

What you see is what you get

My Beloved spoke and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 2:10

Our relationship with God is best viewed through a 2 lens approach. Much like glasses, which help your retina better focus on the light, our view of God affects our relationship with Him. The first lens is that of God as God. He is the Creator of the Universe and all power is in His hands. One day soon every nation and person will declare that God is who He says He is...regardless of if they want to or not. That is the first lens we should see God through, that of Deity. The second lens we are invited to see Him through is that of Father. A God who came down to man, died on the cross and paid a price for them that they never could on their own. This sacrifice, love and care that He showed for humanity gives us the second lens that completes the right vision of God. He is all powerful, yet merciful. Fully judge, yet He forgives. It takes understanding both sides of the spectrum to fully appreciate God. Once this is done...there is only one right response to Him: overwhelming love.

It is this dual picture that not only helps us to see God better but also to worship right. The overwhelming sacrifice of His life on the cross is enough to owe Him our lives, but the fact that He still continues to chase us even when we are playing games or living in sin is beyond me. Yet he does. A relationship with God is not just knowing about Him but growing in love for Him. Worship gives us the accurate understanding of our position with Him.

The right view of God will cause you to worship Him correctly. The love in your heart will cause you to want a closer relationship with Him. The more you think about how much God loves you, the more you end up loving Him. For your relationship with God to grow you must move from character in a book to intimate relationship.

P2R (Point 2 Remember): Elevated views cause elevated appreciation.