



## New Testament Introductory Volume

# GOD

## *His Son, His Book, His Home*

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### Lesson 1

## GOD

**Scripture to be studied:** 1 Kings 18:17-39

**The aim of the lesson:** To help your students to know the only living and true God.

**What your students should know:** That God is the living and true God and He is personally interested in each individual.

**What your students should feel:** A desire to know more about God.

**What your students should do:** Think about God when they look at the trees and animals and people whom He created.

**Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):**

1. Idols cannot hear or answer prayer (1 Kings 18:17-35).
2. The living God hears prayer (1 Kings 18:36-37).
3. The living God answers prayer (1 Kings 18:38-39).
4. God the Creator is eternal, holy, and He is love (Genesis 1:1-31; Psalm 90:2; Leviticus 11:44; 1 John 4:8, 16).

### NOTE TO THE TEACHER

You will enjoy teaching the four lessons in this volume, as well as all of the lessons in the volumes that follow.

Before reading the lesson as it is printed here, study 1 Kings 18:17-39 in your Bible. Once that event becomes alive to you, it will live to those whom you teach. Be sure to study carefully all of the Bible verses mentioned in all of the lesson material.

Throughout all four of the lessons in this series, teach this verse:

*... Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. (1 Thessalonians 1:9)*

### THE LESSON

Have you ever looked at things around you and asked, "Where did they come from? How did the trees, the sky, the water, animals, and people come into being?"

The answer is simply this: All things were made by Him who has all power. His name is *God*.

When we look at a house, we know that someone planned it and built it. Could a house appear out of a heap of things thrown together on a pile? Certainly not! Nor could this world simply happen. God planned every bit of it and, in the beginning, it was perfect. God made it all—and He made it out of nothing! God made *you*—He made all people everywhere. He is the One who put life into you.

Maybe you are wondering, *But who made God? When did God come into being?*

The answer is: God always was. And God always will be. (See Psalm 90:2.) Even if you do not understand this, it is true. By the time you are finished studying these lessons, you will know more about the living and true God. You will learn about His Son, His Book, and His home where He wants you to live with Him. Though we may not *understand* these things, we can *believe* them. And if we believe them, God will help us to know more about Him.

### 1. IDOLS CANNOT HEAR OR ANSWER PRAYER

**1 Kings 18:17-35**

There are some people who believe that the sun in the sky is a god. Others believe the moon and the stars are gods. (See 2 Kings 23:5.) Still others believe a god can be made of wood or stone, silver or gold. (See Psalm 115:4-8.)

Can these things be the living and true God? Can the sun hear your prayers? Can the moon or stars see you and help you? No!

Idols carved from wood or stone may have eyes. But they cannot see you. Gods made of gold and silver may have ears. But they cannot hear you. The hands of those idols cannot move to help you. For such gods are made by man.

Do you know the only God who *can* see you, the One who *can* hear you, the One who *can* help you, the only God who made you? Our lesson will tell us about Him.

There was in the long, long ago, a man named Elijah. He lived among people who worshiped a god of their own. They named their god *Baal*. They believed Baal could help them. But