



The Laying Foundations (Phase II) materials is divided into 3 series: 1) Knowing God, 2) Understanding People and 3) Growing Spiritually. Inside you will find a Teaching Outline excerpt from Knowing God, as well as the Table of Contents of all of the Teaching Outlines.

Excerpt from Teaching Outline Lesson #10 (Knowing God)

Knowing God

SUBJECT: Relationship with God
THEME: The reciprocal nature of knowing God
PROPOSITION: Our relationship with God is reciprocal in nature.

Introduction: You are now on a journey to know God, but did you know that He knows you and wants to relate to you, commune with you, be with you?

- A. Our relationship with God is a reciprocal one—God and man both have responsibility in it.
- B. There are fundamental differences between God and man which impact the relationship. (Not the same as human relationships)
 - 1. He is infinite; we are finite. (There are limits to our understanding.)
 - 2. He is the Creator; we are the “created”.
 - 3. He is invisible; we are visible.

Transition Sentence: We can better understand the reciprocal nature of our relationship with God by understanding our different roles.

- I. **God takes the initiative in the relationship with us.** (Psalm 139:1-16)
 - A. Psalm 139: 1-4: God knows us intimately; has taken the initiative to know us.
 - B. Psalm 139: 5-6: God protects and shields us; He is our security.
 - C. Psalm 139: 7-12: God is completely attentive to and involved with us regardless of our circumstances.
 - D. Psalm 139: 13-16: God initiated and sustains our being: external (physical) and internal (emotional, spiritual)
 - 1. We are made in His image.
 - 2. He has foreordained how long we will live.

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