

GOD IS LIKE JESUS.



Perhaps the central message of the Bible, and certainly one of the happiest, is that God, the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth, is like Jesus.

The Bible says that Jesus is the **EXACT REPRESENTATION** of God's being. Jesus himself said, "Anyone who has seen me, has seen the Father." Think about that for a minute.

If you carry around a thought about God that does not square with the life, ministry, and message of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the four Gospels, you need to discard it.

Prior to God's coming to us in Jesus, the only visible representation of God was blazing fire. Frighteningly awesome in splendor no doubt, but impossible to love.

These manifestations of visible fire from heaven would scare the daylights out of us but would in no way encourage us to draw near. It is hard to build a relationship with blazing fire.

God's "being," in so many ways, is utterly alien to us. One being, yet three persons? Uncreated? Infinite? Perfect in holiness, wisdom, and power?

Among the many incredible things about God is that **HE WANTS TO BE KNOWN**. So he came to us in a manner we could understand. Fire out of the heavens was not sufficient. He came as a baby, who then became a man. His name is Jesus.

We slander God when we attribute to his direct action the various catastrophes of life in this world. Yes, God is sovereign, but **IN NO WAY** has God engineered the pain we have experienced.

God is like Jesus. How many people did Jesus send a catastrophe upon? **NONE**. How many people did Jesus help who came to him? **ALL**.

Yes, the Bible does record that God brought various acts of divine judgment upon people – but so did Jesus.

Think about Jesus' actions clearing out the misbehavior in the Temple precincts. Think of the many times Jesus warned about God's coming judgment. Read Matthew chapter 23 if you want to experience the fiery judgment of God on the lips of **JESUS** towards the religious hypocrites.

Where the hurt and confusion takes place is for the father whose daughter died. Or the child whose parents divorced. Or the young mother with cancer.

“Is God angry with me?” “Am I being paid back for bad things I have done?” “If God is good, why doesn’t he lift this pain?” Such are our thoughts in suffering.

At the end of this article there is a link to an article I wrote, THE “WHY” OF EVIL. It may be a start to help in understanding some of this. I fully admit though, there will be unanswered questions that remain.

Here is the point. God is not angry with you. He has made his peace with you ALREADY through Jesus Christ. The Bible says, “God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, NOT COUNTING men’s sins against them.”

I’m NOT saying God is indifferent about our sins – but any “payback” we would have had coming for our bad behavior has already been taken care of on the Cross. Jesus absorbed every ounce of payback due us.

Trusting Jesus, who took away our sins, we can now live freely, learn to live righteously by the power of the Holy Spirit, and experience the companionship of God, as our heavenly Father.

You can trust Jesus. God wants you to do so.

God wants to be known as more than fiery judgment. He wants this world to know that he is like Jesus.

Do you want to begin to trust Jesus Christ and by doing so, begin to know God personally? There is an additional link below to a seven-minute video that will help you do that, if you would like to do so.

Also, I invite objections, but not in order to trade insults. I'm actually learning a lot from folks antagonistic to the message of Christ. So if you are Pagan, Wiccan, Spiritualist, Atheist, Agnostic, undecided, or just confused (!!), feel free to comment below or send a private message. I promise not to be argumentative.

THE "WHY" OF EVIL. A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE.

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