

God and Emotion

Commentary for March 16, 2024 — God Cares About Us and All His Creation

When you read the Bible, there is much emotion expressed by God. In David Sielaff's June 2010 Commentary, "[God's Emotions](#)," we are informed this is because God tells us that He has feelings about His children (John 16:27). "**God is love**" (1 John 4:8).

Attributes / Emotions of God

"YHWH is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. YHWH is good to all, and his mercies are over all His works."

• *Psalm 145:8-9*

"When Jesus ... saw her ... and the Jews ... weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and ... troubled, and said, 'Where have you laid him?' ... Jesus wept."

• *John 11:33-35*

God Conveys His Displeasure

"There are six things YHWH hates, seven that are detestable to Him:

haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies, and a person who stirs up conflict in the community."

• *Proverbs 6:16-19*¹

Each of these things God hates can destroy lives in God's creation. And we are God's creation (Ephesians 2:10).

Further, in "[God's Emotions](#)," it is noted how much we may irritate God our Father when we disobey Him. He indulges us, of course, yet we provoke Him when we hurt ourselves through our disobedience (sin), and when we injure (do evil) to other children of Adam.

God communicates direction, with respect to worship, and was clear about going astray:

"... for you shall **NOT** worship any other god [elohim], for YHWH ... is a jealous God [El, singular]."

• *Exodus 34:14*

"At His [YHWH's] wrath, the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure His indignation."

• *Jeremiah 10:10*

God Is Invested in Us

God's emotions and sentiments toward us should resonate to us, who read God's word. It demonstrates a passionate investment by God toward each of us.

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even

¹ See David Sielaff's October 2002 article, "[Forgiving God](#)" that expands the understanding of God's reconciliation with man, and you "forgiving" God.

when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together WITH Christ (BY GRACE you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come, He might show the surpassing riches of His grace IN KINDNESS TOWARD US in Christ Jesus.”

• *Ephesians 2:4-7*

Further, God is perceptive of, and concerned about, our well-being.

“The man gave names to all the cattle ... birds ... every beast ... but for Adam, there was not found a helper suitable for him. So YHWH caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept ... YHWH fashioned into a woman the rib, which he had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.”

• *Genesis 2:20-22*

“YHWH said to Satan, ‘Very well, then, everything he [Job] has is in your power, but on the man himself, do not lay a finger.’”

• *Job 1:12*

“... YHWH restored his [Job’s] fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before ... All his brothers and sisters, and everyone who had known him before ... comforted and consoled him over all the trouble YHWH had brought on him ... YHWH blessed the later part of Job’s life more than the former part.”

• *Job 42:10-12*

“Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking YHWH for help ... The king said to Daniel, ‘May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!’”

• *Daniel 6:11, 16*

“Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, ‘Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire? ... Look! I see four men walking around in the fire ... unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods [elohim].’”

• *Daniel 3:24-25*

With God, there is a vigilance, an urgency, when it comes to us, as our Father, who brings us peace. God gives us peacefulness, as Jesus told His disciples:

“I leave my peace **WITH** you. I give my peace TO you. I do not give it to you as the world does.”

• *John 14:27*

When God sees fit to do so, He will provide you with:

- **safety** (Proverbs 18:10)
- the **ability** to produce wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18)
- **instruction** (Psalm 32:8)
- **correction** (Proverbs 3:11-12)
- **food** and **clothing** (Matthew 6:25-31)
- **remove** your tears, pain, and mourning (Revelation 21:4).
- **joy** and **peace** as you trust in Him (Romans 15:13).

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