

Who is `God and What Has He Done?

Intro

- Anointing April
- Deacon Service next week
- Prayer Night
- Explanation
 - Bible is one story that all points to Jesus
 - OT
 - Foreshadow/Prophecy/Types/Shadow
 - NT
 - Reality/Fulfillment/Antitype/Sunshine
 - Deuteronomy
 - Jesus is the Law Giver
 - Jesus is the Greater Moses
 - Jesus is the Greater Priest
 - Jesus fulfills the law
 - Obtains the blessing but receives the curses
- This morning
 - Attributes of God
 - Who is God/What is God like
 - What Has He Done?
 - Who are we?
 - How do we live in light of what he has done?

- Reasoning
 - 20 Chapters
 - Read at home (they are incredible)
 - Some difficult to understand but all amazing
 - Eventually I want to preach for less than an hour
- Pray

- God Is Great 12:1 (Who is God?)

- *These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, ^call the days that you live on the earth.*
 - Law Giver
 - Creator
 - Dictates truth
 - Deserves Obedience
 - Fall
 - Man created upright
 - Man sinned
 - Man deserves condemnation
 - Sinai
 - Pathway to life (garden)
 - God's Power is Revealed in Christ
 - *For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a*

tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

- We are small and created
 - Must obey
 - Created
 - Can't perfectly obey
 - Fall
 - Jesus did obey
 - Great became small. Infinite took on finitude. Word made flesh kept the word of the law.
- We worship
 - Obedience
 - Heart
 - Center of will
 - Soul
 - Who we are
 - Mind
 - Intellect
 - Strength
 - Every aspect of life

- God is Truth 13:1-5

- *“If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, ‘Let us go after other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.*

But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

- God is truth and therefore those who speak for Him must speak truthfully
 - What if what he says comes to pass?
 - If he tells us something against the truth he is not true
- *18:20-22 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.*
 - Not ambiguous
 - God cannot lie. God IS truth. To speak for God is to speak truth. Literally life or death.
- Jesus is TRUTH incarnate
 - The way, the TRUTH, the life
 - Truth made flesh
 - Tells you hard things
 - Tells you things that are hard to believe
- Sinners and Saints
 - Truth cuts deep
 - Truth soothes
- We pursue truth
 - Personally
 - Corporately
 - Biblically

- Specifically
 - Prophets
 - “To tell forth” not CLAIRVOYANCE
 - No longer say “thus says the lord,” He already gave his final word in Jesus and through Jesus in the Scriptures
 - Careful to claim something from being of God
 - Test the spirits
 - Test and approve
 - Extra revelation is measured by Scripture, never on the same page
 - Repent if what we “prophesy” fails to pass
 - Publicly if public

- **God is Holy 14:1-2**

- **14** “You are the sons of the Lord your God. You shall not cut yourselves or make any baldness on your foreheads for the dead. ²For you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.
- Describe Holy
 - Set apart/commanding respect/awesome/consecrated/not common/ absolute
 - Nothing and no-one is like him
- Found in his Law
 - Burning Bush
 - End of Exodus and Leviticus
 - Increasing degrees of Holiness
 - Sin is everything Holiness isn’t
 - Sheets illustration
 - Perfection of the law flows from His character

- Perfect obedience to this law therefore would be perfect holiness
- Found in the perfection of Jesus
 - John 1:14–18 (ESV)
 - *14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.' ") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*
 - Not in contradiction to (I have not come to abolish but to fulfill)
 - Law was give ,Grace Came. Grace and holiness of the law is <Jesus
- We are unclean
 - Fall
 - Sinful acts don't make us sinners, we are sinners so we sin
 - A corrupt tree bears corrupt fruit/vice versa
 - Dead in our trespasses
 - Sin leads to death, death spreads to all men for all have sinned
 - Through Jesus we are made clean
 - Raised to life. Made clean. Turned from a bad tree into a good tree
- We pursue holiness
 - Now we must
 - Abide in me and I you. We are the vine ,he is the branches. Fruit of the Spirit.
 - Now we can
 - Let sin no longer reign in your mortal bodies. We are no longer slaves to sin but slaves to righteousness.
 - Now we get to
 - We are ambassadors for Christ

- Faith and works in James

- God is Giver 15:1-6

Deuteronomy 15:1–6 (ESV)

- **15** “At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release. ² And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release what he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, his brother, because the Lord’s release has been proclaimed. ³ Of a foreigner you may exact it, but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. ⁴ But there will be no poor among you; for the Lord will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess— ⁵ if only you will strictly obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today. ⁶ For the Lord your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.
- Sabbath made for man not man for the Sabbath
 - We are human beings not human doings
 - We have to be told to and how to rest
 - Sabbath flows out of His nature
- We have received what we need in the Law
 - Set before us is blessing and cursing
 - Works like a mirror
 - *Galatians 3:21–24 (ESV)²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.*
 - Romans 8:3–5 (ESV)³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for

sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

- Good and gracious thing
- We have received even more in Christ
 - *Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV)*¹⁵ *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*
- We hold on to things with empty hands
 - Stewardship
 - He faithfully stewarded His life as a ransom and sacrifice for us
 - All things
 - Money/family/things/time/

- God is Redeemer 16:1

- *Deuteronomy 16:1 (ESV)* **16** *“Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night.*
- Exodus/Gospel
 - Model of redemption
 - *Isaiah 43:16–19 (ESV)*¹⁶ *Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;*

*they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I
am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a
way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

- We are free
- Do not submit to unrighteousness
- **God is Sovereign 16:9,13**
 - History, ultimately the Gospel
 - Safe
 - We can rest
- **God is Just 16:8-20**
 - Just and Justifier in the Cross
 - We are declared righteous though we were guilty
 - We live just lives
- **God is Merciful 19:1-3**
 - Cities/Person of Refuge
 - Safe and Secure though deserving of retribution
 - Mercy

- **God is Faithful (Same yesterday ,today ,tomorrow)**

- *Deuteronomy 17:14–16 (ESV)¹⁴ "When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' ¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.'*
 - King

- 18:15-22 (New Prophet)

- *“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.*

- 21:22-23 (Cursed on a tree) Priest

- *“And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.*
- Who are we
 - Blessed/Royalty/Redeemed/Rescued/Purified/Holy/
- How do we live in light of these promises?
 - By faith in the Son of God
 - By the Spirit
 - By the Word
 - Through prayer
 - Through the church
 - Through discipline
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