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His glory, attributes, character, nature, purposes, promises, rule, work, relationship, commandments, ways.
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- *How does that affect our relationship with Him, the church and the world?*
Knowledge, attitude, worship, service, evangelism, witness, struggles with sin, fellowship, personal life, family life, work life, social life.



Once we have read a passage of Scripture, there will always be things which come out of it that we can pray about:

- Talk to God about what you learnt about Him in the passage and turn this into worship, thanks, praise and confession.
- Talk to God about how it should affect your relationship with Him, the church and the world - *How do you think God wants you to apply the passage specifically to your life? Ask His forgiveness for the times when you have failed to do so and make a new commitment to holy and godly living. Ask God for the help of the Holy Spirit as you seek to do this in His strength, and not your own.*
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