

God And Man Compared

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I. WHO IS GOD?

A. He Is Owner and Master of Israel, 3

1. He is king of Israel

- a. Isaiah 43:15 *I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.*
- b. John 19:14 *And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!*

2. He is the stone of Israel

- a. Genesis 49:24 *But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)*

3. He is the Lord God of Israel

- a. Exodus 5:1 *And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.*

B. He is the Striker of Israel, 5 – *Why should ye be stricken any more?*

1. This means that God is the judge and will bring judgment upon Israel for their sins.

C. He is the Savior of Israel, 9 – *Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant*

D. He is the One to be worshiped, 12 – *When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?*

E. He is Israel's Commander, 16 – Isaiah 1:16 *Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;*

F. He is Israel's Rock, 2:10 – Isaiah 2:10 *Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.*

II. WHO IS ISRAEL? WHO IS MAN?

A. Israel Does Not Know God – Isaiah 1:3 *The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.*

B. Israel Will Revolt More and More – Isaiah 1:5-6 *Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.*

C. Israel Should Be As Sodom And Gomorrah – Isaiah 1:9 *Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.*

D. Israel Had False Worship

1. Isaiah 1:12-14 *When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? 13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an*

abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

2. *Isaiah 2:6 Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.*
3. Many of our strange religious beliefs in America and in the western world have come from the east: Taoism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Anamism, Jainism, Sikhism, Shinto, Brahmanism, Mohammadanism.
4. From the eastern religions we have expressions such as *Karma, Circle of Life, Reincarnation*, etc.
5. And so God says to Israel in *Isaiah 1:15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.*

E. Israel Did Not Obey Their Commander

1. *Isaiah 1:16-17 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.*
2. *Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:*

F. Israel Did Not Trust Their Rock

1. *Isaiah 2:10-12 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. 11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. 12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:*
2. Notice the character of man: lofty looks, haughtiness, proud and lofty, lifted up.
3. But man shall be brought low.
4. *Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

III. CONCLUSION

- A. So, what is to be done here: *Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*
- B. *Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*
- C. *Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*