

# **Approximation Of God**

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Christians should be aware that they are seeing an approximation of God.  
They should desire to see a higher resolution portrait of who God really is.

“And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”  
Deuteronomy 6:5.

All Scripture references in this writing are from the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

## Approximation

We see and hear everything as an approximation, or estimation, of what it really truly is. Our senses taste, smell, see, hear, and feel various things around us. God designed our minds to be able to store and process information quickly and compactly. Our bodies are truly “fearfully *and* wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14). Each day that we are privileged to be here on the earth, we should be about discovering more and more of God.

When we take a picture in a camera, scan an image on a scanner, digitize music or audio, or even record or watch TV or videos, we are only getting an approximation of what the REAL OBJECT looks or sounds like.

There are trade-offs between time, money, and space. Everything is captured or observed at a particular size and resolution. The more quality you capture or view something at, the larger the space that object takes up. This translates into more time and money to capture or keep the object. In technology we use compression algorithms and codecs to reduce the size objects take up. That is why if you try to blow up an image that was captured at a low resolution or was compressed too “tight,” then the original can’t be recreated for you to enjoy later on, but you must settle for a smaller, approximation of the image or object that you can see well.

### Lossy vs. Lossless

You are probably familiar of the terms lossy versus lossless when it comes to digital music and audio. MP3 files are lossy representations of the original recording, which means information and sound quality has been removed and lost to save space, and they are an approximation of the original recording at a specific bitrate.

FLAC and Apple Lossless files are an exact bit for bit representation of the original sound recording, limited by the number of bits and the maximum audio frequency used to capture the music or audio. Sometimes an analog to digital conversion has to be made to approximate the actual sounds being recorded coming from an analog source. So even a lossless digital file is an approximation of the original, accurate to the given capture parameters used. Lossless is a much more faithful way of reproducing the original, as no audio information is purposely removed or discarded, and exact digital copies can be made anytime, plus the audio may be easily converted for other parameters, formats, and uses. Video and images have similar lossy and lossless schemes.

### We Need A Better Approximation Of God

**“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”** 1 Corinthians 13:12.

We are limited in our ability to comprehend and understand God in so many ways (see my writing entitled *Limiting God*). It should be our desire to expand our ability to discern, capture, and have faith in an unlimited God. He desires to be apprehended and sought by us. **“I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.”** Proverbs 8:17. He wants us to come running into His Arms crying “Abba, Father.”

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.” Romans 8:15.

We need the maximum, high definition, resolution of being able to know God to the best ability of our frailty.

Some people may have only a very low resolution in their ability to know and discern the things of God. Others may have a much better, but still less than perfect, knowledge of God. While still others, may be daily walking with Him and gleaning from Him at a very high definition resolution. Even though in this life we see darkly, as an approximation, He delights to help us discover more of Him, and see Him better and clearer.

I believe faith in God is the key, and a desire to seek Him and His righteousness is a door, and the presence of God is the meeting or communing place where we receive greater clarity and resolution of who God is and learn more deeply of His ways.

Some people are content to watch a 12 inch black and white television, others prefer a standard definition color TV, while most would prefer to watch a high definition widescreen TV that has the most clarity. If people would only pursue their relationship with God the way they go shopping for the best television set available to watch their shows, they would demonstrate to Him that He was more important than TV shows, and would likely be blessed with fresh revelation of who He is. God wants to be worshipped, desired and pursued by us. He will never force us to seek after or worship Him. It has to be a free will choice on our part.

If you give God your first and best, He will give you His best. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33. He desires your time, talents, service, worship, and attention.

“**And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**” Jeremiah 29:13.

### Clarity

We need to have such clarity for God and the things of God, that we can hear and see what He desires for us. He desires us to meditate on His Word, and to seek Him for all wisdom and understanding.

“Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. **But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,** that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” Psalm 1:1-3.

“**I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.**” Psalm 119:15-16.

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world **are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:” Romans 1:20.