

Code Breaker

Revelation: Who is God?

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READ:

Revelation 1:9-20 | Revelation 8:1-5 | Genesis 16:13 | Revelation 4:1-2, 8, 11 | Revelation 21:1-7

KEY POINTS:

- Knowing God, Changes How We Live – Our understanding of God shapes how we handle suffering, experience joy, and approach Him in prayer.
 - God Draws Near – Jesus is not distant or disinterested. He walks among His people, sees us in our suffering, and invites us to draw near to Him.
 - God Makes Space for Honest Prayer – We don't have to hide our pain, questions, or struggles from God. He invites us to come to Him honestly.
 - God Hears the Prayers of His People – The prayers of God's people rise before the throne of God. We serve a God who listens.
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QUESTIONS:

1. If you had to describe God based on what He has revealed to you throughout your life, what words would you use?
2. John describes himself as a "brother and companion" in suffering, the kingdom, and patient endurance. What does this teach us about the reality of following Jesus in a broken world?
3. John was suffering because of his faithfulness to Jesus, yet Revelation 1 shows Jesus meeting him in the middle of that suffering. How does this challenge the idea that difficult circumstances mean God is absent or that we have done something wrong?

4. The sermon emphasized that if we don't know who God is, we won't know how to live. How can a wrong understanding of God affect the way we handle suffering, interpret our circumstances, or approach prayer?
5. Why do you think it can sometimes feel difficult to bring our honest emotions, frustrations, and questions before God? What does the invitation to draw near to God reveal about His character?
6. Knowing God should shape the way we live. What is the difference between knowing *about* God and truly knowing God? How should a deeper relationship with Him transform the way we live?

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Reflect on Who God Is – Spend time this week asking, “*Who has God revealed Himself to be in my life?*” Consider how your understanding of God shapes the way you live.
- Come to God Honestly – Don't hide your pain, questions, or frustrations. Bring them honestly before God in prayer.
- Take time to Be Still – Take time this week to sit quietly before God. Instead of rushing through prayer, simply make space to be with Him and receive from Him.
- Draw Near – Identify one intentional way you can respond to God's invitation to draw near this week.

PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for being a God who draws near. Thank You that You see us, hear us, and invite us into Your presence. You are not a distant God. Help us to know You more deeply. When life is difficult and You feel far away, remind us of the truth that You are near. Give us the courage to come before You honestly with our pain, questions, and struggles. Teach us to draw near to You and deepen our understanding of who you are, allow our relationship to mature so that our understanding of who You are shapes the way we live.

In Jesus' name, Amen.