

REVEALING GOD AS FATHER

Everything Good & Perfect Comes From the Father

James 1:17

INTRODUCTION:

James 1:17a NLT: **Whatever is GOOD and PERFECT is a gift coming down to us from God our Father...**

We Serve a **GOOD** and Caring God!

Isn't it disturbing when someone *slanders* your character? When they paint a Picture of you that is not *flattering* or *accurate!* When they say boldface *lies* about you?

Or worst yet, when they are *Disingenuous* with you and spread inaccuracies about the sincerity of your motives.

Imagine how God must feel! He is by far the most Slandered, Lied about and certainly His motives have been Questioned and Misinterpreted, Mischaracterized with Falsities and Dishonesties!

But let me set the record straight...

Cause I'm here today Representing for the Defense of the **GOODNESS** of God, in the Court of Public Opinion!

I. WE SERVE A **GOOD & CARING GOD!**

God is **GOOD** and it's not a Cliché, it's not a feel-good phrase, it's a REALITY!

- **Psa 119:68** God Is **GOOD** and Does **GOOD**...
- **Psa 86:5** the Lord is **GOOD** ready to forgive and plentiful in mercy...
- **Psa 34:8** Taste and See that the Lord is **GOOD**...
- **Rom 2:4** refers to the Riches of His **GOODNESS**...
- **Mar 10:18** Jesus said **there is none GOOD but God.**

Psa 25:8; Nah 1:7; Psa 145:9; Psa 100:5; Psa 135:3;

- A. The **Scriptures** are saturated with the discussion of His **GOODNESS**, Kindness, Tenderness and Mercy!

LISTEN: We Serve a GOOD and Caring God!

- B. But the World, Culture, Governments, Politics, Religion, Comedians and sadly even Preachers; go out of their way, some knowingly and others unknowingly to portray God as something other than **GOOD!**

II. THIS **MISCHARACTERIZATION** OF GOD IS WIDESPREAD...

No one enjoys more to Mischaracterize wrongly describe God, than satan! The god of this world is behind every Misrepresentation and Mischaracterization of our God.

- A. There is this creepy sinister evil pleasure that the devil feeds on when He Insults the Character of God before us...
And In the process, he succeeds in Defaming slandering the Holy Reputation of God in our *Minds!*
1. This description that God does us wrong and brings misery and all the bad in our lives comes straight from the pit of hell. Nothing could be further from the Truth
- B. This fact should come as no surprise, since from the beginning he has been Misrepresenting God. He started with Eve [Gen 3:5](#) and has not stop since then.
1. There is no Love lost between satan and God. He satan, will do all that is within his reach to depict God as the MONSTER that in reality, satan is!
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2. He, is named in the Holy **Scriptures** as the “devil” [diabolos 1228](#), meaning "an *Accuser*, a *Slanderer*" Vines.
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- a. Has lived up to his name for he *Accuses* and *Slanders* Us to God [Rev 12:10](#) and he *Accuses* and *Slanderers* God to Us [Gen 3:5](#) !

3. The devil is a Master in making the sad, hurtful, bad events in our lives Appear in our *Mind*, as if God is behind it.

III. THE MISSION ~ THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD...

I believe this is one of the Objectives of, Jesus Mission, was to reveal God to humanity as a **FATHER!**

Jesus took every opportunity to present God as a **FATHER**,
not just by the Term but by His *Actions!*

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to Pray, Jesus started by saying...

Mat 6:9 ... OUR FATHER, who is in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name. MKJV

A. Jesus refers to God as **FATHER**, “Sixty-five (65) times in the Gospels”. This was His most preferred expression to describe and address God. Baker's Bible Dictionary

1. What is interesting is the word **FATHER** was seldomly used in reference to God in the **OT**, only 15 times vs. 165 times **1,000%** in **NT**.

B. Jesus using **FATHER**, in reference to God, was so Radical in His day, that the Jews sought to Kill Him because they understood this to mean Jesus was making Himself equal with God **Jn 5:17-18**.

1. Jesus was so intent in Revealing God as a Father... that He told Philip and His disciples in response to a question,

... **Whoever has Seen Me has seen the Father...** **Jn 14:9** ESV

- a. In other words, What I **Say** and **Do**, Reveals the FATHER'S Heart and *Actions* towards you!

IV. THE ACTIONS OF JESUS REVEALS THE FATHER'S HEART

One of the most telling verse's about Jesus life is...

Act 10:38 how God Anointed

Jesus of Nazareth with *the* Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about **DOING GOOD**, and Healing ALL those who were Oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him. MKJV

- A. Jesus never did anything that was not **GOOD!** The *Scriptures* teach **He went about DOING GOOD!**
Notice not the Bad, the Evil, not causing Pain, Suffering or Misery... BUT **DOING GOOD!** Not Talking but DOING!

1. **GOOD** – 2109 **εὐεργετέω; euergetéō**; to do that which is good and beneficial to someone Louw & Nida.
To be Beneficent MOUNCE – to be generous in well doing, to promote the best interest of another.

2. This is exactly what Jesus did throughout His entire life.

Mat 4:23 And he went Throughout All Galilee, **teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom** and Healing *Every Disease and Every Affliction among the people.*

24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him *All the Sick, those Afflicted with Various Diseases and Pains, those Oppressed by demons, those having Seizures, and Paralytics, and He Healed them.* ESV

Mat 9:35 And Jesus went Throughout All the Cities and Villages, **teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom** and Healing *Every Disease and Every Affliction.* ESV

3. Everywhere Jesus went, He only did what was **GOOD!** He was generous in well doing! Always promoting the best interest of the people!

4. In His *Actions*, He was exhibiting **Father God's** Heart towards US!
Remember Jesus said:

Joh 5:19 “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but **ONLY** what he Sees the Father Doing. For whatever the Father Does, **that the Son Does likewise.** ESV

Act 10:38, not only Reveals the **GOODNESS** of our **Father God** is but it also Reveals the Nastiness and the Cruelty of our Enemy.

... **Those who were** OPPRESSED **BY** the Devil, **for God was with Him.** MKJV

B. Oppressed – 2616 **καταδυναστεύω; katadunasteúō**: to overpower or exercise hard control over one **DAKE**.

1. The Dictionary says to be Oppressed is to be treated severely or cruelly. To be Victimized!
2. Observe the one doing the Oppressing is the devil. The one bringing the misery and the grief in your life is the devil not God!

a. Luk 13:16 **And** OUGHT NOT **this woman**, being a daughter of Abraham, **whom** Satan has bound, **lo these** eighteen years, be loosened **from** this bond **on the Sabbath day?**

1) **OUGHT** – 1163 **δεῖ, deí**; is necessary, its right and proper ws. *one must, it is proper to* ¹

★ This reveals the Heart of **Father God**.

2) Whatever your 'Bound' to today, the Heart of **Father God** is to Un-Tie You from your situation!

b. Never blame God for the bad or evil that may come your way, for **Father God** is **not** behind it!

V. **THE devil IS A LIAR... Jn 8:44**

*** One of the biggest deceptions upon humanity is the belief that *Misery* and the *Grief* they are *Experiencing* comes from God, when in reality it's coming from the devil who is the OPPRESSOR...

This verse tells us precisely that the devil is Your OPPRESSOR...
God is not your Oppressor He is your **DELIVERER!**

Father God will never Harm you; HE will ONLY Do You **GOOD!**

He Tells us **SURELY GOODNESS** and Mercy shall follow You... **Psa 23:6**

A. Jas 1:13 Let NO One Say

when he is TEMPTED, “I am being Tempted by God,”
for God CANNOT be Tempted with EVIL, and he Himself TEMPTS
NO ONE. ESV

Psa 5:4 For You *are* not a God *that* enjoys wickedness; nor shall
evil dwell with You. MKJV

1. **Let NO One Say** ⇒ If you have said / spoken what this verse is
saying, then **STOP!** Bite your Tongue! Tighten up your Mouth!

2. **When he is** TEMPTED – 3985 **πειράζω; peirázō;**

- To test one’s virtue in an attempt to solicit you to sin ws.
- To put to the test, examination, to learn the nature or
character of someone Louw & Nida.

a. First of all, **Father God** will NEVER Solicit Attempt, Try you to sin! It is
CONTRARY Reverse, Opposite, Antithesis to Everything that HE Is.

b. Secondly, **Father God** does not need to put you to the Test, to learn the
nature or character of your Faith, **Since** HE is the Author and Finisher
of your Faith.

Heb 12:2a looking to Jesus the Author and Finisher of
our Faith...

1) So, tell me what Author do you know that doesn’t know the
end of their book?

✚ **Father God** knows your **End** and **Beginning**, He doesn’t
have to figure it out **Is 46:10.**

3. So NEVER Say “I am being Tempted by God,” for God CANNOT be Tempted with EVIL, and he Himself TEMPTS NO ONE. **Jas 1:13** ESV

a. God cannot be Tempted **BY** Evil to **DO** You Evil! No way, No how! There is NOTHING In **Father God**, (that would lead Him) to **DO** you Wrong!

VI. DO NOT BE **DECEIVED**...

Jas 1:16 Do not be Deceived, my beloved brothers. ESV

Deceived – 4105 **πλανᾶω**, **planáō**; To deceive, to err, misled, be mistaken, form a wrong judgment ws.

A. Don't be Tricked, Fooled, Mislead in thinking that God is behind your Temptation or Trial.

1. Evil temptations come from an evil devil, not from a **GOOD** GOD!

B. **KNOW**, Whatever is **GOOD** and **PERFECT** is a gift coming down to us from **God our Father**... **James 1:17a** NLT:

a. My personal filter is this verse... If it's not **GOOD** or **PERFECT**, then it's NOT coming from **God my Father**!

For He only knows how to give what is **GOOD** or **PERFECT**!
Therefore, I REFUSE to receive anything less than Father God's BEST!

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

CLOSING...

Mat 7:9 Would any of you who are **Fathers** Give Your Son a stone when he asks for bread? **10** Or would you Give him a snake when he asks for a fish?

11 As Bad as you are, You Know How to Give **GOOD** Things to your children.
How Much More, then, will your Father in heaven Give GOOD Things to those who ask Him! GNB

Rom 8:32 He that Spared Not his own Son, but Delivered him up for us all, How Shall He Not with him Also Freely Give Us all things? KJV

We Serve a GOOD and Caring God!

¹ [A Greek-English Lexicon of the Septuagint : Revised Edition](#). Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft: Stuttgart.

EXTRA NOTES

IS GOD BEHIND YOUR TRIAL, TESTING, TEMPTATION?

IF you believe God is behind your Trial, Testing or Temptation, How can you have Faith to Overcome your trial?

Let's think this through. This is where **Human Logic** Thinking and **Scriptural Sense** God's Thoughts often collide.

We all recognize there is such a thing as Common Sense ~ in the Natural.
In the same manner there is Scriptural Sense ~ in the Spiritual.

For instance, if you think *Human Logic* that your sickness has been sent from God to teach you, mature or to punish you; how can you fight against a sickness, you think God has put upon you?

This type of **Human Logic** Thinking is in CONFLICT with **Scriptural Sensibility!**
Human Logic ≠ Scriptural Sense

1Pe 2:24 He **himself Bore** our sins **in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.** By His *Wounds* you have been *Healed*.

For instance, if you think *Human Logic* that God will intentionally put you in a Mess. Why would God put you in a MESS ~ Trial, Testing or Temptation when in fact, He is the one wanting to TAKE YOU OUT from that MESS!

Human Logic ≠ Scriptural Sense

1Co 10:13 No Temptation **has taken you but *what is*** common to man; **but God is Faithful, who will** not allow you **to be Tempted above what you are able, but with the Temptation also will** Make a way to Escape, **so that you may be able to bear it.** MKJV

2Pe 2:9a *The Lord* Knows How to DELIVER **the godly out of** Temptation, MKJV

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Human Logic ≠ Scriptural Sense

JESUS KNOWS WHAT ITS LIKE TO GO THROUGH TEMPTATIONS, TRIALS, TESTED

- **Luk 4:13** And when the devil had ended Every Temptation, he departed from him for a Time. MKJV
- **Luk 22:28** You are those who have continued with Me in My Trials. MKJV
- **Heb 2:18** For because HE himself has suffered when Tempted, HE is able to Help those who are being Tempted. MKJV
- **Heb 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been Tempted In ALL Things as *we are, yet* without sin. NAS95

Two (2) SOURCES OF TEMPTATION:

1. SELF –drawn away by our lower animalistic nature
 - *Jas 1:14; Mar 7:21-22; Rom 6:12; Heb 3:13.
2. Devil – Traps, schemes
 - *Mat 4:3, 1Co 7:5, 2Co 2:11; 2Co 11:2; 2Co 11:3; 1Thes 3:5;

SO HOW DOES GOD DISCIPLINE AND CORRECT US?

Rev 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove¹⁶⁵¹ and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Does He do it by way of Calamity, Misery, Suffering or by way of some Destructive manner?

Are these the instruments of Discipline, Instruction and Correction, that

God uses to make us better?

Three (3) ways God Disciplines and Corrects us

1. God Disciplines and Corrects us By the **Holy Spirit's** CONVICTION ...

Joh 16:8 – Joh 8:9

2. God Disciplines and Corrects us By **SCRIPTURE**...

2Ti 3:16 – Heb 4:12

3. God Disciplines and Corrects us By allowing us to **REAP** what we Sow... **Gal 6:7**

Jer 2:19 Job 4:8, Psa 107:17, *Pro 1:31; *Pro 5:22

Rev 2:21 – Time to Repent