



## 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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# What is God Like? (Part 3)

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## 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?

**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?