

## THE HONOR OF GOD

### Is God Fair?

#### I. Questions

##### A. Is God fair? – Psalm 145

1. 1-6-God is a big deal to him (Great is the Lord in importance)
  - a. Should we make a big deal out of God and his things?
  - b. **In an atmosphere where everything is light and casual and informal and no big deal honor is absent**
2. 7-The Lord is abundantly good and he is fair
  - a. 8-Mercy-Goodness, kindness, faithfulness
  - b. 9-He is good to all-He is good to all because gives everybody the opportunity to experience His goodness
3. **17-God is just and holy in all his works; He is fair and good in everything He does**
  - a. **Righteous**-Just, right, correct, fair, fair-minded, equitable, merited, due as just to recompense or reward
  - b. **Holy**-Kind, faithful, godly, to be good, to be kind
4. **God's not treating everybody the same and yet it's fair**
  - a. Is this fair and kind and just that some get these things and others don't? Everybody can get these things, but everybody won't
  - b. 19-He will fulfill the desire of them that honor Him and give them victory; Not everybody gets that treatment
  - c. 20-He will preserve and keep and sustain those that love him; Not everybody is getting that treatment

##### B. Does God treat everybody the same?

1. **Even though God loves everybody, He does not treat everybody the same**
  - a. Matthew 9:35, Mark 6:5-Jesus loved the people in his hometown as much as he did the other people in the other towns, but in his hometown he did no mighty work and everywhere else he went he did do mighty works; So even though he loved them same, they were not treated the same
  - b. Luke 4:25-Is it fair that God sent Elijah to one widow in Sidon and not all these other widows in Israel? Is it fair that God sent Elisha to Naaman the Syrian and not any of the lepers in Israel? Was God just in doing this, was he kind, was he fair? He was and even though he loves them all the same, but not all of them are getting treated the same

- c. 1 Samuel 2:30-He honors those that honor him, but those who don't honor him will be lightly esteemed
- d. Revelation 3:20-He's not coming in and supping with everybody (coming into covenant with everybody)
- e. John 14:21-Jesus said he that has my commandments and keeps them I will manifest myself to them, I will let myself be clearly seen by him and make myself real to him; It did not say that Jesus is doing this for every person and yet Jesus loves everybody; It did not say that Jesus is doing this for every born again person and yet Jesus loves everybody who is born again; He said the people who value my orders enough to attend carefully to them, I'm going to manifest myself to them – That's different treatment and is it fair?

2. **God is just to give everybody the same opportunity, but not everybody gets the same treatment – Is that fair?**

- a. **Just because God loves everybody does not mean that he treats everybody the same; there are those whom he honors more, uses more, gives more to**

C. Should God treat everybody the same?

- 1. 1 Samuel 2:30-Should he honor those who are going to treat His things as insignificant and trivial the same way he honors those who honor him and his things and treat them as precious and holy and regard them with great esteem?
- 2. Revelation 3:20-Should he sup with the one who doesn't even honor him enough to open the door when he knocks as he does the one who honors him and opens the door for him and invites him in?
- 3. Matthew 9:35, Mark 6:5-In his hometown where they dishonored him and distrusted him and disobeyed him and deserted him and denied his authority should he honor them the same way as he does with people who honor him and trust him and obey him and stick with him and submit to his authority?
- 4. John 14:21-Should he manifest himself to the person who doesn't care about what he has said and what he wants done, the same as somebody he regards his orders as priority one and as the most important thing in their lives?
- 5. **If God did treat everybody the same He would be unjust and unfair in doing so**

II. **God is going to give precious things to people who value them**

A. Matt7:6-Don't give precious things to people who won't value them, who don't understand the value of them; is that fair?

- 1. Some people are not going to get the holy and precious and valuable things; Why? Because they don't value them and they won't treat them the way they should be treated, with honor and respect
  - a. **Holy**-Most holy thing, The sacred thing, Hallowed thing, Special, None like it, Precious
  - b. **Dogs**-Impudent man-One who doesn't regard the opinions of others, contempt of other people

- c. **Pearls**-A word of great value
  - d. **Trample**-To treat with insulting neglect, to spurn (reject, snub, slight, despise)
  - e. *Proverbs 23:9-Speak not in the ears of a fool; for he will despise the wisdom of your words*
  - f. *MSG-Don't be flip with the sacred. Banter and silliness give no honor to God. Don't reduce holy mysteries to slogans. In trying to be relevant, you're only being cute and inviting sacrilege.*
2. Dogs don't know what's valuable and what's not valuable so don't giving something precious to them because they won't treat it the way it should be treated; A pig sees no difference in those pearls and the mud he's standing in and if he does then he values the mud more than the pearls and as a result he treats the pearls with insulting neglect and because he too doesn't understand what's valuable and what's not he'll tear a human to pieces
    - a. The problem here is the won't treat these things as holy because what they value or their value system is messed up and they don't understand what's valuable and they don't attach the proper value to the proper things and therefore don't give valuable things, precious things, holy and sacred things to them
  3. **This is a command from Jesus, the head of the church, to not give precious things to people who don't value them; If He commanded us to not do this, then we know He doesn't do it**
    - a. According to Jesus people who don't value these precious things shouldn't have them and won't get them from God; Is that grace? Is that fair?
  4. Luke 4-Elijah and Elisha are men chosen of God, sent by God, anointed of God, called of God, belonging to God, God's messengers and should God send these precious gifts to people who won't value them and respect them?
    - a. With the widows it wasn't an issue of provision, it was an issue of respect; With Naaman it wasn't an issue of healing, it was an issue of respect
    - b. The wisdom of God is precious, should God give it to somebody, who won't value it and won't do it
- B. Mark 4:24-25-If you don't value what you have been given you are in danger of losing it; On the other hand if you do value what's been given to you, then you are in position to receive more
1. There's a reason why one has and the other has not
    - a. *For he that hath*-If he has something it's because God gave it to him and God wouldn't have given it to him if he didn't value it and therefore he has it because he values it
    - b. *For he that hath not*-If he doesn't have something it's because God didn't give it to him and God wouldn't give it to him if he didn't value it and therefor he doesn't have it because he doesn't value it
  2. Why would you give a great measure of thought and study to the truth you hear? Because you value it and if you valued it like that then more is going to be given to you

- a. One of them honored it, valued it and because of that he will get more of it
  - b. The other doesn't honor it and value it and because of that he's not going to have it and along with that he's going to lose the little bit that he does have
3. **If you don't value it, you won't get it because God won't give it to you; Is that fair?**
- a. **In fact what you have been given that you don't value and treat with honor you are in danger of losing; Is that fair?**
  - b. **Thanksgiving is expression of honor, it says Lord I value what you did, I value what you said, I value what you gave me and it positions you to receive more because it shows you appreciate and value and treasure and honor what He has given you**