

WHY GOD IS NUMBER 1

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"Therefore take no thought saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:31-33.

It seems that throughout the ages people had trouble because over and over they worshiped false gods. The Old Testament is full of such accounts. For instance, Moses comes down from the mountain carrying the commandments, and finds they have made a golden calf, which they are worshiping. He smashes the tablets and does away with the idol. Such straying from the true God was often recorded in the Bible and is very prevalent today. The people of our nation are occupied with the worship of many things, while rejecting the God of the Bible and His true righteousness. Never has following false gods brought satisfaction, but following the true God is always fulfilling. Today I want you to carefully consider why God Himself is the only God for you and I to follow. I'll offer 10 reasons why the real God is #1, and should be worshiped by all mankind. **(1). He Is Supreme:** *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. I Tim. 2:5.* The Bible makes it very clear that God, the Creator of all things, is the one and only true God. Over all of Bible history men paid a terrible price for worshiping their manmade gods, and once again it is happening. Most religions worship false gods and ignore the true God. If you have any respect for the recorded authority of the

Bible, you must believe the only true God is the one in the heavens, who has proven His power by all that He has done and said. He is therefore the only real God. **(2). He Is Preexistent:** *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1.* Men can argue until they are blue in the face, but our world did not evolve, nor arrive with a big bang. The book of Genesis gives us a day by day account of the actual creation of the world by God. Each day is listed taking Him 6 days and He rested on the 7th. This would have been impossible if God had not existed long before it came into being. The presence of almighty God, predates anything scientists can dream up to back their theories about creation. We must accept what the Bible clearly teaches. **(3). God Is Omniscient:** *"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. 15:3.* This short Bible verse conveys great meaning. All mankind is under the watchful eye of the creator. You cannot fool Him with anything you do. You can ignore Him but He is still there. He has promised to reward the faithful and judge the evil. Dear unbeliever, you cannot hide from God. He knows you are a sinner and He loves you. He sent His Son to redeem you, and is not willing for you to perish. Don't be fooled by your self esteem, nor condemned by the sin of your doubt. God is right there by your side and ready to save you, if you will accept His Son. Why longer play hide and seek with a God, from whom you cannot hide? *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Pet. 3:9.* God knows all about you, and the decision is yours. Remember also believer, that you cannot hide anything from God, who sees every action and reads every thought. **(4). He Is Omnipresent:** *"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the*

Lord. Jer. 23:24. The thief desires darkness to cover his deeds. The immoral person wants to stay out of the light. Crime operates the best in darkness. The desire for secrecy has no affect on the seeing eye of God. Whenever you are tempted to sin, God is there. It is impossible to hide you or your sin from God. In your most secret place He is there watching. His presence fills the heavens and all the earth. Don't foolishly think you can hide anything from an ever present God. You will face the record of your actions in the future judgment. **(5). God Is Omnipotent:** *"But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."* Matt. 19:26. Mans realm of impossibility cannot limit our all powerful God. There is nothing He cannot do. This should bring great encouragement to believers. No matter what the problem, nor the difficulty of the test, it does not puzzle our great God. For 67 years of preaching ministry I have believed *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."* Phil. 4:13. That has been my life verse and it has always been true. **(6). God Is Eternal:** *"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."* Psa. 90:2. God never had a moment of beginning and will never have a time of ending. He always has been existant and always will be. His promises to us never get out of date and will never fail. Trust Him for the salvation of your soul and a lifetime of wonderful promises He has made. Nothing about God ever gets out of date, nor His promises fail. He is a dateless God with power to meet every trial of our lives and to make victory possible. That reminds me of another attribute of God. **(7). God Is Unchanging:** *"For I am the Lord, I change not; Mal. 3:6a.* Our God can be trusted. What He has promised in the reach of all eternity He will carry out. Man will never find His plan of redemption to be out of date or not yet in operation. All of

His pronouncements are yea and amen. Everything He has established will be lasting, and His promises will come to be, in His timing and will. There is no fine print in His promises, and the arrangements for His children. God is not driven by events but rather His will. **(8). God Is Holy:** *"Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy."* Psa. 99:9. In a present world of sin and evil, how very good to be assured God is holy. So much around us is corrupted by sin and every evil, but this cannot change or contaminate our God. He has never been involved in scandal, nor compromised His actions, nor changed to an easier course. He is without doubt a holy God, who still hates and judges evil, and rewards good. In Him is no impurity in thought or deed. He is a holy God without sin. **(9). God Is Just:** *"Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments."* Psa. 119:137. The pronouncements of God are always right as He wants the best for you and I, and even for the sinner if you open your heart and will to Him. He will never do anyone wrong. Never! **(10). God Is Love:** *"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love".* I John 4:8. This is one of so many wonderful things about God. Many refuse to believe in Him, but He still loves them. Many curse and drag His name in the gutter, but He still cares. He wants all to be saved and find rest and peace in His wonderful salvation. Perhaps the greatest Bible verse is John 3:16 *"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."* How can anyone turn down such love, offered to all who believe I have shown you 10 Bible reasons why God is # 1. He deserves our total reverence and respect. I hope I have helped you from the Word to see how great Our God is.

**He Is With Out A Doubt NUMBER ONE!
PRAISE GOD!**

