

Behold Your God- 2

What view do you have of God? Where is it from?

- All have formulated a concept of God in our minds.
- What you have heard from others, you fabricated, God's Word.

Isa. 40:9-11

- Get up on a high mountain & lift up your voice with strength & shout.
- Behold your God!
 - ”behold”- fix your eyes on, see w/ attention & care.
 - ”your”- shows personal, closeness.
- Isaiah is writing to people in captivity- oppressed, dim future.
- America & christianity today.
- Enemy is gaining ground. Future is dim.

As we fix our eyes upon God we see...

I. Behold Your God is Strong (10)

1. Christ came first as a lamb to the slaughter. **Isa. 53:6-7**
 - Gentle, quiet, allowing men to push around.
2. Christ is coming again in power & might. **Rev. 19:11-21**
 - Too strong to be withstood, even all the power of hell.
 - Coming to rule & reign as king. **Phil. 2:9-11**
3. In His strength He will execute the wrath of Almighty God.
 - Rev. 19:15**
 - What do you think about the wrath of God?*
 - What about His love? How do you reconcile the 2?*
 - ”Wrath”- God's holy & just anger or displeasure against sin. **Rom. 1:18**
 - Sin must be punished.
 - Will a loving God send people to hell?*
(Good Judge illustration)
 - Condemned already- **Jn. 3:16-18**
 - God must execute justice- must have J.C.

4. You cannot separate the wrath, justice, & love of God.
 - Choose 1 quality & remove 1 you don't like creates an idol in your mind.
 - Have to accept all attributes together- can't pick & choose.
5. "His reward" God will recompense to all according to their work.
 - Judgment Seat- White throne.
6. He came to do God's will.

II. Behold Your God is Gentle (11)

1. The God of wrath is also a Gentle shepherd.
 - Jesus Christ is referred to as:
 - Shepherd & bishop of our souls. I Pet. 2:25
 - Chief Shepherd. I Pet. 5:4
 - The good shepherd. John 10:1-14
2. Job of a shepherd.
 - Feed through God's Word.
 - Care & lead the weak & young believers.
 - Protect from the enemy.
3. Does it gently- softly, tenderly, w/o violence.
 - Leads us hardhearted, heard headed, faithless sheep.

Conclusion

-Contrast- Power & wrath of God w/ gentleness, love & compassion.

II Pet. 3:9 promise- wrath/ longsuffering- gentle

- The wrath of God is just as real as the love of God.
- Can't remove either one.
- You must have Christ to remove the wrath of God-.
- Condemned already.

Application

Behold you God....Get to know all about who He is.

- Get the right concept of Him in your mind.