

圣经函授课程

A BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

LESSON 1 - GOD

第一课 - 真神

INTRODUCTION

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). This is the first verse of the Bible. All things begin with God. The Bible begins with God. A study of the Bible must also begin with God, for the Bible is God’s book.

“What is God like? How can we know there is a God?” These are the most important questions anyone can ask. Nothing is of greater importance than the answers to these questions. The answers we give to these questions will determine how we live on the earth. The answers we give to these questions will determine where we will live after this life on this earth is over. Let us turn to the Bible, God’s book, to learn the answers.

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

God is eternal! God has always lived. He will always live. The Bible says of God: “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God” (Psalm 90:2).

All people who live on the earth will grow old. All will die. But God can never grow old or die. Let us hear the Bible again: “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end” (Hebrews 1:10-12).

God is all-powerful! “Is anything too wonderful [hard] for the Lord?” (Genesis 18:14). We human beings are weak. There are many things we do not have the strength to do. But God has all power. He can do anything. By His great power, God created the heavens and the earth. By His great power, God created man. We can trust the promises of God, for He has the power to fulfill them.

God is all-knowing! God knows everything, for God sees everything. It is possible to hide things from the eyes of men, but nothing can be hidden from God. “For human ways are under the eyes of the Lord, and he examines all their paths” (Proverbs 5:21). “...God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything” (1 John 3:20).

God is unchanging! Everything in this world changes. Governments change when nations become independent and new leaders replace old leaders. Ways of living change. Habits and customs of people change. The weather changes. Styles of clothing change. Even our bodies change as we grow older. But God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. “For I the Lord do not change...” (Malachi 3:6).

测验 - 第一课

请在下列的空白线上填入答案:

1. 所有的东西都是 _____ 神而来的.
2. 神永远不会 _____ .
3. 神 _____ 一切事情、因为神能 _____ 所有的事.
4. 神是昨日、今日、一直到 _____ 都是一样的.
5. 如果我们真正的 _____、神会饶恕我们的罪.

假如句子是正确的、在空白线上写『是』；假如句子不正确、在空白线上写『非』.

1. ___ 神的生命有开始也有结束.
2. ___ 在神的眼前我们能隐藏一些事情.
3. ___ 神是有骨有肉的肉身.
4. ___ 什么事都不会改变.
5. ___ 我们从祂所造的东西便知道有神.
6. ___ 人们一直相信有神的.
7. ___ 神赐给我们祂的儿子来为我们的罪而死.
8. ___ 神是全能的.
9. ___ 神恨恶所有的罪.
10. ___ 我们可以信任神、因为祂不会欺骗我们.

在空白线里填入经节的字:

1. 『诸山未曾生出，地与世界你未曾造成，从 _____ 到 _____ ， 你是神』(诗 90:2).
2. 『诸天 _____ 神的荣耀。穹苍 _____ 他的手段』(诗 19:1).
3. 『我们的心若责备我们，神比我们的心 _____ ，一切事 _____ 』(约一 3:20).
4. 『神是个 _____ ，所以拜他的，必须用心灵和诚实拜他』(约 4:24).
5. 『... 你们要 _____ ，因为我耶和华你们的神是圣洁的』(利 19:2).
6. 『因我耶和华是 _____ 的...』(玛 3:6).

TEST – LESSON 1

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. All things _____ with God.
2. God never _____ .
3. God _____ everything, for God _____ everything.
4. God is the same yesterday, today, and _____ .
5. God will forgive our sins if we truly _____ .

IF THE STATEMENT IS CORRECT, WRITE TRUE IN THE BLANK; IF THE STATEMENT IS FALSE, WRITE FALSE IN THE BLANK.

1. ___ God has a beginning and an end to His life.
2. ___ We can hide some things we do from God.
3. ___ God has a human body of flesh and bones.
4. ___ Nothing ever changes.
5. ___ We know there is a God because we can see the things which He has made.
6. ___ People have always believed in a God.
7. ___ God gave His Son to die for our sins.
8. ___ God has all power.
9. ___ God hates all sin.
10. ___ We can trust God for He will not deceive us.

FILL IN THE BLANKS IN THE SCRIPTURES:

1. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from _____ to _____, you are God (Psalm 90:2).
2. The heavens are _____ the glory of God; and the firmament _____ his handiwork (Psalm 19:1).
3. Whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is _____ than our hearts, and he _____ everything (1 John 3:20).
4. God is _____ and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
5. You shall be _____ , for I the Lord your God am holy (Leviticus 19:2).
6. For I the Lord do not _____ (Malachi 3:6).

前言

『起初 神创造天地』(创 1:1). 这是圣经头一个经节. 什么东西都是由神而来的. 圣经由神而来. 开始研究圣经时、必须先学习真神、因为圣经是 神的书.

神有什么样的特性? 我们如何知道有真神呢? 这是人会问到的重要的问题. 没有事情比这些问题的答案更重要了. 这些问题的答案会影响我们在世上的生活. 这些问题的答案也会影响我们在生命结束以后将会永远住在那里. 我们一起来看圣经、神的书、来研究这些答案.

神有什么样的特性?

神是永恒的! 神是永远存在的. 祂将会永远活着. 圣经是这样的述说神的: 『诸山未曾生出, 地与世界你未曾造成, 从亘古到永远, 你是神』(诗 90:2).

所有住在世上的人都会变老. 每一个人都会死. 但是神不会变老或死掉. 我们再一次看圣经: 『又说, 主阿, 你起初立了地的根基, 天也是你手所造的. 天地都要灭没, 你却要长存; 天地都要像衣服渐渐旧了; 你要将天地卷起来, 像一件外衣, 天地就都改变了. 惟有你永不改变, 你的年数没有穷尽』(来 1:10-12).

神是无所不能的! 『耶和华岂有难成的事吗?』(创 18:14). 我们人类都是软弱的. 有很多事情我们没力量去作. 但是、神有所有的能力. 任何事祂都会作. 借着祂的能力、神创造天地. 借着祂的能力、神造人. 我们能够信任神的应许、因为祂有能力成就这些应许.

神是无所不知的! 神知道一切事情、因为神能看见所有的事. 在人的眼前能够隐藏事情、但是在神的眼前什么都不能隐藏. 『因为, 人所行的道都在耶和华眼前; 他也修平人一切的路』(箴 5:21). 『... 神比我们的心大, 一切事没有不知道的』(约一 3:20).

神是不改变的! 世上所有的事情都会改变. 在国家独立和新、旧领袖交替时、政府就会改变. 生活的习惯会改变. 风俗习惯也会改变. 天气会改变. 衣服的样式也会改变. 甚至于在我们变老时、我们的身体也会改变. 但是、神永远不会改变. 祂是昨日、今日、一直到永远都是一样的. 『因我耶和华是不改变的...』(玛 3:6).

God is spirit! God is not a human being as you and I are. "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). God does not have weaknesses and sicknesses of the body as you and I do. "...for a ghost [spirit] does not have flesh and bones as you see I have..." (Luke 24:39).

God is light! "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). There is no darkness (sin) in God. Therefore (for this reason) we can trust Him for He will not deceive (lie to or mislead) us.

God is love! "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:8). God loves us. He has proved His great love for us by giving His Son to die for our sins. "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice [to pay the price—His death on the cross] for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

God is holy! "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2).

God is righteous! God cannot do any wrong. He hates all sin. "For the Lord is righteous, he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face" (Psalms 11:7).

God is merciful! God loves us. Although He hates sin, He is merciful. He will forgive our sins if we truly repent (make up our minds to turn away from practicing sin and turn back to God). "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalms 103:8).

HOW DO WE KNOW THERE IS A GOD?

We know there is a God because of the things which He has made. "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" (Psalms 19:1). When we see a house we know that someone wise enough and strong enough built it. A house cannot exist without a builder. In the same way, when we see the sun, moon, stars, the earth, and all that is in the earth, we know they have a builder. Someone wise enough and strong enough made all these things. Only God has power to create the heavens and the earth. Therefore, we know there is a God when we see the things He has made.

We know there is a God because our hearts or conscience tells us. People have always believed in a God. This has been true in every country and in every age. People have often had false ideas about God but they have always believed in Him. Read Romans 2:14-16.

We know there is a God because He has revealed Himself to us in His Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible says: "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds" (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Now you can answer the questions for lesson 1.

神是个灵! 神不是像你、我一样的人类. 『神是个灵, 所以拜他的, 必须用心灵和诚实「真理」拜他』(约 4:24). 神不会像你、我一样受制于软弱和生病. 『...魂无骨无肉...』(路 24:39).

神是光! 『神就是光, 在他毫无黑暗. 这是我们从主所听见、又报给你们的信息』(约一 1:5). 神没有黑暗(罪). 因此我们可以信任祂、因为祂不会欺骗我们的.

神是爱! 『没有爱心的, 就不认识神, 因为神就是爱』(约一 4:8). 神爱我们. 因为祂赐给我们祂的儿子为我们的罪而死、祂证明祂的大爱. 『不是我们爱神, 乃是 神爱我们, 差他的儿子为我们的罪作了挽回祭, 这就是爱了』(约一 4:10).

神是圣洁的! 『你们要圣洁, 因为我耶和华你们的神是圣洁的』(利 19:2).

神是公义的! 神不会弄错. 祂恨恶所有的罪. 『因为耶和华是公义的, 他喜爱公义. 正直人必得见他的面』(诗 11:7).

神是怜悯的! 神爱我们. 虽然祂恨恶罪、祂是怜悯人的. 如果我们真正的悔改、祂会饶恕我们的罪. 『耶和华有怜悯, 有恩典, 不轻易发怒, 且有丰盛的慈爱』(诗 103:8).

我们如何知道有真神呢?

我们从祂所造的东西便知道有神. 『诸天述说神的荣耀. 穹苍传扬他的手段』(诗 19:1). 我们看到一所房子时、我们知道一位有智能有能力的人建造它. 没有建造者便不会有房子. 同样地、我们看到太阳、月亮、星星、地球、还有所有地球上的东西时、我们知道它们都是被造的. 是由很有智能很有能力的、来造这些东西. 除了神之外没有谁有能力造天地. 所以、我们看到祂所造的、就知道祂是存在的.

因为我们的心或良知告诉我们、我们便知道有真神. 人们一直是相信有神的. 在每一个国家、每一时代都是这样子. 关于神、人常常有错误观念、但是却相信祂的存在. 请看罗马书 2:14-16.

我们知道有真神因为祂借着祂的儿子耶稣基督显现出来. 圣经说: 『神既在古时借着众先知多次多方的晓谕列祖, 就在这末世, 借着祂儿子晓谕我们. 又早已立他为承受万有的, 也曾借着祂创造诸世界』(来 1:1-2).

现在、您可以针对第一课来作答.