

**Study Questions**

1. What is God seeking to do? (Paragraph 1).
2. With what did Jesus link the words of truth? (2).
3. What beauty does God love most? (3).
4. What would Jesus have us cultivate in our character? (3).
5. What lessons do God's created works teach us? (4).
6. What can be dismissed if we trust God? (5).
7. Who enjoys the beauty of the earth with the highest appreciation? (7).
8. What other means does God use to speak to us? (8, 9).
9. What three things does God reveal in His word? (9).
10. Who does all the Bible tell of? (10).
11. How do we become acquainted with Jesus? (10).
12. What gives strength to our spiritual nature? (11).

13. What will be the science and song of the redeemed throughout eternity? (12).
14. What happens as we contemplate heavenly themes? (12).
15. What happens as we meditate upon the perfections of Christ? (13).
16. For whom was the Bible designed? (14).
17. What happens if we allow others to do our thinking? (15).
18. What would we have if God's word were studied as it should be? (16).
19. What are we to do with our Bible? (17).
20. How should we study the Scripture? (18).
21. What should always accompany Bible study? (19).
22. What is the work and office of the Holy Spirit? (20).

**Thought Questions**

1. How can I get to really know God, I can't see Him or hear His voice?
2. How are God and Jesus alike? How are they different?
3. How can I find time in my busy day to study my Bible?
4. How can I tell if what happens is really God's providence?
5. How can the scientists not see God in the complexity of nature?
6. How does God speak through His Spirit?
7. What does memorizing Scripture do for me?
8. What Scriptures should I begin to memorize?
9. How should a Christian meditate?
10. How can I learn how to study my Bible correctly?
11. What do I have to know about God to survive the last days?
12. Is it wrong to study science, art, psychology, etc.?
13. Why has God allowed so much knowledge to be discovered ?
14. Many believe a mixture of science and Bible in trying to explain creation. How can I know what is really right?
15. What other books on spiritual things should I read?
16. I read my Bible, but I can't make it apply to my daily life. How can I make the Bible practical?
17. How can I explain God's love when so much of the natural world is filled with disease, disaster, and death?
18. The Bible has so many different pictures of God. How can I make sense of them all?
19. [Add your questions].

**Problem Solving**

The following person is a leader in his church. He has taught a Sabbath School class for many years, but recently he has been sharing the Scriptures in a way that raises some new and incorrect ideas about the plan of salvation and what God is like. You are worried not only for the church members who are listening, but for this person as well. He has been a long-time member, and you don't want to push him into taking a more radical stand by aggressively challenging him, but something needs to be said or done, because he is gaining quite a following. What can be done to help him and the others see the danger of these new beliefs?

Notes: You might work with the following information: causes, options, solutions, decisions, scriptures that apply.



## Ellen G. White Quotations

“Only like can appreciate like. Unless you accept in your own life the principle of self-sacrificing love, which is the principle of His character, you cannot know God.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 25).

“But to hearts that have become purified through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, all is changed. These can know God.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 26).

“The angels of heaven attain unto no higher knowledge than to know the will of God, and to do His will is the highest service that can engage their powers.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 109).

“In a knowledge of God all true knowledge and real development have their source.” (*Education*, p. 14).

“Only as we contemplate the great plan of redemption can we have a just appreciation of the character of God.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 739).

“The word of the living God is not merely written, but spoken. The Bible is God’s voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe would we open God’s word, and with what earnestness would we search it’s precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 393).

“The value of man is estimated in heaven according to the capacity of the heart to know God. This knowledge is the spring from which flows all power.” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 354, 355).

“The knowledge of God’s works and ways we can only begin to obtain in this world; the study will be continued throughout eternity. God has provided for man subjects of thought which will bring into activity every faculty of the mind. We may read the character of the Creator in the heavens above and the earth beneath, filling the heart with gratitude and thanksgiving.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 581).

“The word of God is to stand as the highest educating book in our world, and is to be treated with reverential awe. It is our guidebook; we shall receive from it the truth. We need to present the Bible as the great lesson book to place in the hands of our children and youth, that they may know Christ, whom to know aright is life eternal.” (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 384).

“Christ could have imparted to men knowledge that would have surpassed any previous disclosures, and put in the background every other discovery. He could have unlocked mystery after mystery, and could have concentrated around these wonderful revelations the active, earnest thought of successive generations till the close of time. But He would not spare a moment from teaching the science of salvation. His time, His faculties, and His life were appreciated and used only as the means for working out the

salvation of the souls of men. He had come to seek and to save that which was lost, and He would not be turned from His purpose. He allowed nothing to divert Him.

“Christ imparted only that knowledge which could be utilized. His instruction of the people was confined to the needs of their own condition in practical life. The curiosity that led them to come to Him with prying questions, He did not gratify. All such questionings He made the occasion for solemn, earnest, vital appeals. To those who were so eager to pluck from the tree of knowledge, He offered the fruit of the tree of life. They found every avenue closed except the way that leads to God. Every fountain was sealed save the fountain of eternal life.” (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 448, 449).

“The knowledge of God as revealed in Christ is the knowledge that all who are saved must have. This is the knowledge that works transformation of character. Received into the life, it will re-create the soul in the image of Christ. This is the knowledge that God invites His children to receive, beside which all else is vanity and nothingness.” (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 475).

“The knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ expressed in character is an exaltation above everything else that is esteemed on earth or in heaven. It is the very highest education. It is the key that opens the portals of the heavenly city. This knowledge it is God’s purpose that all who put on Christ shall possess.” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 457).

“Our lifework here is a preparation for the life eternal. The education begun here will not be completed in this life; it will be going forward through all eternity—ever progressing, never completed. More and more fully will be revealed the wisdom and love of God in the plan of redemption. The Saviour, as He leads His children to the fountains of living waters, will impart rich stores of knowledge. And day by day the wonderful works of God, the evidences of His power in creating and sustaining the universe, will open before the mind in new beauty. In the light that shines from the throne, mysteries will disappear, and the soul will be filled with astonishment at the simplicity of the things that were never before comprehended.” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 466).

“In the judgment men will not be condemned because they conscientiously believed a lie, but because they did not believe the truth, because they neglected the opportunity of learning what is truth.” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 55).

“A student may go through all the grades of the schools and colleges of today. He may devote all his powers to acquiring knowledge. But unless he has a knowledge of God, unless he obeys the laws that govern his being, he will destroy himself. . . . By acquiring earthly knowledge he thought to gain a treasure, but by laying his Bible aside he sacrificed a treasure worth everything else.” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 108, 109).

# QUIZ - 10

Circle T for True or F for False according to the reference:

1. T F Many people in the last days, though ever learning, will never come to a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 3:7).
2. T F Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. (SC 10.19).
3. T F The beauty God loves most is the beauty of nature. (SC 10.2).
4. T F The Scriptures were written primarily for the scholars and theologians. (SC 10.14).
5. T F The redemption theme will be the science and song of the redeemed throughout eternity. (SC 10.12).

Use one or more words to answer the following:

6. What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1).  
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7. What is life eternal? (John 17:3).  
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8. What is a discerner of the heart? (Hebrews 4:12).  
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9. What lessons do God's created works teach us? (SC 10.4).  
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10. When we see Jesus, who else do we see? (John 14:9).  
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Circle the letter of the best answer according to the reference.

11. How can people really learn about God the Father? (Matthew 11:27).  
A. By searching history  
B. Only as Jesus reveals Him  
C. By studying all world religions  
D. Only by listening to other Christians who study the Bible
12. There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than this. (SC 10.16).  
A. A good doctrinal debate  
B. Prayer  
C. Witnessing about the plan of salvation  
D. Study of the Scriptures
13. What is God's main source of speaking to mankind? (SC 10.9).  
A. Nature  
B. Providence  
C. The Scriptures  
D. Experience
14. Who enjoys the beauties of nature with the highest appreciation? (SC 10.7).  
A. The poet  
B. The scientist  
C. The naturalist  
D. The Christian
15. Complete the following quotation:  
  
"\_\_\_\_\_ are the ways in which God is seeking to make Himself known to us and to bring us into \_\_\_\_\_ with Him." (SC 10:1)