



Wednesday nights  
Country Bible Church  
God Who is Holy

Lesson Schedule:

August 5 — Introductory Lesson (Also done on February 19)  
Feb 26 — Welcome to the Weight of Majesty (video)  
March 4 — Knowing the God Who is Incomprehensible (video)  
Mar 11 — Discussion and Review — some teaching  
August 12 — Knowing the God Who Cannot Change (video)  
Aug 19 — Knowing the God Who is Infinite & Eternal (video)  
Aug 26 — Knowing the God Who is Everywhere (video)  
September 2 — Knowing the God Who is Almighty (video)  
Sept 9 — Discussion and Review — some teaching  
Sept 16 — Knowing the God Who is Knows All (video)  
Sept 23 — Knowing the God Who is Rules All (video)  
Sept. 30 — Knowing the God Who is Holy (video)  
October 7 — Knowing the God Who of Wrath (video)  
Oct 14 — Discussion and Review – some teaching  
Oct 21 — Knowing the God Who is Good (video)  
Oct 28 — Knowing the God Who is Love (video)  
November 4 — Knowing the God Who is Patient and Zealous (video)  
Nov 11 — Make up day

“The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life in it a disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know about God.”<sup>1</sup>

Jeremiah 9:23–24

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

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<sup>1</sup> J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 19

## NOTES FROM THE VIDEO<sup>2</sup>

### Biographical sketch – John Newton

#### Teaching

The holiness of God = God is essentially separated from every other thing

This is an infinite and immutable separation from all of creation.

He is also morally separated from all that is polluted, imperfect, morally impure.

God cannot:

- Sin
- Tempt with sin
- Look on sin with favor in any circumstance

#### Job 8 and 9

- Job and his friends disagree on *why* God is allowing Job to suffering
  - o Bildad – “Job, you’re a hypocrite. God punishes sin. Therefore, you’re involved in some sin. There must be some hidden sin!”
  - o Job’s response, “Yes, I agree... I have sinned – who can anyone be in the right with God?”
- Jonathan Edwards – “Every person has some scheme for escaping the judgement.”
  - o What do you hold to’ to escape God’s judgement one day?
- Job gives a list of ineffective ways to be made right with God – they DO NOT WORK!
  - o Verses 4-12 – a description of God
    - Wise, mighty, all authority, creator, sustainer of creation
    - Do you understand God this way?
    - If so, do you know that THIS is who you are sinning against?
  - o Some attempts at self-justification (making yourself right with God)
    - Verse 3 - Trying to answer God’s questions and proving that you’re worthy of His favor
      - God is the witness, prosecuting attorney, judge, jury and executioner
      - How will you present your case and win in this court?
      - What would you say if God asked you, “Why should I let you into Heaven?”
      - The law of God makes it clear we have no right to God’s favor
      - Job 40 – Job’s response to God... “I have nothing to say!”

<sup>2</sup> Media Gratiae, *Behold Your God: The Weight of Majesty*, Video 4 – “Knowing the God Who is Everywhere”

- Job 41 – “These things are too wonderful for me, things I cannot know.”
- Job 40:8 – God asks, “Will you, Job, really annul my judgement? Will you condemn Me that you may be justified?”
- If you are about to meet God in your sins, what will you present to Him for justification? What will you say?
  - There aren’t any words sufficient!
- Even if I could choose my words wisely and I lived a good life, I am still desperate for His mercy
- You are always forced to accuse yourself – so you can’t argue for self-righteousness
  - Job 9:20 – “Though I am in the right, my own mouth would condemn me; though I am blameless, he would prove me perverse.”
  - Even if I feel I lived a good life, my own conscience would accuse me before God.
  - Have you always done what your conscience expected you to do?
    - Always done the right thing?
    - Always avoided the wrong thing?
    - Always live with the right goals and motives?
  - No human has passed the standard of their own conscience
    - If this is true, how can we pass God’s standard?
- You’ll never justify yourself, because you’ll never really know yourself well enough (Job 9:22)
  - “I’m not guilty of horrendous outward sins, but I’m not innocent because I don’t know myself thoroughly”
  - See Jeremiah 17:9-10
  - God sees all and always gives the right response to your deeds/life
  - What will you do with guilt before God that you don’t even know you have?
  - You don’t live long enough to fix yourself (Job 9:25-26)
  - Consider – are you really a better person (apart from Christ) than you were 10 years ago?
  - There is no real hope in having a good attitude (positive thinking) (Job 9:27)
  - There is no hope in religious resignation (unrepentant fatalism) (Job 9:29)
  - “If we’re all sinners, why should I even try?”
- You can’t clean yourself using the cleanest water (Job 9:30)
  - We often try to use the Law (religion) to clean ourselves
  - THIS DOESN’T WORK!

- You can't make yourself right with God, because you can't summon Him to court (Job 9:16, 19)
  - A criminal in the dungeon will NOT be able to march to the doors of the palace and demand a hearing with the king
- Good news (Job 9:33-35)
  - If we could only ask for one thing from this God, what would you ask for?
  - Job – an arbitrator – a mediator!
  - Job knows this is the only way for hope
  - Jesus is this One!
    - Jesus, the mediator is crushed and the sinner is redeemed
    - Christ answers every accusation!!!
    - So that, we can now be above every accusation.
    - This is our only true hope!

## Interviews

O MY GOD,

Thou fairest, greatest, first of all objects,  
    my heart admires, adores, loves thee,  
for my little vessel is as full as it can be,  
and I would pour out all that fullness before thee  
    in ceaseless flow.

When I think upon and converse with thee  
ten thousand delightful thoughts spring up,  
ten thousand sources of pleasure are unsealed,  
ten thousand refreshing joys spread over my heart,  
crowding into every moment of happiness.

I bless thee for the soul thou hast created,  
for adorning it, sanctifying it,  
    though it is fixed in barren soil;  
for the body thou hast given me,  
for preserving its strength and vigour,  
for providing senses to enjoy delights,  
for the ease and freedom of my limbs,  
for hands, eyes, ears that do thy bidding;  
for thy royal bounty providing my daily support,  
for a full table and overflowing cup,  
for appetite, taste, sweetness,  
for social joys of relatives and friends,  
for ability to serve others,  
for a heart that feels sorrows and necessities,  
for a mind to care for my fellow-men,  
for opportunities of spreading happiness around,  
for loved ones in the joys of heaven,  
for my own expectation of seeing thee clearly.  
I love thee above the powers of language  
    to express,  
for what thou art to thy creatures.

Increase my love, O my God, through time  
    and eternity.

Taken from, *The Valley of Vision*, "Praise and Thanksgiving," p. 26