

What Is God Like? Lesson 8: Attributes God Does Share With Man – Part 3

Introduction:

- One of the simplest ways to think about God's attributes is to think of:
 - Attributes that God does not share with man
 - Attributes that God does share with man

So far we have seen three attributes that God shares with man:

1. God is wise.
2. God is good.
3. God is love.
4. God is holy.
5. God is jealous.

In this session:

6. God is just.

A. Because God is just, He always _____ what is good and right.

Deut 32.4 *"The Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.*

Gen 18.25 *Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! **Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?**"*

Isa 45.19 *I the LORD speak the truth;
I declare what is right.*

B. Because God is just, He intensely _____ all sin!

Habakkuk 1.13 *You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,*

Zech 8.17 *do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath,
for all these things I hate, declares the LORD."*

Amos 5.21–23 “I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I **take no delight** in your solemn assemblies.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will **not accept** them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will **not look upon** them.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will **not listen**.

Jer 44.4 Yet I persistently sent to you all my servants the prophets, saying, ‘Oh, do not do this abomination that I **hate!**’

C. Because God is just, He must treat people as they _____.

- It is necessary for God to _____ sin.

Ex 32.9–10 And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. 10 Now therefore let me alone, **that my wrath may burn hot** against them and I may **consume them**, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

Deut 9.7–8 Remember and do not forget how **you provoked the LORD your God to wrath** in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. 8 Even at Horeb **you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you**.

John 3.36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the **wrath of God remains on him**.

Rom 1.18 **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven** against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Rom 2.8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be **wrath and fury**.

Col 3.6 On account of these **the wrath of God is coming**.

Rev 6.16–17 calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from **the wrath of the Lamb**, 17 for the great day of their **wrath has come**, and who can stand?”

Rev 19.15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of **the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty**.

- God does not always judge sin _____.

Psa 103.8 *The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Rom 2.4–5 *Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that **God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?** 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are **storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.***

D. Sometimes God _____ people and does not punish them for their sin.

- Jesus _____ God's punishment for our sins upon Himself.

Rom 3.24–26 *[We] are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as **a propitiation** by his blood, to be received by faith. **This was to show God's righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 **It was to show his righteousness** at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

- When Christ died to pay the penalty for our sins, it _____ that God was truly righteous.

1 Th 5.9 *For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

Rom 8.1 *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

E. We should imitate God's justice.

- We should hate sin like God hates sin.

Psa 97.10 *O you who love the LORD, hate evil!*

- We should **PUNISH** our children for their disobedience.

Heb 12.7 *For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?*

Prov 23.13–14 *Do not withhold discipline from a child;
if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.*

14 *If you strike him with the rod,
you will save his soul from Sheol.*

- We should be _____ when the government punishes evildoers.

Rom 13.2–4 *Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger **who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.***

- We should be _____ that God’s patience in judging sin, so that more people may be saved.

2 Pet 3.9-10 *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

- God’s wrath should motivate us to greater _____ .

Luke 3.7 *He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”*

- God’s wrath should cause us to be thankful that God will finally punish all wrongdoing and reign over the universe in which there will be no unrighteousness.

Rev 21.27 *But nothing **unclean** will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is **detestable** or **false**, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*