

# GOD IS THERE

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# STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

**G**od is not an impersonal force in the universe. He is a personal Being that is interested in all people regardless of their race, sex, social standing, or situation. He wants all mankind to know who He is and how they can have a personal relationship with Him.

*God Is There* is based on the Bible. It will help you discover who God is, how He can be known in creation, how He can be known in history, how He revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, and how you can know Him personally.

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## **Course Components**

This course has two parts: this study course and the exam booklet.

## **How To Study**

This study has twelve chapters, and each chapter has its own exam. Begin by asking God to help you understand the material. Read the chapter through at least twice, once to get a general idea of its contents and then again, slowly, looking up any Bible references given.

Begin studying immediately, or if you are in a group, as soon as the group begins. We suggest that you keep a regular schedule by trying to complete at least one chapter per week.

## **Exams**

In the exam booklet there is one exam for each chapter (exam 1 covers chapter 1 of the course). Do not answer the questions by what you think or have always believed. The questions are designed to find out if you understand the material given in the course.

After you have completed each chapter, review the related exam and see how well you know the answers. If you find that you are having difficulty answering the questions, review the material until you think you can answer the questions. It is important that you read the Bible passages referenced as some questions may be based on the Bible text.

## **How Your Exams Are Graded**

Your instructor will mark any incorrectly answered questions. You will be referred back to the place in the course where the correct answer is to be found. After finishing this course with a passing average, you will be awarded a certificate.

If you enrolled in a class, submit your exam papers to the leader or secretary of the class who will send them for the entire group to the Correspondence School.

See the back of the exam booklet for more information on returning the exams for grading.

# 1

## GOD IS THERE

The word “God” falls from our lips every day. Most of the time we don’t think about it. We say it when we are angry or upset. Something surprises us or someone insults us, and the word jumps out.

A real person exists behind the word “God.” Go to any country in the world and we will hear His name. It might not sound like the word we would use, but there are people around the world who know about the God whose name we use so lightly.

Why is that name used so much by so many people? Have you ever stopped to think about the Person behind the name? What does He, God, have to do with us?

### **God and Our Life**

Could God be concerned about us? The Bible, God’s written message to us, states that God is our Creator, and we are His creation. God cares very much for us because He made us.

We will learn about God, our Creator, in this study. We will learn that if we trust Him, He will take away our fear and give us peace. We will learn about the God who is our great Judge and who freely offers us forgiveness, too!

### **Where Do We Learn About God?**

We can learn a lot about God by looking at the world around us. Anyone can see that a Person who could create such a large, beautiful world must be very powerful. What God is like can be clearly seen and understood from

the things He has made. The Bible tells us very clearly what God is like. In fact, it tells us more about God than any other book in the world does. That shouldn't surprise us, because the Bible came from God Himself. He gave it to many men over many years so that we could learn about Him. But we must be open to what the Bible says. We must be willing to search it for the answers about God. Will you do that?

## **A Few Guidelines for Bible Study**

The Bible may seem like a puzzle now. But if you look at a few of the pieces of that puzzle, the whole book will make more sense.

The Bible is divided into 66 “books.” Each book was written by a person. In fact, some of the books are named after the persons who wrote them. The books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are examples of this. Other books are named after the subject that they explain. For example, Genesis means “beginnings.” So, we can expect to learn a lot about the beginning of the world and the people in it when we read the book of Genesis.

Let's look at the whole Bible so we can begin to understand how all the books fit together. The Bible is divided into the Old and New Testaments. Some of the books in the Old Testament were written 2,000 years before Jesus Christ was born. The New Testament was written after Christ came to earth.

We will need to read from many different books in the Bible because the Bible talks about God from beginning to end. When we are asked to look at Jonah 4:2, *Jonah* refers to the book of the Bible, 4 refers to the chapter, and 2 refers to the verse in that chapter.

## **Read for Yourself!**

Many people and many books talk *about* God. Only the Bible was written *by* God *for* you. Only when you read the Bible, God's letter to you, can you say that you have read the facts about God for yourself.

Look up the following verses, then answer the questions referring to that verse.

## God, Our Creator

A new baby brings great joy to the parents, but Mom and Dad must feed and care for the newborn. Like the baby depends on its parents when it comes into this world, so life itself requires that we depend on others. And every person also depends on the Creator of all life—God Himself.

1. Adam was the first man God made. God made Adam from \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:7). God made Eve, the first woman, from Adam's \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:21-22).
2. Read Acts 17:24-29. Name three things God gives to all people (see verse 25). \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Verse 26 says that all the people in the world have come from \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What should we do to find God? (Verse 27)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Verse 28 tells us that in God we \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You and I are not like a tree or a rock. We are persons. In verse 29 we read that the God who made us is much more than a statue made of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.
7. What is God's response to the people He has made? (John 3:16)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Who did God send to the earth to save people? (John 3:17)  
\_\_\_\_\_

So far we have learned that God is the Creator of all people because He made the first person. Everyone came from that first man, Adam, and that first woman, Eve. God loves all men and women because they are the people He created.

But God wants us to love Him. Some do, and many do not. The Bible compares men and women to sheep that stray away from the shepherd (see Isaiah 53:6). When we turn away from God, we prove that in our hearts we would rather disobey our Creator than follow Him.

We read in John 3:16 that God has a special Son Whom He calls His *only begotten* Son. This special Son is named Jesus Christ. God sent Him to the earth on a special mission to save a world of men and women who had turned their back on God. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, because of His great love for you and me and all the world.

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*Answers to the questions in this lesson are found on page 59.  
When you have completed this lesson, take Exam One.*



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## EXAM BOOKLET AK '11 (1 UNIT) GIT

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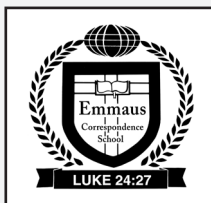
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INSTRUCTOR



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## A NOTE ON THE EXAMS

The exams are designed to check your knowledge of the course material and the Scriptures. After you have studied a chapter, review the exam questions for that lesson. If you have difficulty in answering the questions, re-read the material. If questions contain a Scripture reference, you may use your Bible to help you answer them. If your instructor has provided a single page Answer Sheet, record your answer on that sheet. This exam contains the following types of questions:

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

You will be asked to write in the letter of the correct answer at the space on the right. Here is an example:

The color of grass is

- A. blue                      C. yellow  
B. green                     D. orange

     **B**     

### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Questions headed this way are designed to help you express your ideas and feelings. You may freely state your own opinions in answer to such questions.

### RETURNING THE EXAM

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## CHAPTER 1 EXAM

### GOD IS THERE

#### EXAM GRADE

***Before starting this exam, write your name and address on the front of this Exam Booklet.***

*Directions: Read each question carefully and write the letter of the correct answer in the blank space on the right. Use the separate answer sheet if provided.*

1. God cares for you very much because
  - A. you are his creation
  - B. you have many things He needs
  - C. you have done many good things for Him
  - D. you have proved that you are God's friend\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. The Bible is made up of how many books?
 

A. 102	C. 88
B. 33	D. 66

\_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Adam, the first man God made, was created from
  - A. nothing
  - B. the dust of the ground
  - C. the water of a river
  - D. the rib of his wife, Eve\_\_\_\_\_
  
4. In Acts 17:25, the Bible says God gives three things to all people. These three things are life, breath, and
 

A. health	C. power
B. money	D. all things

\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. All the people in the world have come from
 

A. one city	C. one continent
B. one nation	D. one blood or man

\_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Acts 17:27 says that if we want to find God, we should
  - A. seek Him
  - B. wait for Him to find us
  - C. just be patient
  - D. do many good things so He will see us\_\_\_\_\_

