

Why does God think wisdom or strength or riches are worth boasting about?

Today ask God to help you see if you're relying on props like financial success, strength, education, status, or anything else to give you a sense of value. Ask Him to help you value knowledge of God more than anything!

FRIDAY

Read Proverbs 2:1–5. What does it mean to search for something as you search for treasure? How does this apply to your study of God?

Ask God to help you get to know Him better! Spend time praying for our church-wide 50-day study of the attributes of God, that He would use it in amazing ways that glorify Him!

SATURDAY

Today, go back over the notes from Sunday. Read the verses about the ways God reveals Himself. Spend time today looking for God to reveal Himself through creation, the Bible, and Jesus Christ!



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GOD IS

WEEK 0 THE KEY TO SATISFACTION

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CHECK ALL THAT APPLY...

- I feel a vague lack of satisfaction
- I'm afraid God doesn't love me anymore
- I never quite measure up
- I feel overwhelmed with stress
- I feel very lonely at times
- I worry too much
- I feel helpless
- I'm not really enjoying a relationship with God
- My spiritual life is "blah"
- I feel distant from God

THE ANTIDOTE:

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. – A. W. Tozer

"ATTRIBUTE" OF GOD:

SOMETHING _____ ABOUT GOD THAT HE HAS REVEALED IN ANY WAY

SOME ATTRIBUTES OF GOD:

- Omnipresence: God is everywhere
- Sovereignty: God is ruler over all
- Omnipotence: God is all-powerful
- Immutability: God is unchanging

TWO FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS: GOD IS...

1. _____
"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." *Isaiah 55:8 NLT*
2. _____
He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind... the LORD God Almighty is his name. *Amos 4:13*

HOW DOES GOD REVEAL HIMSELF?

- **THROUGH HIS** _____
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies announce what his hands have made. Day after day they tell the story; night after night they tell it again.
Psalm 19:1–2
- **THROUGH HIS** _____
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets **at many times and in various ways...** *Hebrews 1:1*
- **THROUGH HIS** _____
The Word became flesh... *John 1:14*

THREE BENEFITS OF KNOWING GOD BETTER

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, **so that you may know Him better...** *Ephesians 1:17*

AS I STUDY THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD, I'M...

1. REMINDED OF HIS _____ IN ME

I pray that you may understand how incredibly great His **power** is to help those who believe Him! It is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead... *Ephesians 1:19 LB*

2. RENEWED BY HIS _____ FOR ME

And may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high His **love** really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great you will never see the end of it or truly understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God Himself! *Ephesians 3:18–19 LB*

3. REFOCUSED ON HIS _____ FOR ME

Now glory be to God who by His mighty power at work within us is **able to do far more** than we would ever dare or ask or even dream of — infinitely beyond our wildest prayers, desires, hopes, or thoughts! *Ephesians 3:20 LB*

If you search for it as for **hidden treasure**, then you will ...find the knowledge of God. *Proverbs 2:4b–5*

50-DAY CHALLENGE:

MAKE YOUR QUEST FOR GOD A _____ !

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY

Read Ephesians 1:15–22. What does Paul pray for?

Why would this be Paul's main prayer for the Ephesians, instead of praying for their success, or even that they would have happier families and better marriages?

In verses 18–19, what are some of the advantages of knowing God better?

What other effects are created by your perception of God, potentially, in daily life?

Meditate today on the fact that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to strengthen you! Thank God for this fact!

TUESDAY

Read Ephesians 3:14–21. Rewrite these verses in your own words:

Summarize Paul's main point, or hope, for these people:

Go back over the list on top of page one of your notes. Which of these areas do you need help in? How can a study of God help you in this area?

WEDNESDAY

Read Psalm 42:1–2. Have you ever felt like the writer of this Psalm? How is your "thirst" level right now?

How do you see evidence in our society that people are trying to fill this thirst in all sorts of ways?

One great writer put it this way: "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You, O Lord!" Today, satisfy your thirst for God by spending some time in prayer. Ask Him to help you get to know Him better during this series on God.

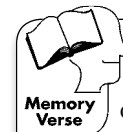
THURSDAY

Read Jeremiah 9:23–24. Rewrite this verse in your own words:

What is the point of this verse?

What do you think it means to "boast" or "glory" (depending on your translation) in the Lord?

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As the deer pants for strams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
Psalm 42:1–2