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Week 1

- Purpose and message of book
- Relevance to us today

Week 2

- Historical background

Week 3 and following

- The book of Ezekiel

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Deu 29:29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

There are some mysterious things in Ezekiel!

Designed to help us better understand God

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We have been studying Galatians

- Salvation by grace, not by law
- But man will reap what he sows

Don't forget about the wrath of God!

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Ezekiel: The wrath of God



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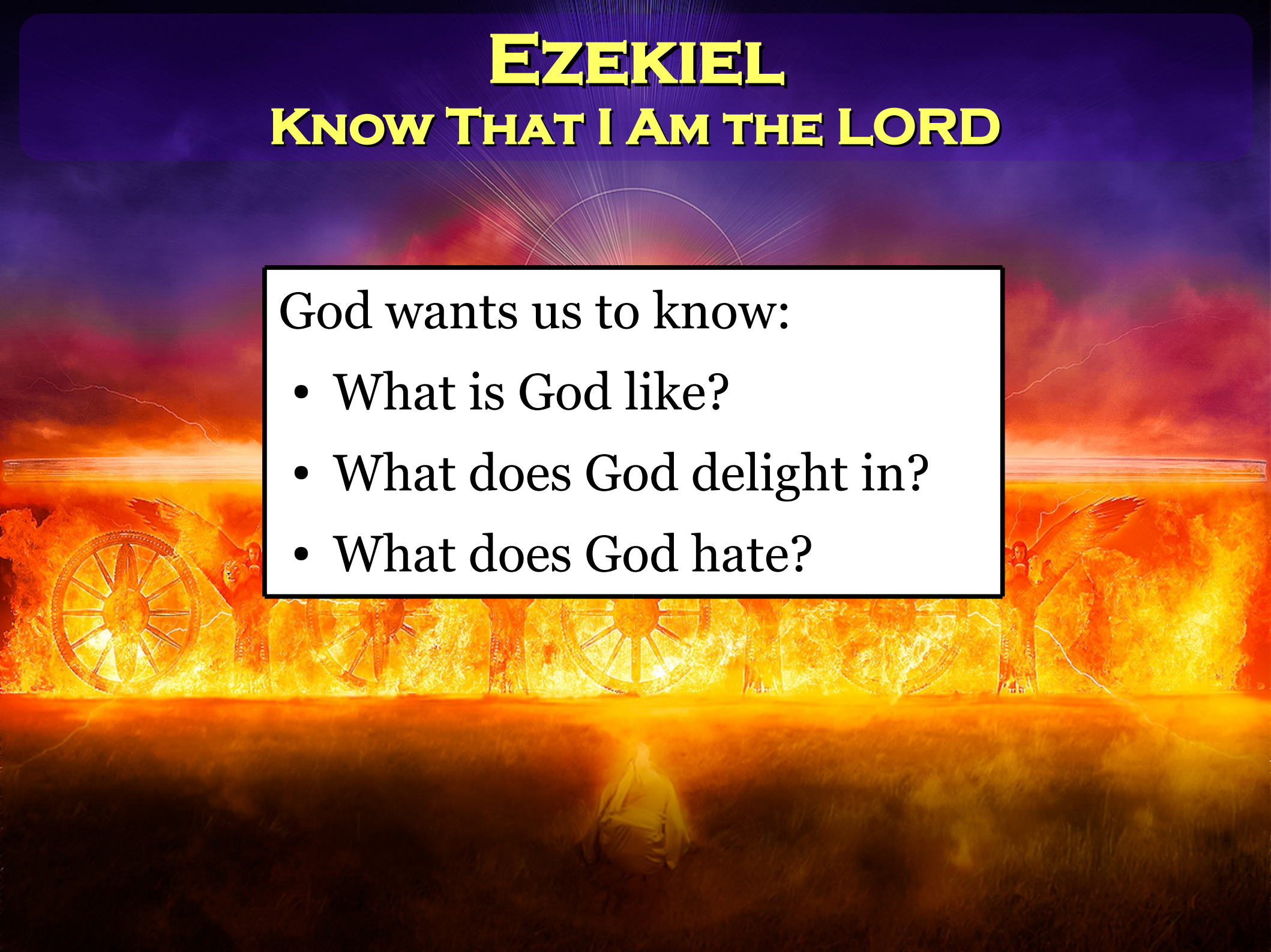
God wants us to know!

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God wants us to know:

- What is God like?
- What does God delight in?
- What does God hate?



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Understand the LORD

Jer 9:23 This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches,
Jer 9:24 but let him who boasts boast about this: **that he understands and knows me**, that I am the LORD, who exercises **kindness, justice** and **righteousness** on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

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Consequences for not understanding

Zep 1:12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and **punish** those who are **complacent**, who are like wine left on its dregs, **who think, 'The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.'**

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Our God is an awesome God!
Beyond our understanding in
every direction

- Grace and judgment.
- Love and wrath.
- Justice and mercy.

Unapproachable light!

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Don't try to second-guess God!

- He will do whatever he pleases.
- He will do what he said he would do!
- But he left some things unsaid

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Fear without joy = miserable

Joy without fear = reckless
folly; presumptuous

Do not kindle his wrath!

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God is right. You are wrong. Accept it!

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You do not have everything figured out!

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He knows what he is doing. Trust him!

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Job 42:4 "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.'

Job 42:5 My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

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Be humble enough to say "I don't know!"

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Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Rom 11:34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

Rom 11:35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"

Rom 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!
Amen.

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A few attributes of God

Omnipresence
Omniscience
Omnipotence
Immutability
Eternity

Holiness
Justice
Mercy
Truth
Love

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Attributes of God

Jer 32:17 "Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your **great power** and outstretched arm. **Nothing is too hard for you.**

Jer 32:18 You show **love** to thousands but bring the **punishment** for the fathers' sins into the laps of their children after them. O **great and powerful** God, whose name is the LORD Almighty,

Jer 32:19 **great are your purposes** and **mighty are your deeds**. Your **eyes** are open to all the ways of men; you **reward everyone according to his conduct** and as his deeds deserve.

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Isa 46:9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and **there is no other**; I am God, and there is **none like me**.

Isa 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and **I will do all that I please**.

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The Jealousy of God

Deu 29:18 Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the LORD our God to go and worship **the gods of those nations**; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.

Deu 29:19 When such a person hears the words of this oath, he invokes a blessing on himself and therefore **thinks, "I will be safe, even though I persist in going my own way."** This will bring **disaster** on the watered land as well as the dry.

Deu 29:20 The LORD will **never be willing to forgive him**; his wrath and zeal will burn against that man. All the curses written in this book will fall upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.

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The Wrath of God

Psa 76:7 You alone are to be feared. Who can stand before you when you are angry?

Psa 76:8 From heaven you pronounced judgment, and the land feared and was quiet—

Psa 76:9 when you, O God, rose up to judge, to save all the afflicted of the land. *Selah*

Psa 76:10 Surely your wrath against men brings you praise, and the survivors of your wrath are restrained.

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Jer 10:10 But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When he is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure his wrath.

Nah 1:6 Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him.

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Psa 7:11 God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day.

Heb 10:30 For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people."

Heb 10:31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Wrath triggered by idolatry

Deu 32:21 They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding.

Deu 32:22 For a fire has been kindled by my wrath, one that burns to the realm of death below. It will devour the earth and its harvests and set afire the foundations of the mountains.

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Wrath triggered by ingratitude

2Ch 32:25 But Hezekiah's heart was proud and he **did not respond to the kindness shown him**; therefore the LORD's wrath was on him and on Judah and Jerusalem.



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Eze 36:22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone.'

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Psa 30:5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

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Num 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?



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Mal 3:6 "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

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Eze 33:11 Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?'



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But God did bring judgment on the wicked!

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Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,

Heb 12:29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

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Next week:

The historical background of Ezekiel





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