

Blessings in the House

A God I Can Understand

What is God Like?

The Bible describes God as being:

Omnipresent - He is in all places at the same time.

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord" (Jer. 23:24).

Omniscient - He knows everything.

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13).

Eternal - He always existed.

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Ps. 90:2).

Immortal - He is free from death.

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Tim. 1:17).

Omnipotent - He has all power and authority.

"Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all" (1 Chron. 29:12).

Infinite - He is without limitations of any kind according to time or space.

"Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict" (Job. 37:23).

One - He tells us that He alone is God, and there is no other.

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me..." (Deut. 32:39).

God has a special relationship with man

The Bible describes His relationship with us as being:

Faithful - God never fails and never goes back on His word.

"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations" (Deut. 7:9).

Merciful - His mercy is clearly seen even in His dealings with non-believers.

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. (23) They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22-23).

Good - Taste the Lord and see that He is good to all who come to Him.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Ps. 34:8).

Love - It is easy to love the Lord, because He first gave His love to us.

"We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

God was manifested in the flesh

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (1 Tim. 3:16).

This great God became our Savior.

"To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 25).

When God was manifested in the flesh, He never stopped being God. Christ's dealings with the people proved that He was still faithful, merciful, good and full of love and compassion. He came so that we could see and feel His glory and truth. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:1,14).*

Conclusion

Jesus Christ is the same today as He has always been. *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).*

If we have any needs, we can go to Jesus in prayer. *"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:15-16).*

He is not too busy for us. He does care about our needs. He is still moved with compassion when He sees one of His people suffering. Remember, He is Omnipresent. He is in all places; therefore, He is near us when we pray. He is Omnipotent; therefore, He has the power to help us. And He loves us; therefore, He wants to help us. We do not need to be confused about whom we are to pray to. Jesus said, *"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14).*

As you read these scriptures

Consider three questions,

- 1) How does this scripture refer to God?
- 2) How does this scripture refer to Christian living?
- 3) How does this scripture refer to salvation?

Our Goals

To love the Lord and to grow in His love and grace. To love each others and to grow in our relationships with each other. And to love the church and see it grow in numbers and members.

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