



Memory Verse - Psalm 18:30

*“As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried:
He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.”*

Study Aim

- To understand the way God has proven Himself just and merciful, jealous and selfless through the evidence of Scripture.
- To learn how believers today are able to follow God in knowing Him accurately through the Bible.
- Read Exodus 34:6-7

Set the Stage

- God reveals His name, Jehovah, and then begins to tell us exactly what He is like:
 - Merciful and gracious.
 - Long-suffering.
 - Abundant in goodness and truth.
 - Forgiving.
 - Just.
- Then God makes an interesting statement at the end of declaring His name, which causes us to ask:
 - Does God punish kids for the sins of their parents?
 - Does God punish grandkids for the sins of their grandparents?
 - Does God enforce generational curses?

THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

Realize That God Loves You.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

The Bible Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23)

The Good News Is That Jesus Christ Paid for Your Sins.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

You Must Personally Call on Jesus Christ to Save You.

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

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Take it to the Next Level**1. Jehovah is Merciful and Just**

A. What God is not saying.

- God does not punish an innocent generation for the sins of their parents.
 - Deuteronomy 24:16
- God does not have generational curses. Everyone is responsible for their own actions.
- God says, “I am Just, but I’m not only Just.”

B. What God is saying.

1. Sin of the parents has consequences in the life of children.
2. Sin runs in your family.
3. Sin is punished by God in every generation.

- Numbers 14:1-33

2. Jehovah is Jealous

A. What God means by being jealous means.

- God is not jealous in a negative way, “overly possessive selfishness,” but He is jealous for His name and reputation.
- Don’t misrepresent me because you misunderstand me.

B. What God shows what being jealous looks like.

Take Your Next Step**How can we use God’s name in vain? (Exodus 20:6-7)**

1. By defining God ourselves.

2. By not telling the truth about God.

Taking it Further

- Read Ephesians 3:17-19. What is the magnitude of God’s love for His people? How does His jealousy relate to His love? How does His justice relate to His love?
- Which characteristics of God stick out to you the most and why? How can understanding all of the attributes of God help you to better live in peace?