PART 1 INTRODUCTION KNOWING GOD

## Key Scriptures summarized

- ACTS 17:10-11 The Jews in Berea received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if what Paul said was true.
- <u>COLOSSIANS 1:9-12</u> Praying for their spiritual growth and that they would be increasing in the (experiential) knowledge of God.
- <u>ISAIAH 57:15</u> Thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit..."

## Our Study

SCRIPTURE. We want to be like the Bereans. The Old Testament Scriptures were their authority, and they examined them regularly in order to determine what was true. (We, of course, have the entire Bible, OT and NT.)

RELATIONSHIP. Our goal is not just correct knowledge of God, but personal and meaningful relationship with Him. God is almighty, high and exalted, King of kings and Lord of lords... and He is also our heavenly Father.

## Good Quotes

There is a condition which has existed in the Church for some years and is steadily growing worse. I refer to the loss of the concept of majesty from the popular religious mind...

We must begin to think of God more nearly as He is.

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Meaningful relationship with God is dependent on correct knowledge of him.

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Our aim in studying the Godhead must be to know God himself better. Our concern must be to enlarge our acquaintance, not simply with the doctrine of God's attributes, but with the living God whose attributes they are. As he is the subject of our study, and our helper in it, so he must himself be the end of it. **We must seek, in studying God, to be led to God.** 

It was for this purpose that revelation was given, and it is to this use that we must put it.

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## Other Scriptures

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 / PSALM 23 / PSALM 42:1-2