

Letting God Love Us

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." **–Lamentations 3:22-24**

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Everything is done out of love for God. Whatever feeling angels may have for us, their priority is the glory of God. Angels exist to do God's will. As we have seen, they are God's messengers to us, and they reveal God's will to us. You can't argue with or bargain with an angel: they do what they are ordered to do. Angels never tire of worshiping God.

The focal point of the worship of angels is the triune God. They worship Him though they do not know the joy of redemption. They know nothing about the shed blood of the cross being applied to them. Another thing about angels is that they perceive the true essence of God's character. They know that God is holy. God will never cease to be God throughout eternity. Though they have been in His presence and have been worshiping Him for millions of years, the angels still show great reverence for God.

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Never Give Up on Prayer

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **—Luke 18:1**

Forgiving God

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him. **–Nahum 1:7**

When God Lets You Down

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” **–John 11:20-21**

The Value of Loneliness

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. **–Matthew 14:23**

God Remembers Your Vows

When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. **–Ecclesiastes 5:4**

We Are Required to Bear Fruit

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **—John 15:1-2**

The God of Bethel Sees and Speaks

I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land. **—Genesis 31:13**