



STUDY GUIDE

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OUR GOD IS GREATER



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From our youth to our old age we sing and magnify God as being great. From Our God is a great big God to How great thou art we sing and celebrate his greatness. The Psalms are full of it.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. (Psalm 145:3); Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his unsurpassing greatness. (Psalm 150:2).

The greatness of God is a central theme in the whole Bible. We cannot doubt his greatness, but our topic Our God is greater begs the question: greater than whom and greater than what?

The West is being deliberately torn from its Judaeo/Christian foundation by atheistic neo-Marxists through a quiet cultural revolution. God has been removed from the public square and secular, rather than Christian values, have been adopted.

Take time to think about what changes you have seen, particularly in the areas of sexuality and bioethics. Is our God greater than this?

Non-Christian religions have been encouraged to take root in the West while Christianity is maligned; and to hold Christian views is seen as subversive. The West is being deliberately targeted by Islamists who abhor Christianity and seek to destroy Western civilization and bring the whole world into subjugation to Allah.

Consider the impact of other religions in the West, particularly in the areas of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, the rule of law and morality?

IS OUR GOD GREATER THAN THIS?



Study 1 – Our God is greater than the evil one

He was the local strong man; he had superhuman strength – able to break chains apart and break the irons on his feet. He could not be subdued, lived naked among the tombs, a terror to himself and others. He was demon possessed, under the awful control of the evil one. Then he met Jesus, and was thereafter found ‘sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind.’ (Luke 8:26-35).

What other biblical events come to mind?

In the light of the evil one’s great (though limited) power, how should we as Christians live?

See Ephesians 6:10-18; James 4:7 and 1 Peter 1:8-9.

What encouragements are we given? See Colossians 2:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 John 4:4; Revelation 20:10.

Study 2 – Our God is greater than sin

When the evil one succeeded in his temptation of Adam and Eve and sin wrecked our world, he could not have imagined the lengths to which God would go to put things right – the covenant with Abraham and the patriarchs, the exodus from Egypt, his faithfulness to his chosen people through many centuries until, finally, at just the right time, the birth into our broken world of the Son of God. As the hymn says: ‘O loving wisdom of our God, When all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight, and to the rescue came.’

What do the following verses tell us about sin? Romans 3:23; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Peter 3:18; Isaiah 53:5-6.

So what must we do? 1 John 1:9; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:11-13; Psalm 119:11.

Study 3 – Our God is greater than death

The evil one and his minions were rubbing their hands in glee when Jesus took his last breath on the cross. They had brought off the greatest coup ever – the death of the Son of God. But God is greater than death and on the third day raised Jesus from the dead.

See John 11:25-26; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55; Isaiah 25:6-8; Revelation 21:1-4. Discuss and rejoice!

Study 4 - Our God is greater than kings and nations

The Babylonians, the Assyrians, the Greeks, the Romans all invaded Israel; only Israel as a nation has survived, with its own language and customs, its own God and now back in its own land. Herod sought to murder the Christ child; he failed. Pilate ordered his death; he ultimately failed. Kingdoms have risen and fallen but Christ's remains.

See Isaiah 40:15; Psalm 2:1-6; Psalm 22:27-28; Psalm 86:8-10.

Study 5 - Our God is greater than all 'gods'

The classic case is that of the prophet Elijah on Mount Carmel. He has called together the people of Israel to demonstrate that Yahweh and not Baal is the true God. A bull is chosen and laid on the wood and the competition begins. The priests of Baal plead with their god to send down fire from heaven and burn up the sacrifice. Their pleadings become frenetic; they begin to cut themselves. Elijah is enjoying himself and urges them to shout louder in case Baal is asleep or on holiday, but no response, no answer, no fire. Elijah rebuilds the Lord's altar, lays the sacrifice on it and orders that lots of water be poured over and around it. Then quietly calls on Yahweh - who answers by fire, burning up the sacrifice, the altar and the water. Yahweh 1 - Baal 0.

See also 1 Samuel 4. Yahweh 1 - Dagon 0.

Moses and Miriam sing, "Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" (Exodus 15:11). See also Exodus 18:8-11; Psalm 77:13-15; Psalm 95:1-7; Psalm 96:4-6.

THERE IS NO ONE GREATER THAN GOD. SEE HEBREWS 6:13-18.

There is much to disconcert us in our world today - wars, famines, climate change, increasing totalitarianism, globalism, Artificial Intelligence, transhumanism, rape gangs, antisemitism, sexualization of children, persecution of Christians, gross injustices and the list goes on. Is our God greater than these? Of course he is.

And one day all peoples will bow down and acknowledge his greatness.

p.s. God overwhelms Job when he spells out his greatness.

See Job chapters 38-41. (It's a long read, but will make your heart sing).

What is Job's response?