

## SOMETHING GOD DOES NOT KNOW

Is. 44:8 *Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God [Rock]; I know not any.*

When you are trying to have a conversation about God with an unbeliever, one of the biggest hurdles to get over is how they want to tell you what they believe about Him. Most often, it has no resemblance to how the Bible teaches. Instead, they usually give you their opinions based upon how they are willing to perceive Him.

It follows then, that what you believe about God determines your behaviour, - your attitudes, conduct, lifestyle, etc. If you believe He has little or no control over you and you are not answerable to Him, or if you believe He will work-in with your pattern of life, the consequence is you will live as you choose. At the other end of the spectrum are those who have a dreadful fear of a terrible, wrathful God, devoid of mercy or grace, and looking for a way to punish you.

Therefore, it is a valid question, “who is God?” Philosophers philosophise about Him. Atheists spending time and effort to deny He exists. Religion categorises Him into their formulae. ... Therefore, it *is* a valid enquiry, “who is God?”

As Christians we believe God is incomparable. He has no equal, He is preeminent. He is unequalled. He is exceptional. There is none other like Him! He is omnipotent. He is omnipresent. He is omniscient for we believe He knows everything. However, by His own admission, there *is* one thing He *does not* know! ... Here is what it is, He asked the question, Is. 44:8 *Is there a God beside me?* ... and then He quickly answered, *yea, there is no God; I know not any.* ... He does not know any other God for there is no other God apart from Him!

In the prophecy of Isaiah God announced how He was working His purposes among the nations, including Israel and Judah. ... Does He continue to working out His purposes, even today, ... among the nations? I believe, most certainly, He does for He is not an absentee God ... sitting in the clouds, having given up on us! It is interesting when you ask people who never give God a thought what they think of Him ... Very often, in a denigrating manner, they reply to your question with a question of their own, “If there is a God, what is He doing?” ... If He is there, what is He doing about the fires in Australia? ... What is He doing about the world’s climate getting warmer? ... Do you know what they are doing? Rev. 16 describes a scene in the future when all types of disasters will plague the world, and here is the people’s response, Rev. 16:9 *And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. ... 10 ... and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And*

blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds ... <sup>21</sup> ... and men blasphemed God

You don't hear people asking where Allah is, and what He is doing about it all ... I have yet to hear of Allah being blamed for what is happening in the world. Neither have I heard of Krishna or Buddha getting the blame ... but it's always God's fault ... so say even the people who would argue against His existence!

We live in a complicated world ... made all-the-more complicated because God's name is dishonoured ... He is not recognised for Who He is. Humanity is intent on finding its own way through the world's turmoil, but the evidence shows efforts are increasingly adrift and off-course. ... And, when we dare draw God into the conversation, He is unrecognisable for the world's notion of God has no solid foundation ... and where the foundation is faulty, the construction is fickle ... and confusion reigns because God's truth is abandoned.

Let's get ourselves out of the doldrums ... The Bible speaks about God as a Person. However, He is not a person in the same sense as a human being, for Jesus explained to the woman of Samaria *God is a Spirit (Jn. 4:24 ... And previously, when Jesus had been speaking to one of the most religious Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, He explained about how a spirit does not have any human features. You cannot see a spirit, Jn. 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth ... That is how the Spirit operates ... and God is a Spirit, but to help us understand, He presents Himself in the Bible as a Person, and in this sense ...*

**HIS PERSON HAS NO EQUAL** He is holy. He has a majesty with which none other compares. He is thoroughly righteous, - there is not the remotest inkling of corruption in Him. He is perfectly complete, - never needing correction or improvement, the same yesterday, today, and forever for He never changes. His presence extends across His vast creation, - there is no place where He is not ... even further than the furthest galaxies the astronomers have yet to discover. He has no need for anything outside of Himself for He is perfectly complete in His own company, for that is how He was before creation. We could *never* exhaust the superlatives when we *try* to describe how God has no equal!

And He *knows* He has no equal, for there *is* no equal! He can confidently challenge, *Is. 40:18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?* And when Isaiah looked at the attempts of men to defy God, what he saw was pathetic, <sup>19</sup> *The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains ... They foolishly reject the facts from the*

beginning, **21** Have ye not known? have ye not heard? ... have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? **22** It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in ... **25** To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

Moses was uncompromising when he told Pharaoh, **Ex. 8:10** ... know that there is none like unto the LORD our God. ... And King David knew it too, **II Sam. 7:22** thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee ... In one of his psalms he wrote, **Ps. 86:8** Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord. ... Our God has no equal, as He Himself said, **Is. 46:9** I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. ... **His Person has no equal** ...

**HIS PURPOSE HAS NO EQUAL** None of us knows what the Lord has ahead for us. We live in the moment where He has placed us. There are the highs and the lows ... and whatever comes is in His plan and He has a purpose for us which has no equal. Here is what His Word says, **Rom. 8:28** that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. ... That is not saying all things will be pleasant for us, but what it *is* saying is that through the times of affliction, He is working out His purpose in our lives.

Even Job, - with all his unimaginable sufferings and pain, - he gave God the glory for he was convinced God had a purpose in it all, **Job 13:18** I know that I shall be justified ... **19:25** I know that my redeemer liveth, and [*I know*] that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: **26** And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh [*I know I shall*] see God: **27** Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me [*though my heart is crunched up and broken within me*]... **42:2** I know that thou canst do everything ... He could not work out the *why*, but he had worked out the *Who*. Paul had his many sorrows too, and he could also write, **II Tim. 1:12** I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

How do you have such confidence? ... It comes from knowing this one true God, Who made Heaven and earth, Who sent His Son to die for you on the cross, Who washed away your sins ... and Who holds you in the palm of His hand.

You would never get a Gospel like that anywhere else. Every other 'gospel' would have you chasing after ideals you would never achieve ... but Jesus Christ, God's perfect Son, took your sins upon His own body and was punished in your place for bearing them ... and to demonstrate He had the power to defeat sin and death, He arose from the grave, and He is alive today. That is our Gospel, and

there is none other for there is no other. ... **His PERSON has no equal, His PURPOSE has no equal ...**

**HIS PROMISES HAVE NO EQUAL** I am looking forward to a day which makes no sense to the unbeliever, - it is the day when Jesus returns. It is recorded throughout Scripture, but when it happens it will be more than our limited minds can imagine. And how are we so convinced? ... We are so convinced because of the promises God makes in His Word, and we know He will keep them all. The psalmist cried out, [Ps. 77:14](#) *Thou art the God that doest wonders.*

Only God has the power to deliver all He has promised. What is impossible with anyone else is possible to Him. He can take the stars out of the sky and create new ones. He can direct the oceans in patterns which defy human science. He has changed the course of human history in ways man cannot understand. He keeps His promises, and they fit in perfectly to His purposes and plan, and they will continue to do so until this earth is no more, [Ps. 126:3](#) *The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. ...* [Ps. 24:8](#) *Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty ...*<sup>10</sup> ... The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The world faces war and famine, and we look at those who are making laws in our country and we are at the ridiculous state where they can no longer define a man or a woman, or marriage, or how to bring up children, or truth ... And where is it getting us? It is getting us further into disaster, and here is how God deals with them, [Rom. 1:24](#) *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts because they*<sup>25</sup> *changed the truth of God into a lie.*

Look away though, to the God of our salvation. Some day He is returning for His people, - He calls them His 'jewels', [Mal. 3:17](#) *they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels ...* He is coming back for His people who are precious to Him. When they see Him in the clouds, even the dead shall come out of their graves, and His people will rise to meet Him ... And that will usher in the time of which the psalmist wrote, [Ps. 86:9](#) *All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.*<sup>10</sup> *For ... thou art God alone.*

**His PERSON has no equal, His PURPOSE has no equal, His PROMISES have no equal** for He is the one and only true God ... He is the God of our salvation ... the God Who keeps His people ... So, what is it He doesn't know? He will tell you Himself ... [Is. 44:8](#) *Is there a God beside me? ... there is no God; I know not any.*