

FIND GOD -- Part 1

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Exod. 20:3 you shall have no other gods before Me
Exod. 12:12 I will pass through the land of Egypt on that
 night -- I will execute judgment against
 the gods of Egypt

- * How many gods of Egypt were there?

Following is an excerpt from the Egypt Exploration Society (found at ees.ac.uk):

"The ancient Egyptians worshipped over 1,400 different gods and goddesses in their shrines, temples and homes. These deities were the center of a religion lasting over 3,000 years.

"Many of the Egyptian gods and goddesses were anthropomorphic, which means that they were usually depicted as part human and part animal. . . .Each deity was responsible for a certain part of daily life or the world around the Egyptians. . . .Keeping all of these gods and goddesses happy was hard work and required daily rituals to be performed in temples across Egypt. Food, water, incense and precious materials would be offered to the deities in their temples everyday by groups of priests acting on behalf of the Pharaoh.

"Sometimes, even the Pharaoh would be worshipped as a god."

- * How many Greek gods were there?

Following is an excerpt from greektraveltellers.com:

"The number of Greek gods is huge since the ancient Greeks believed in many deities and spirits. Because knowledge of the world was limited in antiquity, the Ancients were attributing natural phenomena to higher powers. Gods and goddesses could be found everywhere and defined the lives of the people.

"The 12 gods of Olympus are the most famous ones and were indeed at the center of the ancient Greek religion. However, there were many more than the 12, and many of them were rulers of the cosmos before the well-known Olympians."

* Give Honor and Glory to the Living God

Isaiah 40:18-31 to whom will you liken God?
Isaiah 44:6-8 God said -- I am the first and I am the last --
there is no God beside Me
Isaiah 45:5-13 God said -- I am the Lord and there is none
else -- there is not God beside Me
Rom. 1:20-25 people worship the creation, not the Creator
1 Cor. 8:5 there are many gods and lords
6 one God the Father -- one Jesus Christ
2 Cor. 6:16 you are the temple of the living God
1 Thes. 1:9 you turned from idols to God -- to serve the
living and true God
1 Tim. 3:15 I write so that you will know how to conduct
yourself in house of God -- which is the
church of the living God
1 Tim. 4:10 we trust in the living God
1 Tim. 6:17 not trust in riches -- trust in living God
Heb. 3:12 take heed -- not to depart from living God
Heb. 9:14 blood of Christ -- purge your conscience from
dead works to serve the living God
Acts 14:15 Barnabas and Paul -- we are men with the same
nature as you -- and we preach that you
should turn from these useless things --
to the living God
1 Tim. 1:17 to the King (eternal, immortal, invisible) --
to God who alone is wise -- give honor
and glory

FIND GOD -- Part 2

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- * Let's begin with a question -- Do You Find God or Does God Find You?

 - * Statement -- God Finding You

 - John 6:44 Son of God said -- no one comes to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him

 - * God Dealing With Saul (of New Testament)

 - Acts 7:58 witnesses -- laid clothes at Saul's feet
 - Acts 8:1 Saul was consenting to Stephen's death
 - 3 Saul made havoc of the church -- dragging off men and women, committing them to prison

 - Acts 9:1-2 Saul (breathing threats and murder against the disciples) went to the high priest for letters to bring disciples to Jerusalem

 - 3-9 the Lord confronted Saul
 - 10-18 Ananias baptized Saul

 - * God Dealing With Job (of Old Testament)

 - Job 38-39 God confronted Job
 - Job 40:1-2 God confronted Job
 - Job 40:3-5 Job's response
 - Job 40 and 41 God confronted Job
 - Job 42:1-6 Job's response
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- * Invitation -- People Finding God

 - Acts 17:27 seek the Lord, in hope that you might find Him
 - He is not far from each one of us

 - Acts 17:22-31 Paul's discourse at Mars' Hill
 - 22 I perceive that you are very religious
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Acts 17:23

considering the objects of your worship -- I
found an altar with an inscription ("to
the unknown God") -- whom you ignorantly
worship -- Him I proclaim to you
24 made the world -- Lord of heaven and earth --
does not dwell in temples made with hands
25 neither is worshipped with men's hands -- He
doesn't need anything -- He gives life,
breath and all things
26 all nations, of one blood -- has determined the
times -- has determined the bounds of
their habitation
27 that people may seek the Lord -- that they
might feel after Him and find Him --
though He is not far from every one of us
28 for in Him, we live, move and have our being --
quoted one of their poets -- "for we are
also His offspring"
29 therefore, since we are the offspring of God,
we should NOT consider the Divine Nature
is like gold, silver or stone -- which is
shaped by art and man's devising
30 truly, God winked (overlooked) these times of
ignorance -- but now commands all people
everywhere to repent
31 because He has appointed a day, on which He
will judge the world in righteousness --
by that Man whom He has ordained -- He
has given assurance unto all people by
raising Him from the dead