

THE WAYS OF GOD

God Is For You

I. God being love means God is for you

A. Dt1:27-They believed that God was not for them, but against them and for their destruction and failure

1. Hate-To be an enemy or foe – They believe God is their enemy, that He is against them
 - a. Someone who hates you is your enemy, they are against you; *Job16:9-He tears me in his wrath, who hates me: he gnashes upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpens his eyes upon me; Dt30:7-And the Lord God will put all these curses upon your enemies, and on them that hate you, which persecuted you; Ps21:8-Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee; Psalm 41:7-All that hate me whisper together against me: Against me do they devise my hurt;*
2. To hate means to be against you, against your prosperity, against your success, against your good
3. The opposite of hate is love – Love is not against you, love is for you

B. Numbers 14-One of the telltale signs that you don't believe that God is for you is get upset, frustrated, mad at God

1. Anytime you get upset, frustrated or mad at the Lord the underlying belief is that God's against you, not for you
 - a. If you believed He was for you and doing everything He could to help you there'd be no grounds to be mad him
 - b. Many would say I don't believe God hates me, but many get upset at God and that's evidence they don't believe God is for them, but rather believe God is against them, holding out on them, not doing all He could
 - c. People get mad at God when things aren't changing, when their prayers aren't be answered, when what their believing for isn't coming to pass – God's not your enemy, God's not your problem, God's not against you
2. They are mad at God b/c they believe they believe God is against them, wants to destroy them and their families
 - a. Who's their enemy? Who's their problem? Who's against them? Who wants to destroy them?
 - b. Who's for them? Who wants them to possess the land? Who wants them to prosper?
3. How much faith can you have in someone who you believe is not totally for you?
 - a. God is for them, but they believe He's against them and this undermined their ability to trust Him
 - b. If you're not rooted in this truth GOD IS FOR ME there can be no faith – You can't have faith in God to help you possess the land when in the back of your mind you think God might want to see you destroyed
 - c. 9-In an attempt to reestablish their faith God through Joshua and Caleb is reminding them that He is for them

II. Is God for you or against you? There can be no hesitation, no doubts, no delay in your answer if you're going to live by faith – Let's not assume, but let's go to the Word and find out if God is for your or against you-Is41

A. 8-He's talking to the seed of Abraham and so he's talking to me

1. *Gal3:29-If you be Christ's you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise*

B. 8,9-When it comes to His servants what gives him pleasure? Ps35:27-He get pleasure in His servants doing well

1. 9-I have not cast you away (reject, refuse, spurn, slight, snub)

C. 10-You have words directly from God – I am with you or you could say I am for you NOT just I am present

1. I will strengthen you (make you strong, harden you to difficulties); I will help you (support, aid)
2. I will uphold you (Keep-To preserve from falling or danger; Protect, guard, sustain)

D. 11-12-When God is for you an enemy of yours is an enemy of His (Ex23:22-I will be an enemy to your enemies)

E. 13-God is always reaching, always extending Himself towards His people in an attempt to help them

1. Can't you see the Father reaching out to grab your hand saying don't be afraid I'm going to help you
2. The holding of the hand represents the fact that I'm for you, I'm going with you and I'm committed to do everything in my power to ensure your safety and success and therefore you don't have to have one ounce of fear

F. GOD IS FOR ME – This can't be just words, this can't just be mental ascent, this has got be etched on your heart

III. Rom8:31-I choose to believe God loves me and is for me no matter what I see or how I feel – He's already proven it

A. 31-There's a boldness, a confidence, a faith that is birthed from this revelation that God is for me

1. AC-If God is for us, who can be against us? Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?

B. 32-He is so much for us He didn't withhold the most precious thing so what makes us think He would withhold anything

C. Rom5:8-God has already proved He loves you and is for you by not sparing Jesus (Commend-Prove, show)

1. God didn't withhold his best from us, but gave him to us and so this proves how much he loves us and is for us
2. Many if something doesn't happen they way they think it should the begin to doubt and question whether or not God is good, whether or not God is for them, whether or not God loves them
 - a. Mark4:38-They accused Jesus of not being for them b/c he's not doing what they think He should
 - b. Luke10:40-Martha accused Jesus of not caring because he wasn't doing what she thought He should
3. Many want God to prove it again and they need to see more stuff before they'll believe He loves me, He's for me
 - a. Even though God's done 100 good things they still need more proof
 - b. If He didn't do another thing for you and everything that could go wrong went wrong you ought to be screaming from the mountain tops God loves me and He is for me; I don't need to see another thing for God to prove it
4. If you question whether or not God loves you/is for you that's a choice you're making and in that state no matter how many things God does for you, the next time something comes up that's not changing you'll question it again
 - a. If you doubt it and question whether or not God loves you and is for you that doesn't mean God needs to prove it more, but it means you need to quit doubting his obvious love for you
 - b. Don't try to make him reprove it and just believe it, because it's a choice
5. In this life there might be some things that don't go the way you thought they would; You don't blame God for the bad thing, you don't question God's love and goodness but you humble yourself and admit that you don't know enough to fill the bottom of a thimble compared to God and you hold to the truth that God loves you and is for you

D. For you to believe that He's not for you or doesn't love is a choice in the wrong direction? It's rebellion and defiance

1. This is why they got in trouble? God had proven a bunch of different ways that He was for them and now this is just being stubborn and unwilling to believe

E. 38-You got to be persuaded and beyond doubt when it comes to God loving you and being for you

1. 1 John 4:16-Known-Aware of, be sure, understand; Believed-Confidence, persuaded, have faith in
2. I believe this about God's ways, He is love; It's His disposition and nature to do good; He desires to promote my prosperity and happiness; It's the disposition of his heart to think favorably of me and do me good with great liberality and relieve me from all distress; He is for me