

God Is God

by A.W. Tozer

The sermon emphasizes the importance of understanding God's true nature, which is not vindictive or quick to take vengeance, but rather loving and merciful.

Scripture: Psalm 50:21, Isaiah 55:8, Revelation 5:12

Topics: "God's Sovereignty", "Grace and Mercy"

Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that God is sovereign and not subject to superstitions or the whims of evil spirits. He argues that viewing God as vindictive or reliant on human rituals diminishes His majesty and power. Instead, Tozer highlights that God's nature is holy and loving, demonstrated through the sacrifice of His Son for humanity's sins. This understanding of God should inspire gratitude and reverence, as He acts out of His own nature rather than human expectations. The redeemed will eternally praise Him for His grace and mercy.

Transcript

But someone may say, it is not God people fear, but demons--the devil himself and evil spirits generally. The answer is that the whole business is still superstition, for it makes God a party to all this supernatural carryings-on, and even if He is on our side He is unable to help us without certain magic passes on our part, such as knocking on wood, throwing salt over our shoulder or making the sign of the cross. God is therefore subject in some measure to these evil powers and helpless against them unless we play along with the cruel game by staying off the thirteenth floor of hotels, looking at the new moon over our right shoulder, wearing a charm that has been blessed by a priest or reciting a religious phrase that is supposed to have some special power to terrify the devil.

This is all unworthy of God and altogether beneath the dignity of the Majesty in the heavens.

Some persons also think of God as being vindictive, churlish and quick to take vengeance on anyone who is careless about words or gestures or customs, no matter how innocent he may be or how unintentional his error. Of course this is simply a case of judging God by ourselves and thinking that He is altogether such a one as we are. How utterly grateful we should be that when we sinned and fell away from grace in the beginning, God did not act like us.

Our eternal hope lies in the fact that at that tragic hour God acted like Himself. His conduct sprang out of His own holy nature and led Him to send His only begotten Son to die for the very ones who had been

guilty of such an awful affront to His Person. For this the redeemed shall sing forever, ?Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain? (Revelation 5:12).

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