

Thinking That God Is Like Man Psalm 50:16-23

Man Thinks He Can Hide From God

Man hides from man - David hid from Saul **1Samuel 19ff**

1Samuel 23:14 *David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph And Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.*

Jesus hid from the people

John 12:36 *"While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light " These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.*

Thinks he can hide from God - Jonah; Adam & Eve

Jeremiah 23:24 *"Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the Lord "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the Lord.*

Psalm 33:14-15 *The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.*

Man cannot run away from his responsibility to God **Psalm 139**

Man Thinks He Can Deceive God.

Man deceives man - Laban deceived Jacob; Gehazi & Elisha **2Kings 5:20-27**

Many deceive with false doctrine

1Timothy 4:1 *But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,*

1John 4:1 *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

2Timothy 3:13 *But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

Thinks he can deceive God - Ananias & Sapphira **Acts 5:1-10**

2Kings 5:25-26 *But he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you, when the man turned from his chariot to meet you?"*

Job 5:13 *He captures the wise by their own shrewdness, And the advice of the cunning is quickly thwarted.*

Galatians 6:7 *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.*

We only deceive ourselves when we try to deceive the Lord.

Man Thinks He Can Bribe God

Man can be bribed into approval

1Samuel 8:3 *Samuel's sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice.*

Matthew 28:12-15 *And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' ...And they took the money and did as they had been instructed...*

Titus 1:10-11 *For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.*

Thinks he can bribe God by giving a little, & occasionally going to church.

Matthew 23:23-28 *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

Matthew 15:7-9 *"You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'"*

John 4:23-24 *But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.*

We cannot bribe God.

Man Thinks God Thinks Lightly Of Sin

Man thinks sin is not so terrible - People think very little of getting drunk, stealing, missing church, lying about brethren, hating a brother

Think God feels same way

1John 3:4-9 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Hebrews 2:2-3 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

God does not think so lightly of sin as does man.

Man Thinks God Considers One Religion As Good As Another

Man thinks one religion is as good as another

"we are all going to heaven, we're just going in different ways."

"Join the church of your choice"; "The church does not save you"

We have freedom of religion in America

America also has legalized liquor & gambling - the Bible does not

Thinks God considers one religion as good as another.

Matthew 15:13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted.

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

1Corinthians 12:20 But now there are many members, but one body.

Ephesians 1:22-23 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

1Corinthians 14:33 for God is not a God of confusion but of peace,

God does not think that one church is as good as another.

Man Thinks God Is Slack In His Word

Man is slack in his word.

Parents to children; Need for credit checks & background checks

Thinks God is slack in his word. - Naaman; the walls of Jerecho

2Kings 5:14 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean.

Joshua 6:20 So the people shouted, and priests blew the trumpets; and when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a great shout and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they took the city.

God renders due punishment to disobedient - Adam & Eve; Uzzah **2Samuel 6**

2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Mark 16:16 He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

God is not slack

Conclusion

Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

We must follow God rather than our thoughts.