

- Q5. Are there more Gods than one?  
A5. **There is but one only, the living and true God.**

Perhaps, a better way to ask Q5 is: "Is there any true God other than the God of the Bible?" In English, "god" denotes any generic deity and "God" denotes the God of the Bible. This distinction is significant. Therefore, always learn to keep this distinction in mind. Nonetheless, we need to recognize that the English language does not have a special designation for the God of the Bible. However, "Lord" is used to reflect different names of God.

**Scripture References:** Deuteronomy 6:4; Jeremiah 10:10; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 1 Kings 8:16

DQ1: What does "one only...God" suggest to you?

DQ2: What does "the living...God" suggest to you?

DQ3: What does "true God" suggest to you?

DQ4: The God of the Bible has many names. What is the most important name of God in the Bible? And what does the name mean? (Deuteronomy 3:15, 18)

DQ5: Does the God of the Bible recognize any other Gods?

DQ6: In the conversation between God and Moses, how did God describe Himself to Moses? (Deuteronomy 3:11-14)

DQ7: What are some of the differences between the God of the Bible and other gods?

**Notes:**

The Scriptures teach that God is unique and is alone God, i.e., there are no others besides Him and He is the only true and living God. Why all these repeated emphasis on the uniqueness and exclusivity of the God of the Bible? Indeed, they are foundational to Christianity and our faith. No one can argue with the statement that only one God can truly be God. There can be only one true sovereign, holy and eternal God. The God of the Bible truly is unique and exclusive. There cannot be two sovereign Gods. Such an anomaly or non-sense is possible in Greek and other mythologies. But, we are not dealing with myths but truth. It is absolutely essential that we discover and encounter the only true God. There is eternal life only in this God.

To be sure, all other gods, other than the God of the Bible, are false and farce. All other gods or all other false gods are nothing more than mere conclusions and products of active human imagination, desire, and mistaken belief. These false gods are mere idols created by man and are less than man. In fact, they are nothing. Therefore, how foolish and ridiculous is it for man to worship and bow down to such lesser things. Why would you worship something or someone who is less than you? Idolatry is worshipping anything or anyone other than the God of the Scripture.

QA5 wants to make certain it is understood, therefore, we know and accept that the God of the Bible is not like any other god. He is the only One. There are no others like Him, equaling in stature, nature, power and being. This is what the Scriptures teach and to know such a God is an absolute necessity for our eternity depends upon this truth.

The Scriptures teach us that there are many names of God. The most important name, however, is "Jehovah" or "Yahweh." This is a very special name. This name served as the most significant identity of the God of the Bible to the people of God in the Old Testament.

The name "Jehovah" or "Yahweh" appears in the Bible 6,823 times and is the most mentioned and significant name of God. Jehovah means "I AM." It means all-sufficient, all-sovereign and all-powerful God. It means that God, whose name is Jehovah, does not owe His existence, His substance, His power, His wisdom, or His glory to anything or anyone. Additionally, "Jehovah" is the name that specifically points out that the God of the Bible is a covenantal God. Therefore, Jehovah is the covenantal name of God. Therefore, we are reminded at least 6,823 times throughout the Bible of the covenantal nature of God. Jehovah God is unique and peculiar in that that He carries out His desire, ministry, and plan only in accordance with His own pronounced covenants with man. All of these meanings must be understood in connection with the name "Jehovah." From the creation to the return of Christ, God carried out His sovereign plan without altering or changing just as He has made known through the Scriptures. God always keeps His promises. It is by His name and reputation that He entered into and will fulfill the covenants with man. This is why man can trust and depend upon God and His promises.

God's name, such as Jehovah, does have additional meaning. The name, Jehovah, clearly indicates God's view of man. God values man enormously. The Scriptures teach that God made and is bound by His covenants with man. The fact that God covenants and is bound by them is an indication how much God values man. His name suggests that God views man as the object of His covenant. It also means that God views man as worthy of Him and His covenants. When God identified Himself as "Jehovah," He identified man as important to Him and invited man into this very special covenantal relationship with Him. Listen to the heart of God: "But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel; 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'" (Isaiah 43:1) God intensely desires a special relationship with man. The way God would enter into this relationship is by His covenant.

Jehovah God alone is the Sovereign. If this were not the case, all of the Scriptures would be meaningless. But, if Jehovah is true God, then the Scriptures are certainly declaring truth. We are dealing with truth, not with conjectures or reasoning. Jesus said, "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32) There cannot be truth without true God. And without true God, there cannot be truth. Truth is that there only one true, living God. He is Jehovah God.

Who is God to you? Do you know the true God of the Bible? Do you believe that the God of the Bible alone is the true and living God?

If, for any reason, you do not know the true God of the Bible, then who do you suppose you might be worshipping?

Come to know the one true God of the Bible. This is perhaps the single most important and urgent matter in your life.

Prayer:

“O the true and living God, we lift up Your name! You alone are God. There is none beside You. Apart from You, no one could have created the universe or formed me. You are my God, my Redeemer, my All. Please cause me to come to know You better. Please cause my thoughts, heart and spirit to know You. May my life be overflowing with joy of knowing You every day! Even at this hour, I thank You that You are God. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen!”