

GOD IS "ALL GOOD"

"O, taste and see that the Lord is good." (Ps. 34:8)
A key to unlocking the scriptures and pleasing God is to know that all of God's actions are all good.

My wife was teaching our four year old granddaughter a Bible lesson based on Psalm 92:15 that there is no unrighteousness in Him (God). She told her that God is all good. Furthermore, another lesson was "in Christ we are all new", based on 2 Corinthians 5:17. Our granddaughter asked for the Bible, turned to a place and pretended to read and said, "God is all good." Then she turned to another place and said "in Christ, all new." She said "the end" and closed the Bible. That about sums it up! We adults can learn from Bible lessons to four year olds.

No matter what it looks like, God is all good. In James 1:17 we learn that every good and perfect gift is from God and there is no shadow of turning in God. There is no darkness in God and His gifts whatsoever.

There are only two sides: (1) steal, kill, and destroy, and (2) life and abundance (John 10:10). If something differs from God's will it has hidden in it steal, kill, and destroy. That is why a sin is sin. It has steal, kill, and destroy in it for the one doing it and defiles others. God's ways are all good and have no bad side-effects.

Whenever you read a scripture where you know the world would cry their fabled outcry "mean spirited." Have great peace that it is yet another attempt to call

good evil, and evil good (Is. 5:20). Stay resolute that God is all good and with proper understanding you will be able to see it in the scripture being looked at. Pray to receive that understanding.

Let me illustrate with John 15:2, 6. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes, that it may bear more fruit...If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire and they are burned."

Some may want to criticize God that he is harsh or mean for doing this...but no, GOD IS ALL GOOD. So you praise God for the goodness of His will in this matter; praise God that He is all good, then pray for understanding.

Here is understanding that came to me through getting some understanding of 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. There are gifts given by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is Lord of the ministries. God's part is that He works or energizes all in all. Now back to John 15:2,6 with this understanding.

Here is a branch using up God's divine energy for self alone and is not using that energy to produce God pleasing fruit that is all good, no side-effects. That sapping of God's energy for useless purposes is eliminated. Now God's energy is exclusively for the fruitful who produce all good things that bless self and others.

This John 15:2,6 understanding also unlocks understanding that it is all good of God to take away

from the unprofitable servant in Matthew 25 and give to the profitable servant (profitable=fruitful=prospering). If you are not profitable, then generally someone who is profitable will have to take care of you.

This was an illustration of how your faith in God as all good helps you understand Bible passages.

So deep faith that God is all good gives you all good help. If someone criticizes God as not being good for such and such reason, first praise God that He is all good, then praise God that the critic is not God, because critic's teachings have steal, kill, and destroy, harming self and others in it (lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled [in Heb. 12:15]). God's teachings are all good helping others and self.