

Mis-ing God's Heart

Deuteronomy 6:10-11 So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant

- ❖ *“We confess Jesus with our lips but generally avoid deep fellowship with Him, out of a muted understanding of His heart...We project onto Jesus our skewed instincts about how the world works...Our natural intuition can only give us a God like us. The God revealed in Scripture deconstructs our intuitive predilections and startles us with one whose infinitude of perfections is matched by His infinitude of gentleness. Indeed, His perfections include His perfect gentleness.”
Gentle and Lowly Dane Ortlund*
 - ❖ *“For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God. This is true not only of the individual Christian, but of the company of Christians that composes the Church. Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God.” The Knowledge of the Holy AW Tozer*
 - ❖ *“I read in a periodical the other day that the fundamental thing is how we think of God. By God Himself, it is not! How God thinks of us is not only more important, but infinitely more important. Indeed, how we think of Him is of no importance except in so far as it is related to how He thinks of us. It is written that we shall “stand before” Him, shall appear, shall be inspected. The promise of glory is the promise, almost incredible and only possible by the work of Christ, that some of us, that any of us who really chooses, shall actually survive that examination, shall find approval, shall please God. To please God . . . to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness . . . to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son—it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is.” The Weight of Glory CS Lewis*
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Sin - Misappropriating God's Heart

Romans 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Wounds - Misunderstanding God's Heart

Job 7:17-21 and Judges 6:11-13

Lies - Misapplying God's Heart

Genesis 3:1, 5

Genesis 2:16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat”

Your God

Deuteronomy 1:10 The Lord your God has multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Deuteronomy 1:21 Look, the Lord your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the Lord God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.'

Deuteronomy 1:30 The Lord your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

Deuteronomy 1:31 and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.

Deuteronomy 2:7 "For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing."'

Deuteronomy 3:22 You must not fear them, for the Lord your God Himself fights for you

Deuteronomy 4:31 for the Lord your God is a merciful God, He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them

Deuteronomy 7:6 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments

Deuteronomy 7:21 You shall not be terrified of them; for the Lord your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.

Deuteronomy 8:5 You shall not be terrified of them; for the Lord your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.

Deuteronomy 8:7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills

Deuteronomy 10:21 He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.

Deuteronomy 12:7 And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 1:26 Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God

Deuteronomy 1:32 Yet, for all that, you did not believe the Lord your God,

Deuteronomy 8:11-17 "Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, **12** lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; **13** and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; **14** when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; **15** who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; **16** who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— **17** then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'