

**King's Online Bible School**  
**Doctrine 101: Learning about God**

**Study Guide 1 Answers**

**1a. Why did John Calvin say that God speaks to us in a kind of lisping?**

He was expressing how limited we are in hearing God and understanding what He reveals to us.

**1b. Since this is true, how should you respond?**

- I should never be proud or assuming about what I think I understand.
- I should never question Him in a way that challenges His truth.
- I should be grateful.
- I should seek Him, asking Him to help me understand all the truths that He would have me know, hold fast, and obey.

**2. What limits us from knowing God completely?**

- We are only finite in our ability to understand.
- Our selfish interests determine how we think about God and His Word so that our conclusions and impressions are limited and twisted.

**3. Will we know God completely when we get to heaven? Explain your answer.**

No. He is infinite and we, though free from deception and confusion, will continue to be finite in our ability to realize and understand everything. Paul writes that we will know fully" in 1 Corinthians 13:12, but he is comparing this to knowing dimly, and he does not say that we will know God completely, but that he will know as he has been understood.

**4. Please read Job 38:1–41:34.**

**4a. Job 38:1-2. What does God mean in verse 2?** He is saying that Job's words have revealed how little he has understood and have confused the truth.

**4b. To what is He referring?** He is referring to Job's protests about God's dealings with him.

**4c. 38:21. Who is speaking?** God is.

**4d. Why are these words being spoken?** God is challenging Job with the way he has assumed that he will be able to correct God about God's dealings with him.

**4e. Using just one word or phrase, identify the focus of each of the following sections:**

**38:4-11** the foundations of the world

**38:12-41** the sources and operations of bodies and phenomena in the universe

**Job 39** the remarkable strength and features of creatures God has made

**40:10-14** Job's ability to deal with the proud and wicked men of the earth

**40:15-24** Behemoth

**Job 41** Leviathan

**4f. 40:8. What had Job done that prompted the Lord to ask him this?**

He had argued that the Lord treated him unrighteously.

**4g. What is the Lord's purpose in asking all these questions?**

God was overwhelming Job with his littleness and ignorance about natural things to challenge his presumption in speaking against God's injustices in ruling His creatures.

**5. Psalm 139:1-18 What things does David specify that he is not able to know?**

- what God knows about David is going to say (v. 4)
- God's knowledge (v. 6)
- what God saw as He was forming him in the womb (v. 15)
- the days that are ordained for him (v. 16)
- the number of God's thoughts about David (v.17)
- his own heart (v. 23)

**6. Romans 11:33-36 What does Paul have in mind as he writes these words? (Look back at the previous verses for the answer.)** the wonder of God's decisions and ways in showing mercy and drawing men to accept His gift of salvation

**7. Please read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

**7a. Who is "we" (vv. 6-7)?** Paul and others who, like him, preach the gospel

**7b. How does this passage support the idea that God is unknowable?**

Neither immature Christians, nor rulers, nor anyone living in the present age can know this wisdom in their natural understanding.

**7c. In what ways is God made knowable according to these verses?**

through the preaching of the gospel and the illuminating work of the Holy Spirit, enabling those who are growing in Christ to understand

**8a. Please read Isaiah 55:8-9. About what sort of thoughts and ways do you think the Lord is speaking:**

- a) the ones that are hidden to us?
- b) the ones that are available to us?
- c) both the ones hidden and the ones He wants us to know?

The answer is c) "both."

**8b. Please explain why you answered the way you did.**

- God is speaking about all the words He has ever spoken.
- While there is no new revelation that will add to the truth Scripture reveals, many of these truths still remain hidden to us until they are illumined for us by the Holy Spirit.
- Not only this, but each time we encounter the Word of God, He is sending His Word to us to accomplish His purposes.

**9. What are the words in Jeremiah 9:23-24 expressing?** No amount of wisdom, strength, or wealth that a man may possess can provide the advantage and life that there is in knowing God and valuing the things in which He delights and brings about on earth.

**10. Please write out the words of 1 John 5:20.**