

A Glimpse Into God's Heart - Part II

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

- *"The implication is there is nothing that you will find wrong with God, nothing in Him that could even remotely appear to be evil hiding. The more you get to know Him, the more you realize how beautiful and holy He is."* TPT Commentary
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Jesus' Heart

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

"...I am gentle..."

- *"Jesus is not trigger-happy. Not harsh, reactionary, easily exasperated. He is the most understanding Person in the universe. The posture most natural to Him is not a pointed finger but open arms."* Ortlund

"...and lowly..."

- *"The point in saying that Jesus is lowly is that He is accessible. For all His resplendent glory and dazzling holiness, His supreme uniqueness and otherness, no one in human history has ever been more approachable than Jesus. No prerequisites. No hoops to jump through...The minimum bar to be enfolded into the embrace of Jesus is simply: open yourself up to Him"* Ortlund
 - *"Jesus is closer to you today than He was to the sinners and sufferers He spoke with and touched in His earthly ministry. Through His Spirit, Christ's own heart envelops His people with an embrace nearer and tighter than any physical embrace could ever achieve."* Ortlund
 - *"If you are in Christ, you have a Friend who, in your sorrow, will never lob down a pep talk from heaven. He cannot bear to hold Himself at a distance. Nothing can hold Him back. His heart is too bound up with yours."* Ortlund
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Thoughts About God's Heart

God's heart is love

1 John 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

God's heart is faithful

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

God's heart of knowledge is infinite

Psalms 147:5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

God's heart is a perfect Father's heart

Matthew 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

God's heart protects

Psalm 31:20 You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

God's heart is a shepherd's heart

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

God's heart is perfect

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

God's heart is unchanging

Malachi 3:6a For I am the Lord, I do not change

God's heart is jealous

Exodus 34:14 you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God

God's heart is eternally enduring

Psalm 100:5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

God's heart is to be in relationship with us

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Hosea 6:6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

God's heart is to communicate with us

Hebrews 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds

God's heart is that all would turn to Him

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

God's heart of kindness leads us to repentance

Romans 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

God's heart is to have fellowship with us

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

God's heart, knowing our hearts, is to give us the desires of our hearts

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

God's heart is for the widows and orphans

Psalm 68:5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation.

God's heart is always on us. He thinks about us constantly

Psalm 139:17-18 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

God's heart toward us points to a good future

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.