

## You Can Know God

Matthew 5.17-20

### Main Idea

Jesus followed the Bible, therefore since He is our Lord we should trust the Bible as well to know God and enjoy God personally.

### Overview

#### **Why Follow the Bible? Because Jesus Followed/Trusted the Bible:**

- Matthew 5.17-20: Jesus did not come to abolish/minimize/neglect the Bible but to fulfill it:
  - The Ministry was to answer all the Promises that God made in the Scriptures
  - He does not want the Scriptures to be taught in any way to minimize even the least of the Scriptures
- Luke 4.1-13: Jesus is tempted by Satan and He answered not by living in His passions, but by 'what was written':
  - In every instance Jesus quotes the Scriptures and therein shows us as He says in Luke 4.4 that man does not live by bread alone...as it goes on to say in Deuteronomy 8.13, but by every Word that comes from the Lord
- Matthew 19.4-5: Jesus quotes Genesis 2.24 as something that "God said" even though He was fully aware and believed that Moses wrote the Law (John 5.46)
- Translation Errors: We have so many manuscripts and quotations from the early church that we are able to cross check our translations...nothing has been lost:
  - The Words are Scriptures are inspired not the scrolls they were written on
- New Testament: Testimony of the Ministry of Jesus as written by Jesus' disciples and those He discipled

#### **What does this tell us about God?**

- He can be known: 1 John 5.13 and John 1.1-2, 14-18, John 17.3
- He can be known personally: Acts 17.36, Revelation 13.8, etc.

### Questions

**Discussion Starter:** *Share some stories about how the Bible has ministered to you.*

1. Read Matthew 5.17-20. What seems to be Jesus' understanding of the Bible?
2. Read Romans 1.19-20, Psalm 19.1-3, 1 John 5.13, John 17.3. Can God be known?
3. Read Acts 17.36. Can God be known Personally?
4. What does this then say about God that He is willing to make Himself known to us personally?

Accountability: How have you been pursuing the Lord in His Word?