



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

God is NOT like us! We were created in His image but He is not like us. Too many are making God like the human flesh and blood. It parades before our eyes as people use 'human' means to apply to the nature of God. That's why all the different ideas about worship to the Lord God have come into existence because God is being made like us. We parade ourselves into our worship, glorying in us, calling attention to us, focusing on us while using His name and word to back our thinking. That is making God like us! The Hebrew writer reveals the destruction of God's people was because they did not know His ways: ***"Therefore I was angry with this generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they did not know My ways.'"*** (Hebrews 3:10/Psalm 95:10) We need to seek Him on His terms to know His ways. God is NOT like us!

The Psalmist asked the right question: ***"O Lord God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You."*** (Psalm 89:8) Why do we seem bent to make God like us? The holy, majestic, awesome, glorious and righteous God should draw us to Him in reverence and awe! ***"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"*** (Numbers 23:19) Those were the words spoken by Balaam. God is NOT like us!

How do we the created from dust, weak, failing and stumbling, lacking in our understanding come to know the Almighty? How can we approach His holiness and majesty? That's the grandeur about Jehovah God! He revealed Himself in Jesus and continues to reveal Himself through His word. It's not our word. All Scripture is 'God breathed'. His word passed from His heart to pen and paper. If we would revere Him and listen carefully to Him, learning how He operates and deals with man in their unrighteousness while holding to His righteousness, it would change our ideas of who He is. God is NOT like us!

The Almighty Creator, the Holy Father brought us into a relationship with Himself in and through Jesus Christ, His Son. Jesus explained God by coming to our planet (John 1:18). You look at Jesus and you will see the eternal Father. And what is our God trying to do in us? To conform, mold, imprint the image of Jesus on our lives. (Romans 8:29) God is trying to make us like His Son! Each day we should be more and more like Jesus who is God. It is simply amazing that His Son, the exact representation of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3) never changes. ***"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*** (Hebrews 13:8) God does not change. Jesus does not change. That gives us great hope and an anchor for our souls. It gives us stability in our unstable world knowing that no matter what happens, we can depend on His unchanging nature. Learn to trust His living word. Stand firmly on His promises knowing He wants us with Him. Don't make Him like us and stop letting those around influence you to making Him like us. Keep the Lord Jehovah in His proper place knowing He alone holds your life and your destiny in His hand. Show reverence in your life and lifestyle choices toward your Maker. Show reverence in your worship and not make it casual like man wants to be. Remember, God is NOT like us! Think about it!!!

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