



THE PERSONAL ONE – PART 1

The Ologies Lesson 3



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THE HOLY ONE – PART 1

MAIN POINT:

MESSAGE NOTES:¹

Listen to or view message #3 in *The Ologies*, “[The Personal One – Part 1](#),” at [pscconline.com](#). You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

Thought Questions:

1. Saul Alinsky said that corruption is a necessary condition of life. How was he right? How was he wrong?
2. How can God expect oppressed people to remain submissive to the authority over them?
3. What does it mean that God knows us better than we know ourselves?
4. How is the Personal One different from the gods of the nations?

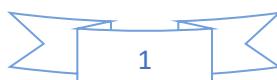
Next Steps:

1. How will you flee to God for refuge from the way of the world?
2. How will you find your place with him?

Obedience Challenge: Listen Up

➤ How have you been affected by living among this corrupt generation? Are you carrying wounds and bitterness from mistreatment? Do you struggle to feel like you measure up? Are you afflicted by regret or worry? Set aside some time to bring these things to God and listen for his response. Get alone in a quiet place where you can be for at least 30 uninterrupted minutes. Bring paper and pencil. Tell God what you’re fleeing from and then listen in silence.

¹ You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.



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DAILY DEVOTION GUIDE:

Read the following Scriptures about God, the Eternal One, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

- Monday – Psalm 73
- Tuesday – Exodus 33:7-17
- Wednesday – Psalm 11
- Thursday – Psalm 139:1-12
- Friday – Psalm 139:13-24
- Saturday – 1 Peter 5:1-11

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

Primer Exercise:

For Children

Ask your child: *“What is the difference between a stranger and a friend?”*

Help them to list several differences.

Ask: *“As you look at this list, do you think God is more like a stranger or more like a friend?”*

“When God looks at us, does he think of us as strangers or friends?

“Do you think he wants us to become better friends with him?”

“How can we become better friends with God?”

Everyone Else

Read: *“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.” (Revelation 2:17)*

- What does the promise of a new name suggest about the relationship between God and the victorious ones?
- Keeping in mind that in the ancient world usually said something about a person's heritage and their destiny, what do you think is written on your white stone?

The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

Session One: “The Good Shepherd”

- Read Psalm 23
- Ask: What were some things that David trusted God, his shepherd, to do for him?
- Read John 10:1-21
 - How is Jesus' description of what he does for his sheep the same as what the Lord did for David? How is it different?
 - How is Jesus both the shepherd and the gate? (Read 1 John 3:16-17 for help)
 - In claiming to be the good shepherd what was Jesus saying about himself?
 - Who are the other sheep that Jesus spoke of?
- Application and Prayer
 - How will you respond to Jesus, as the gate and as the shepherd?
 - Since the Lord is our shepherd let's ask him to lead us to someone we can love in his name.

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Session Two: “Wholly Holy and Personal”

- Read Psalm 33
- Ask: How can God be both holy and personal?
- Read Romans 5:6-11
 - How does the cross of Christ reveal God’s holiness?
 - How does the cross of Christ reveal God’s love?
 - With the cross of Christ as part of our past, what can we expect in the future?
- Application and Prayer
 - How does the cross of Christ call and enable us to respond to people that mistreat us?
 - Who would be a hard person for you to pray to receive God’s blessings? Pray for that person.

Session Three: “Hiding Place”

- Read Psalm 32
- Ask: What can we count on God to do?
- Read Hebrews 6:13-20
 - If you were looking for a hiding place to get away from a storm, what would you want it to be like?
 - What kinds of “storms” do we face in life?
 - How is God our refuge from life’s storms?
 - How can you tell that he is a good hiding place?
- Application and Prayer
 - How will you react the next time you face a hard time (storm)?
 - Pray for anyone you know who’s suffering hurt or facing discouragement.

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LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

Worship:

You can find the melody to the song below at: [You are My Hiding Place ~ Maranatha Singers ~ Lyrics - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyfJyfJyfJy)

You Are My Hiding Place

Words: Michael Ledner

(as in *Praise for the Lord*)

Music: Michael Ledner

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the piano (right hand) and the bottom staff is for the voice (soprano). The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (indicated by '4'). The vocal line begins with 'You are my hid-ing place, (You) You al-ways fill my heart with' and continues with 'songs of de-liv-er-ance; when-ev-er I am a-fraid, I will trust in' and 'You. (I) I will trust in You. (Let) Let the weak say,' followed by a repeat of the first line. The piano part features simple chords and eighth-note patterns. The vocal line has a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The score ends with a 'D.C. al Coda' instruction.

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Audio to the next song at <https://pscconline.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Knowing-You.mp3>

Knowing You
Philippians 3:10-11

Arr. by R. J. Taylor

1. All I once held dear, built my life up - on; all this world

2. Now my heart's de - sire is to know You more. To be found

3. Oh to know the power of Your ris - en life, and to know

joy, my right - eous - ness. And I love You, Lord. And I love You,

Lord, You're my all, You're my best, You're my
D.S. at Coda Vr. 2 & 3 Coda

Knowing You

re - vers, and wars to own. All I once thought gain I have
in You, and known as Yours. To pos - sess by faith what I have
You in Your suf - fer - ings. To be - come like You in Your

count - ed loss; spent and worth - less now com - pared to this,
could not earn, all sur - pas - sing gift of right - eous - ness.
death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.

joy, my right - eous - ness, You're my all, You're my best, You're my

joy, my right - eous - ness, And I love You, Lord, And I

Chorus
Know - ing You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er
Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er

love You, Lord, And I love You, Lord.

thing great - er thing. You're my all, You're my best, You're my

love You, Lord, And I love You, Lord.

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Scripture Discussion:

- Play a guessing game. Before your meeting, write a few names of celebrities² on 3x5 cards and keep them face down. Have someone take a card and without looking, place it against their forehead so the name faces the group. Everyone should give the volunteer clues to help them guess who “they” are.
- Think together about ways that you described the celebrity. How accurately do those descriptions define who that person truly is?
- Read John 1:29-50
 - How is Jesus described by various people (including himself) in this passage?
 - What do the descriptions say about the people giving them?
 - What indications do you see that God is personal?
 - Who is God to you?
 - Who are you to him?

Pray

- Read the following passage in unison:

You have searched me, LORD,

and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;

you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;

you are familiar with all my ways.

For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well. (Psalm 139:1-3; 13-14)

- Segue into a time of group prayer. The group leader or someone they appoint can close the time when they feel so led.

² Choose people that everyone would know, but nobody too obvious. Suggestions: Beyonce, Jim Carrey, Will Smith, Scarlett Johansson, Chris Pratt, Dwayne Johnson, Taylor Swift, etc.

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Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message 3 in *The Ologies*, “The Personal One – Part 1” in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don’t require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other’s **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.