

The Unpredictability of God

Isaiah 55:1-9

There are many characteristics about God that are very predictable:

1. Omnipotence of God

There are some things God cannot do:

- a. He cannot entertain iniquity. Habakkuk 1:13
- b. He cannot lie. Hebrews 6:18
- c. He never tempts man to do evil. James 1:13
- d. God is Almighty. Genesis 17:1; Revelation 19:6
- e. God is not limited by any power in Heaven and Earth. Jeremiah 32:27, 17; Matthew 27:18; Luke 1:37; Isaiah 46:9, 10

2. Omniscience of God

God knows our very thoughts. Job 42:2; Hebrews 4:13

2. Omnipresence of God

Psalm 139:7-14; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 23:23, 24

3. Immutability of God

James 1:17; Malachi 3:6; Genesis 18:25; Hebrews 13:8

I. GOD OFTEN TALKS IN UNANTICIPATED WAYS

- a. God spoke to Samuel. I Samuel 3:1-10
- b. God spoke to Joseph. Genesis 50:20
In every way, Joseph did right. All through Joseph's life, God was speaking.
 1. Response to sin was fear.
 2. Response to circumstances was faith.
 3. Response to people was forgiveness.
- c. God spoke to Elijah. I Kings 19: 9-13

II. GOD DOESN'T SEE US FOR WHO WE ARE, BUT FOR WHAT WE CAN BECOME THROUGH HIM.

- a. Gideon was seen for what he would become. He was not defined by his times of weakness. Judges 6:11, 12
- b. David was seen as a shepherd boy by men, but God saw him as a shepherd king.
I Samuel 16:7

III. GOD USES US ONLY AFTER WE FAIL AT DOING WHAT WE DO THE BEST

- a. Peter failed as a fisherman before he became one of the greatest fishers of men.

Luke 5:1-11; John 21:5-11

- b. Peter's verbal journey illustrates God's power to override man's flaws.

Matthew 16:13-17; Matthew 16:21-23

Mark 14:26-31; Matthew 26:69-75; John 21:15-17; Acts 2:14, 38-41

- c. Moses was a great leader and failed before God made him the leader of the people of Israel.

Acts 7: 20-30. Compare Exodus 4:10-12.

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