



God is a Good God
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What is your picture of God?

Our picture of God is developed through a variety of sources – what others have said, what we conclude as a result of experiences, observations, analysis, reading, etc.

Not all of these may be correct!

For instance, insurance companies may refer to catastrophic weather conditions as the “acts of God”.

Even after we get saved, and even if we have been Christians for a long time - we tend to retain many of our biases, misconceptions, wrong notions of who God is, what He does, how He works, etc.

Some times, even the things we may have heard in religious places, read in religious books – could have misrepresented God to us and have painted a wrong picture of God.

So we end up having a wrong picture of God. We think we are right, but really our picture of God is incorrect.

Romans 1:20,21,23

20 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:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

The Bible unveils the true picture of God.

We know the all Scripture is God breathed...God inspired...2 Timothy 3:16

We read about many of the qualities and attributes of God in the Bible:

SELF-EXISTENT AND ETERNAL

CREATOR

ALL POWERFUL (Omnipotent)

ALL WISDOM AND ALL KNOWING (Omniscient)

EVER PRESENT (Omnipresent)

PERSONAL SPIRIT BEING

INFINITE

IMMUTABLE (Unchangeable)

SOVERIEGN

HOLINESS

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE

GOD OF TRUTH

GOD IS LOVE

GOODNESS

Five important truths about God



1. God's will is always in harmony with His nature – with who He is.
Therefore if you know WHO HE IS, you will know WHAT HIS WILL IS.
2. God does everything in harmony with His nature and character.
Therefore if you know WHO HE IS, you will know WHAT HE DOES.
3. God does not say or do things which are self contradictory or contrary to His nature and character.
Therefore if you know WHO HE IS, you will know WHAT HE SAYS and WHAT HE DOES.
4. God's power is absolutely limitless yet there is a sense in which God's power is limited. He has declared that there are certain things He will not do. Certain of these limitations are self imposed. He abides by certain laws which He Himself has set in motion. For example He will never be unfaithful, never lie, never stop loving. Therefore He cannot deny Himself (2 Timothy 2:13), He cannot lie (Titus 1:2), He cannot sin (James 1:13). He cannot do these because these are contrary to His character and nature.
5. God will not override the free moral will (freedom to choose) which He has given to people. So in this sense, "God is not in control", of your choices.

God is a good God

Among the many things that the Bible tells us about God – there is one unmistakable truth that is repeated through Scripture, that is God is a good God.

Psalm 34:8

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 100:5

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 107:1

1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 145:8

8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Matthew 5:45

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Because God is a good God is He is generous Giver

Matthew 7:7-11

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

James 1:17



17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Psalm 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Jesus Christ is the true representation of the invisible of God

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God,

2 Corinthians 4:4Christ, who is the image of God,

Hebrews 1:3

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

Matthew 20:30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David.

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God is too good to do you wrong, too wise to make a mistake, too true to lie to you and too strong to let you down.

But if God is a good God, why are there bad things happening in this world?

If God is a good God, why do bad things happen to good people?

There is a bad devil.

The human race is in sin. People do wicked things.

Luke 8:22-25 Jesus and his disciples in the middle of a storm.

Conclusion

God's desire is that we WORSHIP Him for who He is, that we LIVE in conformance to who He is and that we EXPERIENCE the fullness of who He is.

Relationship, lifestyle/behaviour, experience/blessing



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