

God Is Easy To Live With

So many events in this world seem to point towards a far off uncaring God to the point that most people do not believe He can be a loving God.

Why does God, if He does exist, not intervene and put an end to all the pain and violence?

2 Corinthians 4:4 [Living Bible] *“Satan, who is the god of this [present] evil world, has made humanity blind, unable to see the glorious light of the gospel message that is shining upon him, or to understand the amazing message we preach about the glory of Jesus Christ, who is God.”*

1 John 5:19 [Living Bible] *“We [Christians] know that we are created children of God and that all the rest of the world around us is under Satan’s power and control.”*

Why has God allowed this evil being to control society?

John 15:5 [NIV] *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

Jesus Christ speaking.

God is allowing humanity to experience just what it is like to live in a society that does not look to Jesus Christ who is the Son of God for guidance on how we should live our lives.

1 John 4:8 [NIV] *“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”*

God is love.

How do we know this to be true?

John 15:13 [NIV] *“Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”*

God showed this love through allowing His Only Son to lay down His life as a substitute life for our deserved death as humans who have turned their back on their Creator and rejected His Word, the Holy Bible, His **Handbook For Life**.

John 3:16-21 [NIV] *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”*

It is most important that we hold in our minds always a right conception of God.

If we think of Him as cold and exacting we will find it hard to love Him and our lives will be ridden with fear.

If we see God to be kind and understanding our whole inner life will mirror that idea.

Psalms 103:8-18 [NIV] *“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger for ever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so*

great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children, with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts."

God is not hard to please though He may be hard to satisfy.

God expects of us only what He has Himself first supplied.

God is quick to mark every simple effort to please Him and just as quick to overlook imperfections when He knows we meant to do His Will.

God loves us for ourselves, His created children, and values our love of Him more than anything He has ever created.

God may sometimes chasten us, it is true, but even this He does with a tender smile of a Father who is bursting with pleasure over an imperfect but promising child who is coming every day to look more and more like the One whose child he is.

We please our loving Father most, **not** by frantically in our own strength trying to make ourselves good, but by trustingly throwing ourselves into His loving arms with all our imperfections, and believing that He understands everything and loves us still.