

LESSON 4

How can find God ?

Objective : It is impossible to find God through human knowledge and endeavors.

Bible Portion : John 4:7-20, Job 23:1

Memory Verse : John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten ^[a]Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

Introduction:

God is above the reason and knowledge of man. No one can define him because he is eternal and omnipotent. No one can touch Him and no media is sufficient to explain Him. We have learnt that the evolution theory was the imagination of atheists. How can a man find great God? Is it possible through knowledge? Man's knowledge is limited. It remains as a fact that the Earth has gravitational force. Some men fail to

understand God with their wisdom and become atheists. In order to fill their life's activities they follow socialism, communism, nationalism and evolution theory, but it does not give them ultimate peace and satisfaction. The question of how to find God remains unanswered. What will be the answer?

God's Revelation:

No one has ever seen God, but God the one and only, who is at the father's side, has made him known. (John 1:18). Men find and know the divinity through revelation. We experience the revealed God through faith and the reason fixes the spiritual experiences and consciousness of God. Men received revelations through various ways. Let us examine them.

1. Nature (Ps. 19:1-3, Rom. 1:19-20)

God is perfect and omniscient. His matchless authority is revealed through the wonderful creation. The glory of heavens with full of stars, heavy mountain ranges, the width of the vast seas, the colorfulness of flora, and life death experience show it. The inventions of modern science reveal the creator and owner of the universe.

2. Conscience of Men

Conscience is the light of men's soul. It reveals us the holiness and love of God, and also reminds us when committing sin against God (Prov. 20:27).

3. The Word of God

The Bible is the written word of God. It took 1200 years for writing the Bible. There were 40 writers from different social backgrounds and they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible contains 66 books. Both rich and poor possesses the Bible in their houses. It has been translated into major languages in the world and it is a bestselling book. The Bible had to undergo through the attacks of atheists, philosophers and rulers. Nero, the great Roman ruler burnt many hand written copies of the Bible. The Bible was banned in communist countries like China, Russia and Yugoslavia and the people believed in the words of God were punished brutally. But the Bible is leading its way to victory. The world witnessed various changes in the history. Empires emerged and

declined. Due to the scientific advancement, the life facilities get advanced. Developed countries gather destructive Atom bombs and neutron bombs. The Bible, in the midst of these elements, enlightens the World. Philosophies and scientific truths undergo through changes, but the Bible consists of eternal words does not go through changes. God speaks to men through the word of God. So read the Bible with prayer in order to understand the eternal power and divinity of God.

4. Jesus Christ (Jn. 1:18, 14:9-10, Colo. 2:9)

God, who is invisible and abides in the great light, is revealed in the Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But God the one and only, who is at the father's side has made him known (Jn. 1:18). The revelation of God had been revealed to men through prophets in ancient days; but it was in parts. The revelation, comes to us, through Christ at the end time, is complete (Heb. 1:1-2). 'God is Love' (1 Jn. 4:9). The love of God is revealed to us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross (Jn. 4:9-12). Jesus died for us when we were sinners, weak, ungodly and enemies. Thus God revealed us the love (Rom. 5:6-10). Jesus was the very nature of God's justice, holiness and compassion of God. Divine Perfection is perfectly completed in Jesus Christ (Col. 2:9). The one who believes the Lordship of Jesus finds God and receives the manifold blessings.

The failure of God searchers

Many of the searchers of God fail in their attempt. What is the reason behind it?

- 1. Sin made man blind:** He is unable to receive the light of the gospel of Jesus (2 Cori. 4:4).
- 2. Sin made man deaf:** The world man does not accept the teachings of the spirit of God. Many close their eyes before the gospel (1 Cori. 2:14).
- 3. Sin made man dead:** Through the sin of a man, sin entered into the world. Thus everyone become sinners and the sin has been spread everywhere in the world (Eph. 2:1).

Men cannot accept God because they are blind, deaf and dead by sin. The broken radio, though may have decorated beautifully, cannot

maintain the contact with the radio station. So men need a powerful savior to save them from sin. Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners. One, who takes refuge in him, will be enlightened in heart, and they will open their ears to listen to the word of God. They will be owners of abundant life. Thus they will receive the divine revelation. Have you entered into such a blessed experience?

Questions

1. Why men cannot understand God through knowledge?
2. What are the main sources of God's revelation to men?
3. Explain the importance of the Bible?
4. Where or in whom do we find the perfect revelation of God?
5. Explain why do people fail to find God? What is the solution?