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Does God Need To Satisfy Skeptics?

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that He is* a rewarder of those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6 NASB).

Just because *“the world through its wisdom did not come to know God”* (1 Cor. 1:21b), does not mean it is God’s responsibility to defend His existence to their satisfaction. Indeed, He owes man nothing, while man owes Him everything, even existence. Yet, many non-believers feel that God must give them satisfactory proofs of His existence before they will believe. But God has already disproved this assertion, for He gave mankind His Son, Jesus Christ, as proof of His existence— *“No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him”* (John 1:18 NKJV).

Jesus declared God’s reality. God is supernatural (lit. above nature), having created the natural order; therefore, supernatural works belong alone to God. Jesus demonstrated to witnesses that He had intrinsic power over every facet of creation in its fallen state by performing supernatural works of restoration, providing undeniable proof that He was God. He demonstrated His power over the physical universe by calming a raging storm (Luke 8:24), walking on water (Matt. 14:25), replicating food (Matt. 16:9), repairing physical injuries (Matt. 8:6), restoring birth defects (John 9:1-7), and much more (Matt. 11:4-5). He also proved He had power over the unseen creation, by casting out spirits that manipulate and torment man (Matt. 9:32-33). And He had power to restore fallen man to God by forgiving sins (Matt. 9:6). Jesus even demonstrated He had power to bring people back to life. In short, He had power over all things to which man is helplessly subjected by his fallen nature.

Yet the more Jesus demonstrated the reality of God to unbelievers, the more they sought to silence Him. Notice that when Jesus raised a child back to life who had died four hours earlier (Mark 5:41-42), afterwards unbelievers took offense at Him (Mark 6:1-6). So a little later, Jesus raised a man back from death who had been decaying for four days (John 11:43-44), yet those who still did not believe decided they needed to kill Jesus! And when these unbelieving men successfully brought Jesus to death, He demonstrated He had power over death itself. Jesus raised Himself from death and corruption (John 2:19b), transforming His earthly body to a body of eternal life, providing a way for man to escape death, if they believe that He can save them. Now what was the reaction of those who had not believed? Did they believe now? No, they actually paid witnesses to lie about what they had seen and tried to cover up the truth (Matt. 28:11-15)!

Man demands God show Himself, yet when God does just that, man’s reaction is to try and silence God’s testimony and put out the Light of Truth. Was God surprised by this? No, He knew *“men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed”* (John 3:19-20). For this reason, Jesus did NOT come to try and satisfy the skeptics, but rather to offer reconciliation to them through His inevitable death at their hands— *“for if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life”* (Rom. 5:10).

Therefore, be reconciled to God while you may! Cease demanding God satisfy your offended, *“hardened heart”* (Mark 8:17), and instead believe that He IS. Approach God in faith, and He will reveal Himself to you and save your life for all eternity! Even so, Amen.

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