

BATTLES COME

Numbers 21:1–3

LOW VIEWS OF GOD

a. **THE AVAILABLE GOD:** GOD IS TREATED LIKE A FIRST RESPONDER AND YOUR PRAYERS ARE A 911 CALL. THIS ASSUMES A DUTY-BOUND RELATIONSHIP WHERE GOD OWES YOU A SERVICE WHEN YOU CALL BUT OTHERWISE YOU RARELY ENGAGE WITH HIM.

b. **THE DIGITAL ASSISTANT GOD:** GOD IS LIKE AN ALEXA OR SIRI YOUR PRAYERS ARE LIKE “HEY SIRI, ALEXA.” HE’S NEARBY AND YOU EVEN ENGAGE WITH HIM DAILY, BUT IT IS GENERALLY FOR TRIVIAL MATTERS OR TO PROVE YOU CORRECT ON SOMETHING. THE RELATIONSHIP IS AT BEST ARTIFICIAL.

c. **THE COACHING GOD:** GOD IS LIKE A FOOTBALL COACH, MAY EVEN DIRECT SOME OF YOUR DAILY ROUTINES. YOUR PRAYERS ARE LIKE SIDELINE HUDDLES OR EVEN A LOOK TO THE SIDELINE FOR THE NEXT PLAY, BUT EXECUTION IS COMPLETELY UP TO YOU AFTER ALL YOU ARE THE ONE ON THE FIELD AND THIS COACH NEVER WOULD CONSIDER BENCHING YOU BECAUSE HE NEEDS YOU.

V. EXHORTATIONS

a. BE READY _____ BATTLES COME BY

_____ THE WORD OF GOD

i. [PSALM 119:9-16](#)

b. BE READY TO _____ WHEN BATTLES COME

i. [1 COR 16:13](#)