



THE GOD OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

Lately I have been hearing theologians discuss that the differences between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament as if they were two different Gods! Some have even discussed that there are discrepancies in the Bible. These theologians are spreading lies and falsehoods about the Bible. There are no discrepancies in the Bible! There is no difference between the God of the Old Testament and the New Testament!

The argument that I have heard recently is that the God of the Old Testament is a God of judgment while Jesus Christ is a God of love thus making them as two separate deities instead of one single deity.

The God of the Old Testament is a God of justice, love, judgment just as Jesus Christ is in the New Testament. Let me give you several examples displaying each attribute.

Genesis 6:5-22

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and

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thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Here we see all three attributes of God: love, justice, and judgment. God provided a method of salvation for those who wanted it because he loved his creation. Those who wanted to live in sin while rejecting the precepts of God faced the justice of God. They were responsible for their own actions. Thus they were facing God's justice and judgment. When they chose to rebel against God, they sealed their own demise!

Today's world has chosen to live in sin and face the judgment.

Romans 1:17-32

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being un-

derstood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

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31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 2:1-11

1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to

the Gentile:

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Many have preached Romans 1:17 without any mention of the following verses. It is great to talk about the grace of God, but we need to talk about the wrath of God at the same time just like Paul did. When you read Genesis and Romans, the love, justice, and judgment are the same. In both the Lord showed his love via a method of salvation, his justice, and finally the judgment of the guilty.

God's love does not take away his justice and judgment. Those who hate and despise God and his saints will face the wrath, justice and judgment of God. God always makes a way of salvation to those who want to be saved. Those who do not desire salvation God will not force into heaven. Those who love Satan and sin will burn with Satan in the lake of fire.

If you want to be redeemed by the blood of the lamb, then here is your opportunity to repent and turn from your wicked ways. You do not have to face Satan's judgment! Just because Jesus loves you does not mean that justice was thrown out of the window! If you reject Jesus' love, you will accept Jesus' wrath!

The choice is yours! Today is the day to choose to come to the Lord's side by turning from your wicked ways and seek the forgiveness of God by repentance.

Joshua 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

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You must choose to serve the Lord! The choice will not be made for you. You can choose to serve the Lord or you can choose to continue living in sin. God will never force you to live in righteousness. It is your choice and decision. If you choose to continue enjoying the pleasures of sin, you will also face the consequences of your choice!

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