS !



And now let us read from the words of
THE APOSTLE PAUL in -

1 Timothy 2:5

“For there is ONE GOD and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.....”



Here the Apostle Paul teaches us that there is **ONLY ONE** God and that Jesus is.....the **MEDIATOR** between that God and men!!

And further the Apostle Paul teaches us in -

Colossians 1:15

“who is the image of the invisible GOD”

Yes ! God the **HEAVENLY FATHER** is **INVISIBLE** - a **spirit being** as we read in



JOHN 4:24 - “God is a Spirit.....”

Then Apostle Paul again tells us about God in -

1 Corinthians 8:5,6

“For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth (as there be gods many, and lords many) . But to us there is but ONE GOD, the Father.....”



Yes ! In a world full of “gods” and.....“lords” - both **HUMAN** and **SPIRIT** there is **ACTUALLY.....BUT ONE GOD** and He is.....**THE HEAVENLY FATHER**, the Apostle Paul **CLEARLY** tells us !

ALL THESE VERSES establish the clear TESTIMONY that there is ONLY ONE GOD and that GOD CLEARLY is the Father.....- THE HEAVENLY FATHER !

But please note what the apostle says in -

“But NOT everyone knows this.....” (NIV)

Ah! Yes ! Really, **HOW FEW KNOW** this great truth !!

THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CHRISTIANS DON'T KNOW THIS GREAT TRUTH ! BUT BY HIS GRACE WE NOW KNOW !!

Let us now learn more of the **ONE TRUE GOD** - the Heavenly Father !

HE WAS THE GOD OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL
as we read in -

ACTS 3:13

“The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers hath glorified His Son Jesus, whom ye delivered up....”

Yes! He **FIRST** was known as -

“.....The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”

But to **Abraham** and to **Isaac** and to **Jacob** He revealed Himself and was known as -

EL - SHADDAI

which in Hebrew means - **“GOD ALMIGHTY”** (Exodus 6:3).

Now when Moses met with God in the “burning bush”
he asked God

WHAT HIS PERSONAL NAME WAS and this we read in -

Exodus 3:13

“And Moses said unto God, Behold when I come unto the children of Israel and shall say unto them, the God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is His name ?
What shall I say unto them ?”



Yes ! Moses also knew Him as



“the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob”



Thus he said - **“The God of your fathers...”**

Then God answered him and this we read in -

Exodus 3:14

“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM....”

Yes ! This is **THE NAME** God revealed of Himself !

Now this name God revealed in Hebrew is written as -

Y H W H

This of course cannot be pronounced !!

Thus vowels were added between the letters and thus in

HEBREW God's Name is known as

YaH WeH

or

YaH WaH



Then in the New Testament when God revealed His Word in

THE GREEK LANGUAGE the Name of God

in Greek became -

J H V H

Similarly the name Jesus which is Greek, is actually
"YESHUA" in the Hebrew language !

So too God's Name in Greek with vowels added for
 pronunciation is -

J e H o v a h

Yes ! This is the Name that God revealed of Himself to Moses
 and He said THIS WOULD BE HIS NAME FOREVER in -

Exodus 3:15

**"....this is My name forever and this is my memorial unto all
 generations."**

We find God's Name mentioned in the **ENGLISH KJV BIBLE**
 only IN FOUR PLACES -

Psalms 83:18 / Exodus 6:3 / Isaiah 12:2 / Isaiah 26:4

**"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art
 the most high over all the earth."**

**"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the
 name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not
 known to them."**

**"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the
 Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my
 salvation."**

**"Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is
 everlasting strength."**

.....And again for a FIFTH time He is referred to as "JAH" in -

Psalms 68:4

“Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.”

IS IT SURPRISING THAT THE NAME OF GOD APPEARS ONLY FIVE TIMES.....IN THE KJV ENGLISH BIBLE ?

Actually God's Name appears **MORE THAN 7000 TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT !**

In the KJV Bible that name is now replaced by the word -

 **“LORD”**

(In capital letters)

But in the **KANNADA** and **HINDI** and **MARATHI** and other language Bibles God's Name itself appears in **ALL** places !

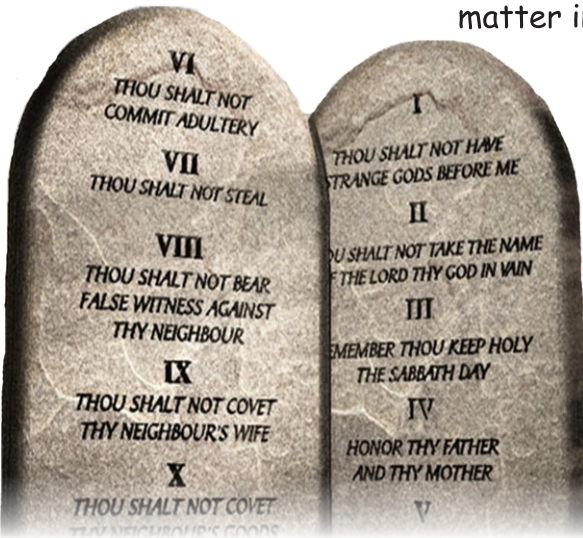
(PLEASE REFER TO OTHER LANGUAGE BIBLES TO CHECK OUT THIS MATTER)

But having been blessed with this great **TRUTH** of knowing God's name let us remember the **VERY IMPORTANT** matter in -

Exodus 20:7

“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”

Yes ! The **THIRD** **COMMANDMENT** which



warns **NOT** to take the Name of God in vain !

How **BLESSED** and **HOLY** and **HONORED** is that Name !!

There are **SOME** Christian denominations that take the Name of the Father as a regular and common matter like the group called

the "**Jehovah's Witnesses**" (JW's in short).



We must be careful **NOT** to follow the same example !

Just think about it !

Why do we **NOT** call our earthly fathers by their names ?



How **MUCH MORE** is due to.....**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER** ??!



And besides, do we see Jesus **EVER** address God by His Name in the New Testament ?



The answer is.....**NO** !

Did Jesus **NOT** know God's Name ?

And similarly with the apostles and in their writings.

HOW many times do we see them taking the name of God ?

Yes !.....**NOT ONCE** !

Did the **APOSTLES** **NOT** know God's Name ?

OF COURSE THEY DID !

Remember, they were **JEWS** first of all before becoming Christians !

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They chose to address God in the way the Master, Jesus
TAUGHT THEM to in -

Matthew 6:9

**“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.”**

Yes ! Thus we see the apostles address God in their
letters as -

APOSTLE PETER

**I Peter 1:3 - “Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus
Christ...”**

APOSTLE JAMES

**Ephesians 1:17 - “that the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ , the
Father of glory...”**

APOSTLE JOHN

**II John : 3 - “..from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the
Son of the father....”**

APOSTLE JUDE

Jude : 25 - “to the only wise God our Savior , be glory....”

**Yes ! We too SHOULD LEARN OF THEM AND FOLLOW
THEIR EXAMPLE in showing HONOUR and REVERENCE
to Our Heavenly Father.**

Now there are many Christians who are of the opinion that
Jesus Himself is the **ALMIGHTY HEAVENLY FATHER**
because of these words of Jesus in -

John 8:58

“Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, before

Abraham was, I AM.”

Yes ! Because of Jesus using these words “**I AM**” many have drawn the CONCLUSION that Jesus is the **ALMIGHTY HEAVENLY FATHER** who said to Moses from the burning bush that His name is -

 “ **I AM THAT I AM** ”

But careful study shows THAT THIS IS NOT SO and not what Jesus meant at all !



For about the Heavenly Father it is written in -

1 Timothy 6:16

“Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, nor can see, to whom be honour and power everlasting, Amen.”

Yes ! No man HAS SEEN nor CAN SEE the Heavenly Father !
JESUS HIMSELF told us this **FACT** and **TRUTH** in -

John 5:37

“and the Father Himself which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me, ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape.”

Thus we have seen that Jesus CANNOT BE and...IS NOT the Heavenly Father !

This is further confirmed in -

John 1:18; Colossians 1:15

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:.”

Yes ! The Heavenly Father is the "INVISIBLE GOD" that NONE have seen unlike Jesus of whom we read in -

I John 1:1

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;"

Yes ! The matter is VERY, VERY CLEAR !



Now let us study about the **GLORIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER**

as we begin by reading from -

Psalms 90:2

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

John 5:26

"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself."

Yes ! The **IMMORTAL NATURE** of God is combined with the **THOUGHT**



.....that Jehovah God HAS NO BEGINNING !

Our **FINITE** minds cannot understand or contain such a mind boggling thought !

There is a BEGINNING to everything around us - both animate and inanimate.

We read of many beginnings in the Bible -



John 8:44

“He was a murderer from the beginning...”



This is the **BEGINNING** of the creation of the human race !



John 1:1

- “In the beginning was the word....”

This is the **BEGINNING** of God's creation of His **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** - Jesus !





Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created.....”

This is the **BEGINNING** of God's **CREATIVE** works !



But of God we read that He has No **BEGINNING AT ALL !**
HE HAS ALWAYS....ALWAYS....ALWAYS BEEN !

That is why He says of Himself -



“I AM THAT I AM” (The Eternal One - In the **FRENCH** Bible- “les eternal”) Now let us study something more of our **AWESOME** Heavenly Father as we read from -

Jeremiah 32:27

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me ?”

Isaiah 45:12

“I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.”



Job 12:10

“In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.”

 the **GREAT CREATOR** of all FLESH

and the **LIFE GIVER** of all mankind and all flesh beings.

And then we read of another interesting matter in -

Isaiah 44:6-8; 43:10,11

“Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me,

since I appointed the ancient people ? And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it ? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me ?.....”

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Savior.”

In these two scriptures it is seen that the HEAVENLY FATHER JEHOVAH when speaking of Himself says that He is



.....THE REDEEMER OF ISRAEL



....AND....THE FIRST AND.....THE LAST



.....THE SAVIOUR.

Yes ! While revealing the fact that there is **NO OTHER GOD** other than Himself He uses these terms in describing Himself !!



DO THESE TERMS OF DESCRIPTION SOUND FAMILIAR ?

Yes ! These are the terms and names used to describe Jesus in the **NEW TESTAMENT.**

The terms of “Redeemer”, “Saviour” and “the first and the last” which we saw applied to the Heavenly Father.....IS ALSO APPLIED TO JESUS as we read in -



“REDEEMER” - Job 19:25; Galatians 3:13



“SAVIOUR” - I John 4:14



“THE FIRST AND THE LAST” - Revelation 22:13

This **DUAL** application to **BOTH** Father and Son is a cause for stumbling of **ALL** those who **CANNOT** see the truth for we read that the Word of God to them becomes as we read in -

Isaiah 28:13

“But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little, that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”

YES ! MANY ARE DECEIVED AND CANNOT SEE THE TRUTH !

But what then is the **TRUTH** and why are the Names and **TITLES** of God **ALSO** applied to Jesus ?

Let us read that answer in -

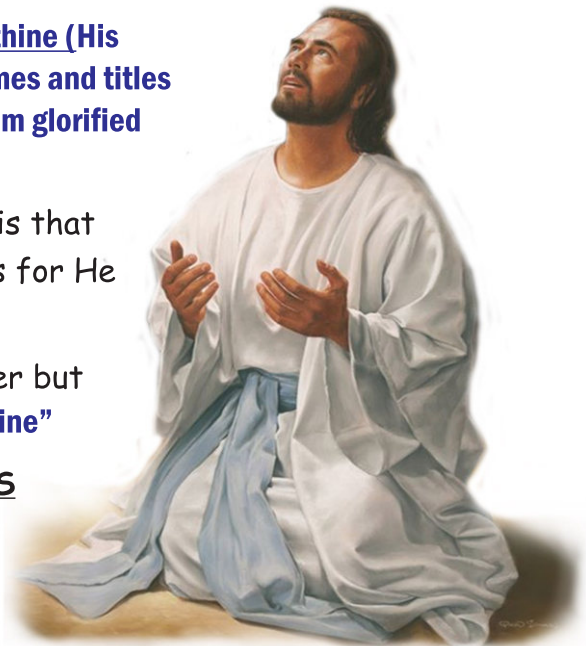
John 17:10

“And all mine are thine, and thine (His disciples and even..... some names and titles of the Father) are mine, and I am glorified in them.”

Yes ! What Jesus is saying is that **ALL OF HIS** is the Father's for He is **THE CREATION**

AND.....SON of the Father but He also says - **“thine is mine”**

meaning that **SOME NAMES AND GLORIOUS TITLES OF THE FATHER**



are also applied to Him and He says -
“I am glorified in them”.

Yes, Indeed ! Jesus SHARES in the **GREAT WORK OF GOD !**

**For GOD IS THE AUTHOR of all His works
and....JESUS IS THE EXECUTOR !!**

Lest there be any lingering confusion in your mind **ABOUT
THIS FACT** let us now turn to

Deuteronomy 6:4

“Hear, o Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD.”

Yes ! The proclamation to Israel that the **LORD GOD
JEHOVAH** is **ONE** was repeated by Jesus with these words
which we find recorded in -

Mark 12:29

“Hear, o Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.”

This **CLEARLY** shows that Jesus **CLAIMED JEHOVAH** to
be His God too !!

If it was NOT SO , he would have said - **“Hear, O Israel:
The LORD your God.....”**



NO! WE NOTE THAT HE DID NOT DO THAT!!

Now let us study **AN AWESOME MATTER** of the
Heavenly Father in -

Psalms 147:4-5

**“He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their
names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his**

understanding is infinite.”

Job 38:31-32

“Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion ? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons.”



Yes ! **JEHOVAH GOD**, the Heavenly Father here speaks of the “**constellations**” and “**galaxies**” of stars in the **ENDLESS** universe and says He

“.....telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names....”

This verse when considered in the light of **SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE** of the mind boggling expanse of the universe and its stars and galaxies is



.....**ABSOLUTELY ASTOUNDING !**

According to scientific knowledge there are 1 **BILLION**
(1,000,000,000) - (100 **CRORE**)
STARS (all being like our Sun, which incidentally too is a
star) in OUR GALAXY

- the **MILKY WAY** with.....each having planets and moons !!



Our **SUN** is just one out of a billion !

JUST IMAGINE !!

And there are many stars **MUCH.....MUCH BIGGER** than
our Sun!!!

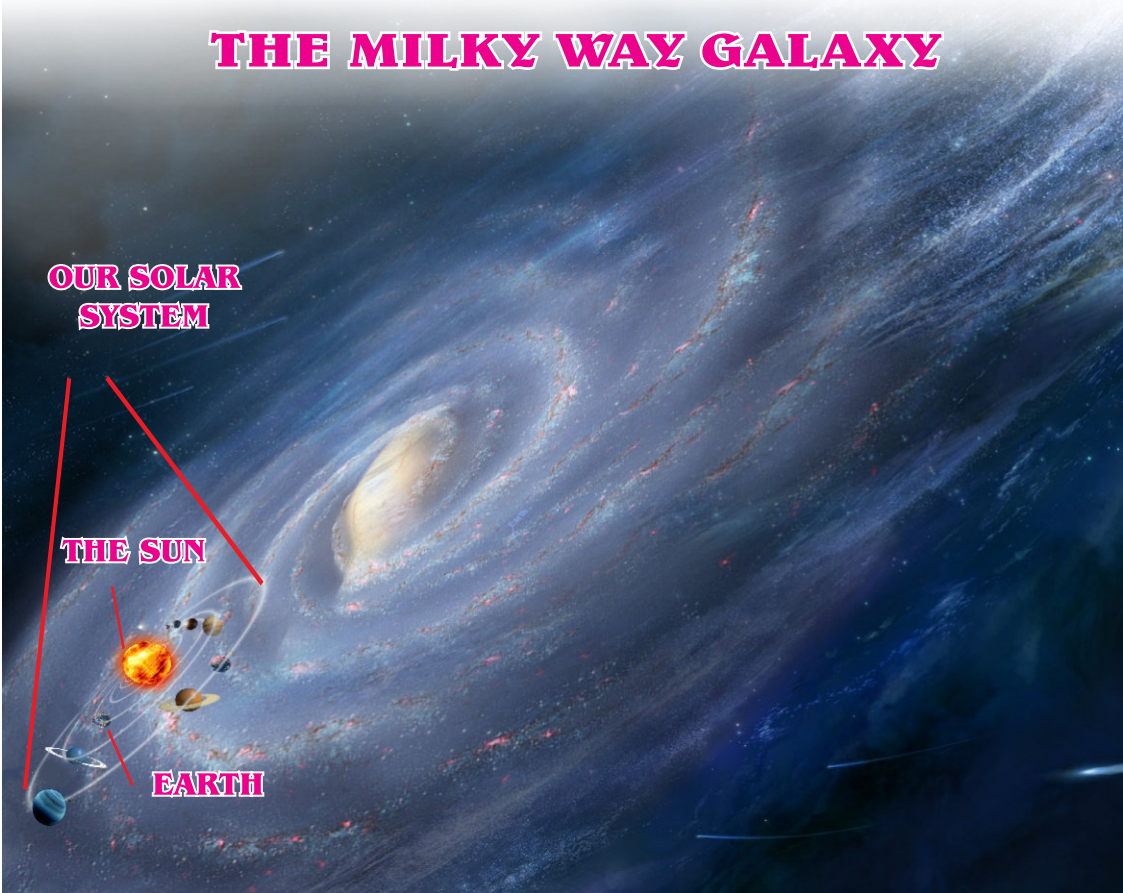
**BELOW IS A GRAPHIC PICTURE OF THE MILKY WAY
GALAXY AND THE POSITION OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM
WITHIN IT !!**

THE MILKY WAY GALAXY

**OUR SOLAR
SYSTEM**

THE SUN

EARTH



Like the Milky Way galaxy scientists tell us there are about **150 Billion** such galaxies or star clusters like the Milky Way - many being **much, much bigger** than the Milky Way !



Let us see the figures - **150,000,000,000**. (150 Billion galaxies) - **15,000 CRORE !!**



If we multiply these by the number of stars in the Milky Way itself we get -

150,000,000,000,000,000,000.

(150 SEXTILLION STARS) !!!

This is **JUST AN ASSUMED NUMBER!!**

The actual number is **MUCH, MUCH** more !

SPACE WE ARE TOLD IS ENDLESS !!!!

JUST IMAGINE AND CONSIDER THIS THOUGHT !



IF THE CREATION IS ENDLESS IMAGINE HOW THE CREATOR MUST BE !!

Now let us meditate upon that verse again in -

Psalm 147:4,5

“He telleth the number of the stars, he calleth them **ALL by their names.”**

WHEW ! Arent you feeling giddy ?

Thus it is written of the **GREAT JEHOVAH** - the **HEAVENLY FATHER** in -

Psalms 145:3 - “Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is UNSEARCHABLE.”

Now the thought comes -

[“What is earth and **WHAT IS MAN in the expanse of this great endless universe ?”]**

Let us read **THAT** answer in -

Isaiah 40:15

“Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

We read here that the nations are-

“.....as a drop of a bucket”

“.....as the small dust of the balance”

**THIS IS THE PERSPECTIVE or VIEW OF THE EARTH
IN COMPARISON TO THE WHOLE UNIVERSE
AS GOD PUTS IT !**



You may ask, **WHY DOES GOD USE SUCH PECULIAR COMPARISONS ?**

Let us now consider the answer from the humble position of what mankind **REALLY** is in the **GREAT AWESOME UNIVERSE** of God.



LET US IMAGINE our earth to be the **UNIVERSE....**and all the various types of creatures on the earth are the various creations of God.



And **INDEED**, there is **GREAT VARIETY** in God's living creations in heaven and.....on earth!

Now let us consider out of all these creations an **ALMOST INSIGNIFICANT** and **TINY** creation-



THE ANT CREATION !

Yes! They are **SO TINY**, and yet they have eyes, hands, legs, understanding, speech etc.

Indeed ! Theirs is the **ANT WORLD !**

Now suppose mankind chose **TO WRITE A BOOK** to the ant world what would one have to do first ?!



Yes ! - One must **FIRST** learn the **LANGUAGE, CUSTOMS AND CULTURE** of the ant world !

And then by using language understood by the ants one could **COMMUNICATE** and **THEN** write a book **AND BE UNDERSTOOD** by the ant world !!

Yes ! Similarly God has done the same while writing a book for and to mankind on earth!



THAT BOOK IS.....THE BIBLE !

He has used comparisons and language **THAT** all mankind can understand !!!

Ah! So what is the meaning in **Isaiah 40:15** ?-



[“As a drop of a bucket”]

This refers to the lesson to be learnt in **THE DAILY**

CHORE (work) of washing clothes !!

The bucket is usually washed and emptied of all the water and kept overturned in a corner.

Yet if **ONE LOOKED CAREFULLY** there would be drops of water sticking to the inner surface of the bucket !!



This is NOT considered to be anything by the person and is **ALMOST UNNOTICEABLE !!**

So too the **LORD** gives us the comparison of the earth and its peoples **WHEN CONSIDERED BEFORE** His **UNIVERSE** of so many and varied creations !



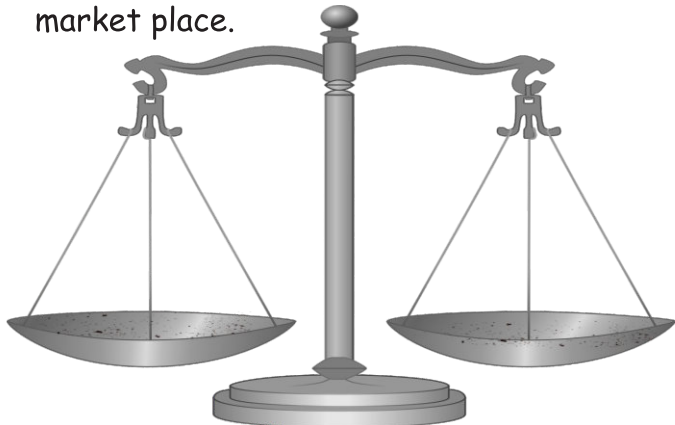
.....**ALMOST UNNOTICEABLE !!!!!**



(“As the small dust of the balance”)

This is the lesson learnt in **THE DAILY CHORE** (work) of shopping for vegetables and food articles in the market place.

The balance is emptied before the purchase, yet there are dust particles in the balance **UNSEEN** and **UNNOTICED**



to the human eye and **NOT** considered anything
at all !!

Similarly God shows us the comparison of the earth to **HIS
UNIVERSE** and all His many creations !!!!!

Yes ! “**....as the small dust of the balance**”.



.....**ALMOST UNNOTICEABLE** !!!!!

Finally in **verse 17** we get **THE REAL MEASURE OF THE
EARTH** in God's universe -

**“All nations before Him are as NOTHING; and they are counted to
HIM as less than NOTHING”**

Yes ! This refers to a measure of less than zero !

**Imagine all THE GLORY and WORK of man and THE
CITIES AND NATIONS of the earth ALL
TOGETHER are..... LESS THAN ZERO in comparison
to God's universe !**

Thus it is written of THE GREAT JEHOVAH in -

Isaiah 40:25,26

**“To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal ? saith the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things,
and bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by
the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one
faileth.”**

Yes ! The night sky speaks of the **AWESOME GLORY**
of its **CREATOR**

Psalm 19:1

**“...The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament
sheweth his handwork.”**

**His UNIMAGINABLE POWER is ALMIGHTY
and NONE can work against or thwart God's plans !**



This we very clearly read in -

Isaiah 14:24,27/ 46:10

**“The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought, so
shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand. For the**

Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back .

“Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”

Yes ! All **REBELLION** and **EVIL** and **DISOBEDIENCE** that is seen on earth is

**BY HIS PERMISSION ONLY.**

For we read in **Isaiah 45:7** - **“I form the light, and create darkness : I make peace, and create evil : I the Lord do all these things.”**

So **HOW** does **MAN** **understand** this **GREAT “INVISIBLE GOD”** ? **“whom no an can see”** ?

 **WHAT.....IS HE LIKE ?**

 **HOW.....DO WE UNDERSTAND HIM ?**

In the book of **REVELATION** and in the **4TH CHAPTER** is a **FIGURATIVE PICTURE** of this **only true GOD** written in symbolic language.

We shall study **ONLY 2 VERSES** today but in the coming subjects we will gradually study all the verses of this chapter -

Let us now turn to -

Revelation 4:6,7

“.....In the midst of the throne and round about the throne were four beasts (“living creatures”- NIV) full of eyes before and behind”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

WHO is this sitting on "the throne" ?

We read and find the answer in -

Revelation 5:13

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the lamb for ever and ever."

Here "the lamb" is a symbol of **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST** so "him that sitteth upon the throne" must be a **REFERENCE** to **WHO** ?



YES ! IT IS THE HEAVENLY FATHER - THE GREAT JEHOVAH HIMSELF !

Having seen that "the throne" symbolically represents the **HEAVENLY FATHER** let us now try to understand the scripture and its meaning -



["in the midst of the throne"]

This represents something **WITHIN** and **INSIDE** God Himself !



["round about the throne"]

This represents something that is **WITHIN** and **INSIDE** all the things round about God !

Yes! A reference to ALL HIS INTELLIGENT CREATIONS - HIS UNIVERSE !!

Thus this is a **SYMBOLIC** reference to something that is **BOTH** within God Himself and is present in all His creations !

Yes! What is meant by these "four beasts" or "four living creatures" ?

THEY REFER TO GOD'S FOUR CHARACTER ATTRIBUTES.

These are IN HIM and..... are MANIFEST in ALL HIS ACTIONS and.....HIS CREATIONS.

WHAT are these character attributes ?

Let us **TRY TO IDENTIFY THEM** now through the four symbols used as we turn to -

Revelation 4:7

“And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.”

The “likeness” of the beasts reveal THE IDENTITY of the attributes.

Let us see them now one by one.

CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE

1

“....And the first beast was like a lion...”

The “LION” - represents POWER as the lion is the king of the jungle and is very powerful.

Truly God is first and foremost.....ALMIGHTY !



His unlimited power includes His.....CREATIVE POWER
and.....LIFE-GIVING POWER

He creates everything out of NOTHING and.....brings to
LIFE that which is LIFELESS.

Truly God's first character attribute is that He is
POWERFUL and ALMIGHTY And that is manifest in THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and.....in NATURE !!

CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE

2



“...And the second
beast like a calf”

(The symbol comes
from Israel's atoning
sacrifices)

Yes ! The calf (or bullock)
is the symbol of justice.

Truly God is the
embodiment of JUSTICE
for His justice is perfect
and manifest in ALL His
works.

This attribute of God includes.....His HOLINESS &
PERFECTION. Infact we read Justice is the FOUNDATION
of God's throne in -

**Psalms 89:14 – “justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne:
mercy and truth shall go before thy face.”**

CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE

3

“.....And the third beast had the face as a man.”

Here “**MAN**” - represents and is a symbol of **LOVE**....for God made man to have the **FINER QUALITIES** of Love as Man was made in “God's image and



And that is what we read of God in -

I John 4:8

“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”

This attribute includes **MERCY** and....**KINDNESS** and God's great love is manifest in His sending



....HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE AND.....to be the saviour of the human race.

CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE

4

“and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.”



The "FLYING EAGLE" - represents WISDOM for the symbol of a flying eagle is for its sharp eyes which in turn represents WISDOM. INDEED!!

God is ALL WISE and His wisdom includes KNOWLEDGE,.....PLANNING,.....FORESIGHT AND.....HINDSIGHT (Isaiah 46:10)

This is manifest in His DIVINE PLAN FOR MAN as recorded in the Bible from GENESIS to REVELATION !!

THESE THEN ARE GOD'S FOUR PRINCIPAL CHARACTER ATTRIBUTES SHOWN IN SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE!

Now then WHAT ELSE do we read of the "four living creatures" ? -



....."were four beasts full of eyes before and behind"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

Just as two eyes in the head HAS A LIMIT which is increased by two more eyes at the back and thus.....further increase of the eyes.....increases the limits of SIGHT so too

EYES EVERYWHERE represent.....UNLIMITED or INFINITE.

And truly INFINITE is God's POWER, JUSTICE, LOVE
and WISDOM.

And HOW WELL JESUS KNEW THIS for we read of
His words in -

Mark 10:17-18

**“and when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running,
and kneeled to him, and asked him good master, what shall I do that I
may inherit eternal life ? And Jesus said unto him, why callest thou me
good? there is none good but one, that is God.”**

Here Jesus ACKNOWLEDGES the SOURCE of His goodness.

**For in God all the FULLNESS and FOUNTAIN SOURCE
of all qualities and attributes exist !**

And these same FOUR CHARACTER attributes God has put
into man for we read in -

Genesis 1:26,27

**“And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and
let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over every
creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. And God blessed them,
and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the
earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea and
over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon
the earth.”**

Yes ! Here “the image” of God refers to A MEASURE of
these FOUR attributes that God put in man.

Though SIN and selfishness have corroded them they are
still visible even till today !!

Let us have a look at these attributes in man -

POWER

JUST LOOK AT THE WORKS OF MAN !!!



No other creature on earth can do what man does in **BUILDING**,
MANUFACTURING, **TRANSPORT**, **TECHNOLOGY** etc.etc.

JUSTICE

The **COURTS OF LAW** are an evidence of this



LOVE

The love attribute is still visible even after years of corrosion by selfishness.



Ex: The overwhelming helping hand that nations have extended towards the refugees of Syria, who were denied basic human rights because of anarchy and war within the country.

WISDOM

The various sectors of knowledge in man is truly mind boggling -

**ARCHITECTURE, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS,
BIOLOGY, MEDICINE, ENGINEERING, BOTANY,
MATHEMATICS, TECHNOLOGY,
ETC, ETC.**



Indeed! Man has been given the **FOUR ATTRIBUTES OF GOD!**

BUT HOW MUCHHAS GOD GIVEN TO MAN?



Ah ! The "measure" of these four attributes that God has put into man can **BE COMPREHENDED** by going to the seashore of an ocean !

The example of the ocean and the volume of its water would represent God's **LIMITLESS** character attributes, just as we cannot measure the volume of water in the ocean !!!

Then **man's measure** of those attributes could be represented by dipping a tea cup into the ocean !!!!



The water of the ocean in the tea cup.....would represent the measure of God's attributes which he put into man !!!

Can you imagine God's INFINITE LIMITLESS POWER and JUSTICE and LOVE and His WISDOM ! ?



Then we read **ANOTHER MATTER** about the Heavenly Father's attributes in -

Ezekiel 1:16

“And their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.....”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

It is a **figurative** picture showing all **FOUR** attributes work **TOGETHER IN UNISON**

- the four wheels **ARE WITHIN** each other.

This represents how the four attributes of God **WORK TOGETHER !**

Example: When **POWER** is exercised it is at the same time



.....**“loving”, “just” and “wise” POWER !!**

In case of God's **LOVE** being exercised it is.....**“powerful”**
“wise” and “just” LOVE !!

The wheels would symbolise **the passage of time.....in**
GOD'S DIVINE PLAN where through this plan, His
character attributes **ARE BEING MADE MANIFEST.**

Haven't you heard of the saying -
“the wheels of time roll on.....”.

**Oh ! How TRULY GREAT and NOBLE is the GREAT God
of the universe.**

There is a full **PSALM** dedicated to praise His Holy Name !!

Let us read it in -

Psalms 145:8-21

“The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion ; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preseveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.”



Yes ! This is a tribute to THE GREAT JEHOVAH showing His tender mercies and His PROVIDENCE for ALL His living creatures.

Today we have received this great TRUTH and KNOWLEDGE !



But the WORLD and NOMINAL CHRISTIANS still wait !!!

But we read of their reaction in the future when they receive THIS TRUTH in -

Revelation 5:13; Isaiah 25:9

“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that

sitteth upon the throne, and unto the lamb forever and ever.”

“And it shall be said in that day, lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Yes ! The **WHOLE WORLD** will **PRAISE** His **HOLY NAME** in due time !!

Yes ! Dear Brothers and Sisters !!

Today we got a TINY INTRODUCTION TO THE GREAT AWESOME GLORIOUS ALMIGHTY GOD OF THE WHOLE UNIVERSE.

In order to know the Heavenly Father **FULLY** we need a **LIMITLESS** period of life !!

That is why Jesus said those words in -

John 17:3 - “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the ONLY true GOD.....”

What this means is that in a life time of a thousand years we would know God some what, butin a hundred thousand years even better and.....in a hundred million years even more better and.....in a hundred trillion years much, much better and.....Yes ! To know God **FULLY** we need to.....**LIVE.....ETERNALLY AND FOREVER !**

FINALLY IN CONCLUSION to this subject we request you to answer this question **IF YOU KNOW**, as we read from -

Proverbs 30:4

“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended ? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath established all the ends of the earth ? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?”

Yes ! **WHAT A QUESTION !**

How many persons does it speak of ?

Are there **THREE** ???

No ! It speaks of **TWO PERSONS** and asks -

....what is.....**HIS NAME ??**


....and what is.....**HIS SON'S NAME ?**

DO WE KNOW ? OH ! YES WE DO !



“His name” is.....THE GREAT ALMIGHTY JEHOVAH.
and **“His Son's name” is.....THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

BY HIS INFINITE GRACE AND MERCY HE HAS CHOSEN US TO NOW KNOW !!

 And thus **ENDS** our study of the **TRINITY**
 - A **DOCTRINE AND TEACHING NOT FOUND IN THE BIBLE AT ALL !**

But in searching in the “Book of the Lord”
WHAT A GREAT TRUTH WE HAVE FOUND !!

WE HAVE FOUND
**“THE ONLY TRUE” GOD,**
**HIS FIRST DIRECTLY CREATED AND ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,**



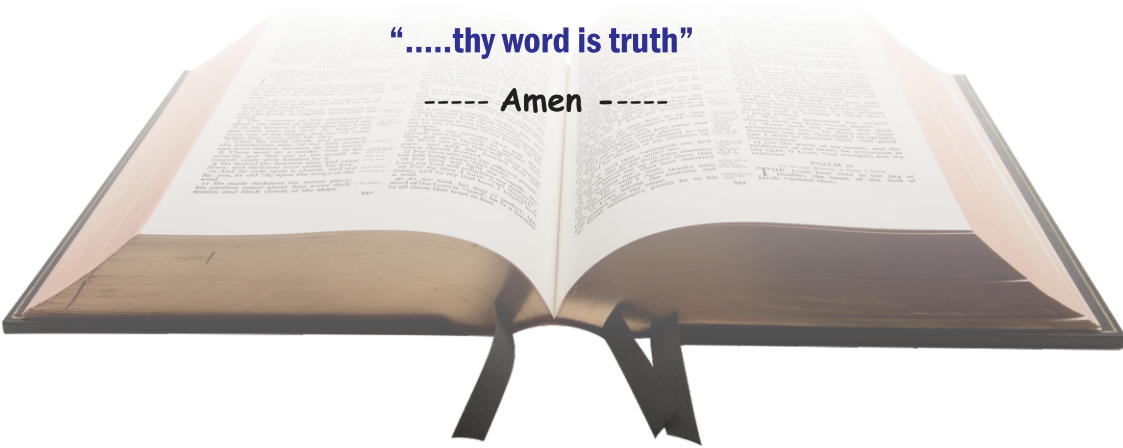


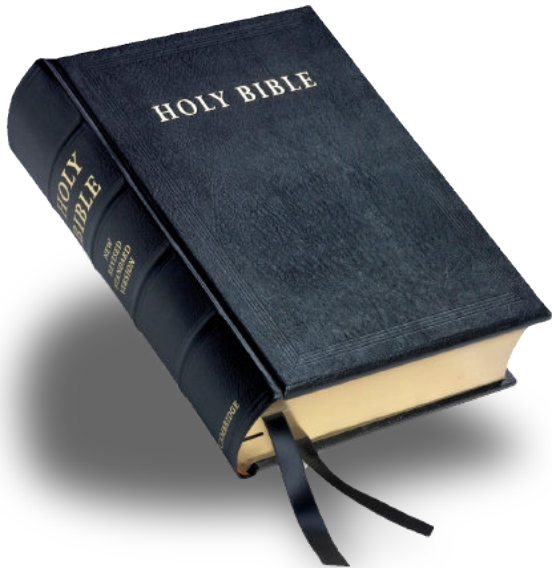
.....AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS HOLY
SPIRIT."

Yes ! And we believe because we read in His Word that -

".....thy word is truth"

----- Amen -----





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