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## Is God Good?

**“And Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone’” (Mark 10:18 NASB).**

Increasing numbers of people doubt or deny that God is good. We have all encountered people who point to things out of context in Scripture as evidence that God did vengeful, cruel, or sadistic things to people. In doing this, they make God in man’s image—flawed. Others argue that bad things happening in the world are evidence God doesn’t exist, because if He did exist and He was good (as Believers say), then bad things couldn’t happen to “good” people—they forget that the bad things that happen around us are our burden, for *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23), and *“there is none who does good, there is not even one”* (Romans 3:12). The real reason they judge God is to justify themselves, bringing Him down to their level so they can reject Him, just as the Israelites said of Moses, *“who made you a ruler and a judge over us!”* (Acts 7:27)—this they also did to Christ, as men continue to do today. God answers, *“Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty?... Will you really annul My judgment? Will you condemn Me that you may be justified?”* (Job 40:2a, 8) As Paul said, *“Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us”* (Romans 8:24). Amen!

Unfortunately, judging God unfaithful in His character is not limited to unbelievers. Many Christians are not committed to the truth of God's unchanging nature. Many of us have probably felt at one time or another that God did something we don't understand—things some insinuate as cruel, harsh, or judgmental.

The danger is to allow this to develop into questioning God's nature like some who say, “God is no better than man; therefore, I am justified in my behavior.” Others might think, “this verse is so unlike the God I know, so I’ll just ignore it.” These people are condemning God’s character in His Word and in how He works in their lives. We do this because our sin-nature causes us to “judge” good and evil for ourselves, and we invariably fall into the trap of thinking we can judge better than God, but in doing so, we judge Him unfaithful and untruthful, which He cannot be: *“I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD”* (Jeremiah 9:24b). These Christians may not realize that God's unchanging character is so foundational a truth in Scripture that if you don't FULLY believe it, you can't understand the Gospel, for as Paul pointed out, *“God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.) May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world?”* (Romans 3:5-6)

God IS good. He is righteous, just, holy, and merciful, to name a few of His attributes, which are never put on hold, *“for I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed”* (Malachi 3:6). His character is eternal and infinite, not partial or inconsistent. God doesn’t do anything halfway: *“Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it”* (Isaiah 46:11). What God says about His nature in His Word is unquestionable, for *“it is impossible for Him to lie”* (Hebrews 6:18b), and He is unchanging: *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”* (Hebrews 13:8). Believe Him fully. Do not doubt Him in your heart, *“for all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He!”* (Deut. 32:3-5) Amen.

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