

Resetting my relationship with God

Read: Isaiah 55:6-13; Psalm 50:16-32; Romans 9:15-25; Romans 11:33-36.

Our distorted view of God

- We have applied our human standard in measuring God.
- We have carbon-dated God to ancient times, and changed Him to fit modern times.
- We have developed a contractual relationship with God.
- We are abusing the grace of God.
- We keep approaching God covered in conscious impurity – thus fall short of the honour due to Him.
- God has become our business card, our CV, our profile builder – He now is in my service.
- We assign thinking to God so that we have sufficient motivation to judge other people or defend our own position – we are using Him as cover or endorsement for our sin.

Getting Him right

God is love

- **Deuteronomy 7:9** Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,
- **Psalm 36:7** How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- **Ephesians 2:4-7** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- **1 John 4:8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- The fact that I am standing here and you're sitting there, is proof.
- The blood of Jesus Christ is proof.
- Never judge yourself to ever fall beyond God's mercy and love.

God is pure

- **Romans 6:13** Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
- **Isaiah 59:1-3** Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.
- **Job 25:4** How then can man be in the right before God? How can he who is born of woman be pure?
- **Matthew 5:8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- God will not entertain sin – He will change it;
- Jesus Christ is proof that God decimated sin forever.
- My honour to God is to not try and approach Him with my sin intact.

God is beyond

- **Job 42:1-6** Then Job answered the Lord and said: 2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.'5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."
- **Psalm 139:16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

- God's person and identity is far past what we can imagine;
- Jesus Christ is proof that God works not in our ways – only in His complete ways.
- May I never be found to hem God in – to box him into my standards – He is greater, far greater.

God is power

- **Jeremiah 32:17-18** *'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. 18 You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them, O great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts,*
- **1 Corinthians 1:18** *For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*
 - He that places the stars in the sky, to Whom we pray to open the heavens;
 - Jesus Christ is proof – God is beyond death; He creates new life.
 - Rely on Him, know that This power is also given to you – in Jesus' name

God is contact

- **Isaiah 1:18** *"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*
- **2 Corinthians 3:16-18** *But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*
 - There is nothing between us and God – He is completely accessible to us
 - The Holy Spirit is our proof that God desires ongoing contact with us.
 - Seek His presence constantly and live a different life!