



Love Came Down
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The Bible reveals the nature of God to us.

God is holy, pure and righteous

The atmosphere in heaven is so flooded with the holiness of God, that the Bible says that the angelic beings around the throne constantly cry out "holy, holy, holy"

Revelation 4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

God is so holy that the light of His presence is unapproachable.

1 Timothy 6:16

who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

God is so intensely holy and pure, that man's best works are like filthy rags.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousness are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

God is so holy, great, and majestic, that if any man would see Him in His glory, man would drop dead.

Exodus 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

God is just

He is a God of justice and truth

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

His rule is one of righteousness and justice

Psalms 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

God is a just judge and does not condone wickedness

Psalms 7:11 God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.

God is great, infinite, omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all knowing) and omnipresent (present everywhere)

Isaiah 40:12,25,26



12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance?

25 "To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.

He is all-knowing and every present. We cannot hide from Him anywhere.

Psalm 139:12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

God is love

He is love, compassionate, merciful

1 John 4:8 ..for God is love.

Psalm 145:8-9

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

9 The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

Man's rebellion against God

This powerful, holy, just and loving God created man and woman in His own image and likeness, created them to be part of His family, to represent Him, to do His purposes and entrusted them with this earth and all that they needed to manage this earth.

But man rebelled against His Creator.

Man walked in such wickedness that it grieved God's heart

Genesis 6:5-6

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Imagine the wickedness that we walk in :

We deny the existence of God, when our very life depends on Him.

We turn the image of this glorious, infinite God into some inanimate work or created from

We mock God and speak against Him arrogantly.

Isaiah 29:16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Isaiah 45:9 "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'?"



In all our intelligence the Chief Justices and Supreme Courts of nations legalize gay marriages. They think they are doing a very intelligent thing, while God says that what we are doing only the result of wickedness, lust and debased mind. We claim to be wise but only express our ignorance and foolishness.

Romans 1:20-23

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes 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, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:24-32

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,
25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.
27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.
28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;
29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,
30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;
32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Can you imagine what has happened to us. Even though we know what is right and wrong, we not only do such things but also applaud those who do them.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Don't you think that the heart of God is angered, pained and grieved at all this?

Perhaps the only closest picture we can have of this is that of a good father who brings up his son the best he knows how, gives him all his love and affection, sacrifices to meet his child's needs, teaches, trains and nurtures him the best possible way...and then once his son has grown up, he goes and does the exact opposite of all that his father has taught him. How a wayward son grieves the heart of his father!



David experienced this when his own son Absalom rebelled against him. When David heard that his son Absalom was killed during conflict, even though this son was a rebel, David cried out:

2 Samuel 18:33

Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: "O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"

Can you hear the heart of God crying out in such similar but in a far greater, unimaginable way, for each of us!

When God came down

Man was wandering away from God. But God our Creator wanted to reach out to us and bring us back to Himself. The only way this could be done, is if He stepped in to our world, because we by nature wander away from Him.

Two thousand years ago, this great, infinite God stepped into our world. **"...the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:..."** (Isaiah 57:15) stepped into our world.

This is Jesus Christ, God who came into our world.

This great, infinite, all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present God could have stepped into our world in His infinite power. But the Bible says He emptied Himself and became like a Servant **"who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."** (Philippians 2:6,7)

He could have come as the King, Immortal, Invisible, the Only Wise God, to impose His rule and dominion over every one, but instead He came as a Servant, not to be served, but to serve. **"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."** (Mark 10:45)

As the righteous and just One He could have come and exposed the sin of every man and condemned each one to eternal damnation. Instead the Bible says: **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."** (John 3:16-17)

He could have come to show us how holy He is and sentence us for the depravity and wickedness of our heart and lives. But the Bible says: **"the Son of Man has come to seek and to save**



that which was lost." (Luke 10:19). "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,.." (1 Timothy 1:15)

When God came down two thousand years ago, He came not in all His majestic, infinite power and glory, not in His role as the Judge of all the earth, not pompously displaying all of His awesome holiness and purity, but in the form of a finite human being, to DEMONSTRATE ALL OF HIS INFINITE LOVE, GOODNESS AND COMPASSION towards us, in spite of all that we have done.

LOVE CAME DOWN! In Jesus Christ, when He came into this world.

He healed and delivered people from sickness, disease and demonic powers.

Our sins deserved punishment and take us to an eternal place of damnation, hell.

But He died for us on the Cross and then rose up from the dead. When He died for us, He took upon Himself the punishment for all our sin.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:9,10

9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

He now invites us to believe in Him, receive forgiveness of sins, become children of God.

This is the God of love reaching out to you today

What will you do with a loving God who calls you into a relationship with Him, based on His love..

Everything we do must be a response to His love.

Salvation call, invitation to repent and believe in Jesus.



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