

Just and Right Is He

Deuteronomy 32:4

Do you believe God is right, and always right? As a rule, most individuals (can't speak for all) would affirm that God is right, and always right. Dear reader, would you affirm "God is right?" and if so, What does that mean to you? Does that mean God is right most of the time?, depending on circumstances?, or is always right?

What does "right" mean to you? Strong defines "right" as a condition of being *straight*. Thayer's defines it as "straight, upright, correct, right." When taken in the context, Moses said, "Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak; And let the earth hear the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain; My speech shall distil as the dew, As the small rain upon the tender grass, And as the showers upon the herb. For I will proclaim the name of Jehovah: Ascribe ye greatness unto our God. The Rock, his work is perfect; For all his ways are justice: A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, Just and right is he."

There are many adjectives that describe the characteristics of God: perfect, *entire, complete, whole, sound, healthful*; just, *righteous, correct, lawful*; merciful, *compassionate*; longsuffering, *patient, slow to anger*, just to mention a few.

When considering the characteristics of God, the reader can immediately understand why the child of God is admonished to develop a moral standard professing and manifesting a healthy attitude toward evil. That attitude being, as the Psalmist manifested, saying, *I hate and despise lying; but I love Your Law* (119:163), or as the apostle Paul wrote, saying, *Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good*, (Romans 12:9).

Having considered these characteristics of God, the godly should well understand why the child of God is admonished to *be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God* (Rom. 12:2).

To this end, the apostle Paul instructed Titus, saying "*For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works*. And to this, Paul admonished Titus, saying, *these things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no man despise thee* (Titus 2:11-15).