

WHAT TYPE OF GOD IS GOD?

Gen. 2:9, the Lord God planted all sorts of beautiful trees there in the garden, trees producing the choicest of fruit (LB)

What type of God is God? In each of our minds we conjure notions are either true or untrue. However, there is often the tendency to think that whatever we have conjured in our minds are accurate and right. Such is not necessarily the case. One of the reasons that God has given us His Word is to compare what we think against what God's truth says. If we have any notion contrary to His Word, it is vital that we adjust our mindset to His Word. For until we do, we cannot be victorious on a practical, daily basis.

Sadly many people have a notion of God as Someone who is hard, harsh, dogmatic, domineering and simply out to ruin our lives once we turn them over to Him. Such is not the case at all. As a matter of fact, right the opposite is true. A brief glimpse into the men of Scripture reveals men who lived and walked an exciting walk with God on a daily basis. God was always up to something monumental in their lives as they obeyed.

In this second chapter of Genesis, God reveals a glimpse as to what type of God he really is. When God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden, He didn't give Adam bad things, ugly things, and hurtful things. Quite the contrary, God gave to Adam beautiful trees to enjoy, look at, behold. God gave Adam a world to richly enjoy. Not only did God give to Adam a beautiful world, but God gave to Adam the choicest of fruit to eat. God is interested in our enjoying life, and He is interested in His children's best. If God didn't want Adam to have the best, why doesn't Scripture say, God gave Adam decent fruit because what God gives to us is in direct relationship to what type of God He is. Think of it this way, if you are a parent you love your child and your child needs a new pair of shoes. Do you go by shoes with holes in them? Do you look for something that they can just get by with if you have the financial resources? No. We give to our children based on our love for them. God is the same way. His goodness to us is not based on our behavior, deeds, works, or any other thing. He gives to us because of His nature. His nature is good. He can give us nothing that is bad. He can do nothing for us that is bad. He can want nothing for us that is hurtful, or harmful to our lives. When God gave Adam a beautiful Garden, God was declaring Himself to Adam. When God gave to Adam the choicest of fruit, God was declaring what He wanted for Adam. While it may be very difficult for some to accept, the God of Scripture only wants for us those beautiful things and other choicest things that will last beyond the span of our earthly years. One of the most beautiful things in the sight of God is a saint who is totally and completely give to the will of God. Think how sweet it is to God when he hears a saint bow and pray, Lord God, I belong to You. You have the total right to my life. You live your life through me. There is no one on earth any sweeter to God than that person totally and completely yielded to the will and agenda of God. Adam was precious to the heart of God because there was a deep intimacy, relationship and unity. When we realize that God wants an intimacy with us and a deep abiding relationship with us, then He can afresh give us those beautiful things and choice things. After all God has promised that when we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all of life's best will be given to us.

