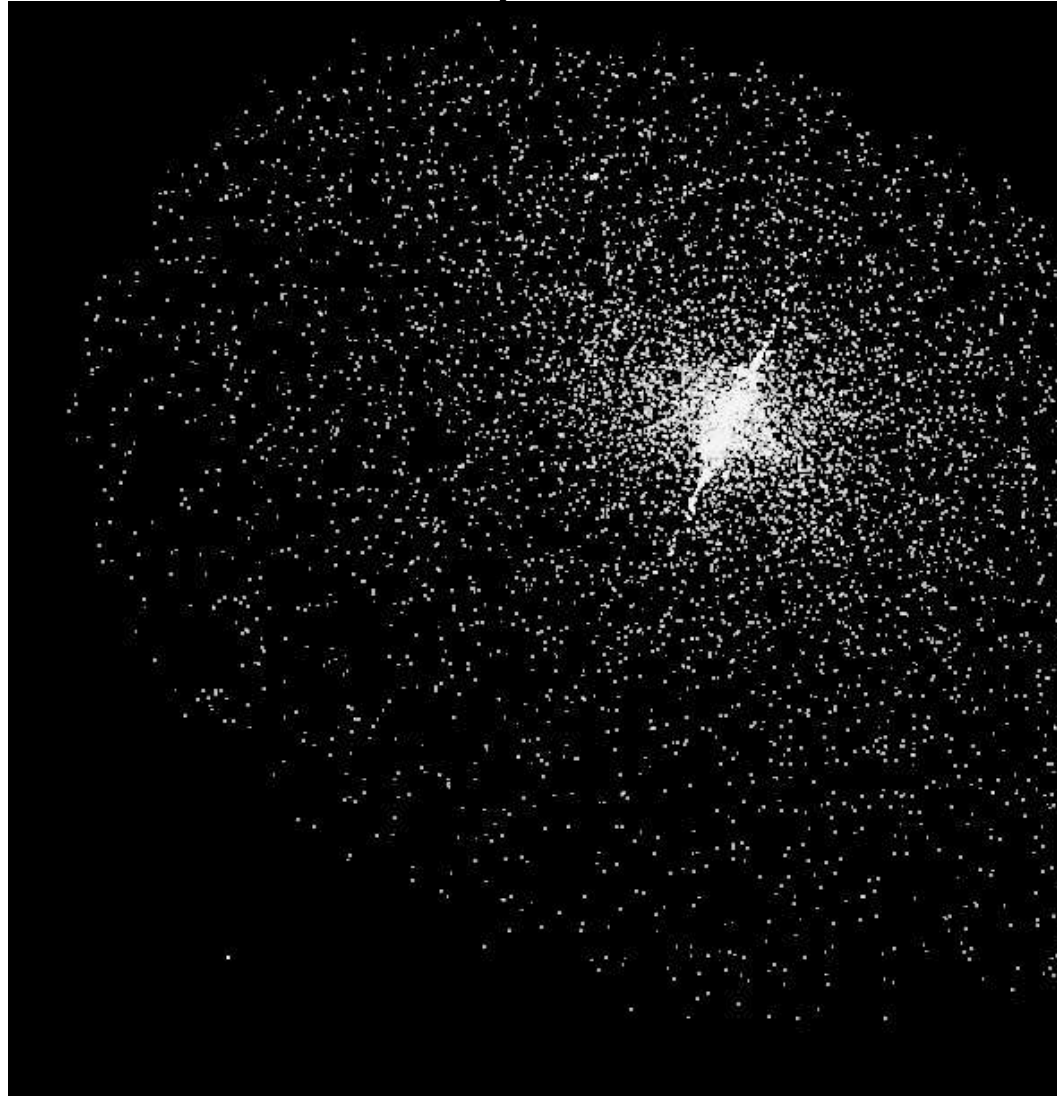


Text: Does God Exist?
Of Course, He Does...



Introduction

Welcome to our new series of lessons entitled, “Bible Questions? Bible Answers...” Our goal is to answer some of the questions people have about God, religion, faith and life. In answering these Bible questions, we are going to focus our answers on what we find in scripture. In certain instances, we will take what scripture says, then make connections to other Bible truths and hopefully be in a position to draw Bible-based conclusions as to the answers that God has for us.

Our first study has to do with common questions that people have about God. For many of you, the content in this lesson will be a review. I felt it important to cover this topic first, however, because many who growing in the Word, are understandably curious as to how they can know more about Him.

Lesson One: Questions about God?

Bible Question: Does God exist?

- Bible Answer: Of course, He does.
 - Scripture tells us in [Genesis 1:1](#) that *in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*. From the very first passage of the Bible, we learn that God was in existence before everything that we see here on Earth. He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and of everything else that would come about later.
 - How do we know He exists? Just look around you. Look at the perfection of nature. The sun, the moon, the stars, the ocean, wind, rain, snow. All of it was created by God. [Genesis 1:2](#) tells us that the Earth was empty, formless and dark before God spoke in Verse 3 and said, “Let there be light” and there was light. When He saw that it was good, He continued to design Earth for His children who He would later create.
 - One of the questions many people have is, “How did God come into existence?” The Bible answer to that question is that He is the beginning of everything. God could not be created, because He is the beginning of all. Again, in Genesis 1: 1, the Bible shows us that God was already in existence and that from Him everything else was then created.

Bible Question: Where is God?

- Bible Answer: God is in Heaven. God is a Spirit that hovers above.
 - [Genesis 1:2](#) The Bible says that the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
 - God cannot be contained in one place. He is too big, too grand, too mighty... King Solomon asserts this thought when he ponders God's presence in a temple. [1 Kings 8:27](#) Later in the same chapter, Solomon asks that God keep His eyes on His people in the temple so that their needs might be attended to. From this statement, we know that though God is in Heaven, He is able to intervene in Earthly matters.
 - We are further taught that God is in Heaven when Christ gives an example to His disciples on how to pray. The first part of the prayer says, "[Our Father in heaven](#), hallowed be your name.."

Bible Question:

Describe God. What is He like?

- Bible Answer: He is loving, sovereign, compassionate, awesome, faithful, perfect, jealous, able, a disciplinarian, and merciful...just to name a few of His characteristics.
- Read the following scriptures which give us insight into God's personality.
 - [John 3:16](#) (He is loving)
 - [Exodus 15:18](#) (He is supreme and sovereign. He reigns).
 - [Deuteronomy 10:17](#) (He is above all. He is awesome).
 - [Deuteronomy 32:4](#) (He is faithful. We can count on Him to make good on His promises. He is perfect and does no wrong).
 - [Exodus 20:5](#) (He is jealous. He wants to be first in our lives).
 - [Ephesians 3: 20](#) (He is able to do even more than we ask of Him).
 - [Psalm 39:11](#) (He disciplines men for their sin).
 - [Ephesians 2: 4-5](#) (He has mercy on us and gives us another chance to get things right).

Bible Question:

What does God want me to do?

- Bible Answer: Generally speaking, He commands us to love Him with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves. While obeying these two commandments sounds simple enough, there are many elements that complicate the matter. For example, He says, that **if we love Him**, then **we'll do what He says** ([John 14:15](#)). That's saying a mouthful because His Word is filled with things that He commands us to do and not to do. Again, to love Him, we must obey. To obey Him, we must know what His Word requires of us.
 - [Matthew 22: 35-40](#)

Bible Question:

How can I improve my relationship with God?

- Bible Answer: Be obedient to His Word.
 - John 14: 23
 - When we are obedient, the Bible says that God will love us and that He will come to us and make His home with us. Can you imagine God living inside of you? It's a powerful notion. There is no better relationship with God than to have Him come and make His home with you.
 - Being obedient to His Word is challenging because His Word has so many different elements to it. It's tough to do everything perfectly because we are human. God gives us grace (the space to be imperfect) and He gives us mercy (He treats us better than we deserve to be treated).
 - In order to be obedient, we must know His Word and what it asks of us. To know the Word of God, we must study it...and we must continually remind ourselves throughout our lives of what God wants and expects of us.