

Lesson 20: God is a Balanced Being

Introduction

We Christians realize that the most important parts of our lives are those that make an impact for eternity. The study of God and his relations to, purposes for, and work within the created universe- Matters! Welcome to our Link Group where we focus on biblical small groups grounded in the teachings of the bible. Our goal is to ground biblical believers and to develop disciples that make disciplines!

God is holy, loving, merciful, faithful, yet just and righteous. Many people today have a lopsided view of God. Some over-emphasize His love and forget that He is just and holy at the same time.

God's love allows Him to forgive sin and show mercy to a repentant sinner.

The holiness and justice of God demand that sin must be punished: Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death."

If God were a mere human being He would be completely frustrated with incompatible emotions.

However God is not a man and these emotions work together in perfect harmony.

To argue that hell is impossible is an unbalanced view of God.

Meditate on God's holiness and wrath against sin. 2 Corinthians 5:11.

The holiness of God demands that we be holy. The law pronounces eternal damnation on the guilty sinner.

God found a way of salvation that satisfied both holiness and love.

This solution satisfied the law and preserved man's free will.

Main Content

I. GOD IS HOLY

God is perfectly holy, pure and hates sin.

Habakkuk 1:13 "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil."

Exodus 15:11 "Glorious in holiness."

1 Samuel 2:2 "There is none holy as the Lord."

Isaiah 6:3 "Holy, holy, holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16 "Be ye holy."

Ephesians 2:13 "Made nigh by the blood of Christ."

Isaiah 53:6 "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

God's holiness demanded punishment for sin, satisfied at the cross.

II. GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4:8 "God is love."

Love is a noun, not just a verb. 1 John 4:7.

Love delights in the welfare of others. Matthew 5:44-45.

God loved the world. John 3:16.

John 16:27 "The Father Himself loveth you."

God shows love by chastening. Hebrews 12:6.

III. GOD IS FAITHFUL

1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful."

Deuteronomy 7:9 "The faithful God."

Faithful means reliable, dependable, and trustworthy.

Psalms 36:5 "Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds."

Psalms 33:4 "All His works are done in truth."

God keeps His promises and never changes.

2 Timothy 2:13 "He abideth faithful."

1 Corinthians 10:13 "God is faithful... make a way to escape."

IV. GOD IS MERCIFUL

Psalms 103:8 "The Lord is merciful."

Deuteronomy 4:31 "A merciful God."

God gives blessings even to the undeserving.

Matthew 5:45 "Sun on the evil and good."

Romans 9:15,18 God's sovereignty in mercy.

Exodus 20:6 "Showing mercy."

Psalms 103:11,17 "From everlasting to everlasting."

Psalms 32:10 "Mercy shall compass him."

Psalms 51:1 "Have mercy upon me."

Repentant sinners rely on God's mercy.

V. GOD IS JUST

Deuteronomy 32:4 "Just and right is He."

Psalms 19:9 "Righteous altogether."

Isaiah 45:21 "A just God and a Savior."

1 Samuel 2:3 "Actions are weighed."

Genesis 18:25 "Shall not the Judge do right?"

God acts in a fair and upright manner.

God will be the final Judge. 1 Kings 8:32.

Conclusion

How can God be loving and holy at the same time?

How can He be merciful and just to sinners?

The answer is Calvary, where wrath and mercy met.

God's love is holy and just, not sentimental.

Study Calvary to understand God's character.

Calvary satisfies God's justice and permits salvation.

Let us bow in true worship before this perfect God.