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For many people who are accustomed to limiting reality to that which can be seen and touched – to that which is material – faith in a God Who is unseen is difficult.

Everyone, however, lives by faith.

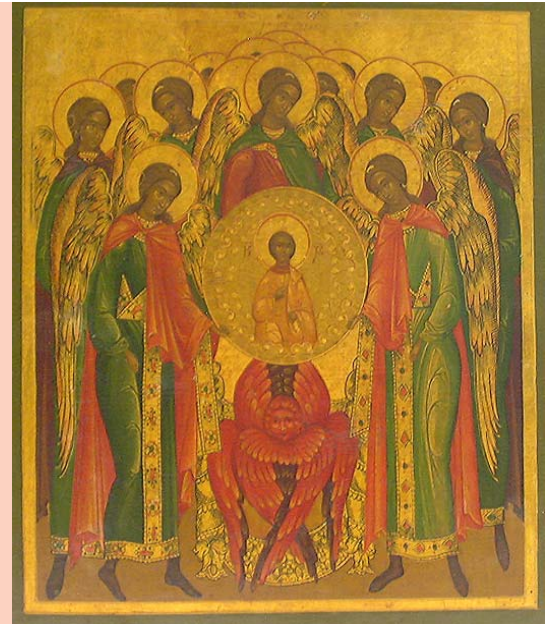
- We travel **in faith** that we will reach our destination safely.
- We read the latest news **in faith** that what we are being told is true.
- We eat **in faith** that the food set before us is not tainted.

We don't **prove** any of these except through our experience.

If we could know everything a human being could comprehend about God, it would be, as one Church Father observed, like a grain of sand on a vast beach. While there is much that we do not **know about God**, Jesus Christ reveals that we indeed can **know God** by experiencing His presence in our world and in our lives. While there are those who see God as “hidden,” Scripture teaches us something quite different: “**God is the Lord and has revealed Himself unto us.**” There may be much about Him that we do not know or understand, but this does not prevent us from **knowing Him**, from **experiencing Him**, or from having a **deep, loving relationship with Him**.

All of Jesus' teaching is about God. His words tell us about the **nature** of God and how we can **discern** and **follow His will** in our lives. Jesus often used parables to teach us about God. For example, the parable of the Prodigal Son reveals God's endless love, unconditional forgiveness, and righteous mercy. He also reveals that we too must be loving, forgiving, and merciful to others in return.

While all of Jesus' words relate in some way to God – the word “theology” literally means “God-words” – the passages here are those in which Jesus specifically reveals important aspects of God.



Look up each of the following passages and write down what Jesus Christ says about God.

MATTHEW 4:4,7, 10

LUKE 4:4,8,12

LUKE 10:21-22

MATTHEW 11:25-27

MATTHEW 18:23-35

JOHN 6:29

JOHN 8:25-29

JOHN 13:31-32

LUKE 18:2-8 13:31-32

SPEAKING ABOUT GOD

Words that help us understand God

In our worship, we use countless words, all found in Scripture, to describe God. What do each of these words mean, and how do they help us to understand and experience Him?

- Holy
- Compassionate
- Merciful
- Long-suffering
- Helper and Protector
- Hope
- Creator
- Love
- One
- Trinity
- Faithful
- Just
- Ineffable
- Inconceivable
- Awesome
- Invisible
- Omnipotent and omnipresent
- Eternal
- Immortal
- Comforter