

THE GOD TO WHOM WE PRAY

"It matters far, far less *how*, *when* and *what* you say than how well you know *him* to whom you pray."

—W. Bingham Hunter, *The God Who Hears*

God is but He is not

John 1:18; 4:24; 1 Timothy 6:16

Genesis 1:27; Exodus 3:15; Hosea 11:8-9;
John 1:18; 14:9; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3

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Isaiah 46:9-11; Malachi 3:6;
James 1:17

Ex. 32:9-14; 2 Kings 20:1-6; 2 Chron. 33:9-13
2 Corinthians 1:11; James 4:2; 5:16

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Job 11:7-8; Psalm 13:1-2;
Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33

Psalm 13:5-6; Is. 49:14-16; Matt. 7:7-11;
Romans 5:8; 8:31-32, 38-39

Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Are there any half-truths about God that have hindered you in your prayer life? If so, what other truths have helped you to re-gain your passion for prayer?
2. Read Hosea 11:8-9. Do you tend to think of God as having a personality, complete with strong emotions? How should this truth impact your practice of prayer?
3. Read Isaiah 46:9-11. If someone were to say to you, "Why should I pray when God has already decided how everything's going to turn out?", how would you respond? What Scriptures might you share?
4. Read Psalm 13:1-2. When have you been most disappointed by God's silence in response to your prayers? How has this experience affected your prayer life?
5. What new thoughts or questions about prayer did this week's message raise in your mind?