

THE SEVERITY & GOODNESS OF GOD

God Is Righteous & Just

- I. **God is a God of righteousness and justice**-*Ps97:2*-Righteousness (rightness) and judgment (justice) are the habitation of his throne-*Ps33:5*-He loves righteousness and judgment (judgement)-*Jb37:23*-He is excellent (mighty) in power and in judgment (justice) and in plenty of justice (righteousness)
- A. God is righteous (no wrong in Him)-*Ps116:5*-Gracious is the Lord AND righteous-*Dt32:4*-Without iniquity (wrong); just and right is he
1. Being righteous God will never be okay with wrongness-*Ps11:7*-The righteous Lord loves righteousness-*Ps5:4*-For you are not a God that has pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with you
- B. God is a God of judgment-He rewards righteousness and punishes wickedness-*Ps37:28*-The Lord loves judgment (justice) and forsakes not his saints; they were preserved forever but the wicked shall be cut off-*Nah1:3*-Will not at all acquit the wicked-*Ps58:11*-There is a reward for the righteous...he is a God that judges in the earth
1. His judgments are right-*Ps119:137*-Righteous are you O Lord and upright are thy judgments-*Rv19:2*-True and righteous are his judgments-*Jb8:3*-Does God pervert judgment or doth the Almighty pervert justice
- II. **God is a God of justice (He gives to everyone what is fair)**-*Is45:21*-There is no God else beside me; a just God-*Ps9:8*-**ER**-He judges everyone on earth fairly
- A. Those who obey get a different reward than those who don't; That's fair-*Is3:10*-Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him-*Lm1:16*-For these things I weep...the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate because the enemy prevailed...¹⁸The Lord is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment-*Dn9:14*-The Lord watched upon the evil and brought it upon us...our God is righteous in all his works which he does: for we obeyed not his voice-
- III. **God being loving, kind, gracious doesn't mean He blesses wrongness**
- A. God cannot bless wrongness-To do so is to endorse it and to do that He'd have to stop being righteous, holy, just-*1Sm2:30*-Be it far from me
- B. Many have thought if He's loving He'd bless everybody; That's unjust-Not about earning a blessing, it's about the righteousness and justice of God-*Hb11:6*-Rewarder of them that...seek him
- IV. **God is kind, merciful, gracious, longsuffering and ready to forgive and also He's not okay with wrong and He will judge right and wrong, but He is fair**-*Ps145:17*-The Lord is righteous (fair) in all his ways, and holy (kind) in all his works-*Jr9:24*-Let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord