

Anticipating the Coming of the Lord

Remembering How God Relates With Us

Selected Scriptures

1. **God is _____** (Ps. 47:1-9)

God is the Lord of all creation. He has created everything for Himself and for His own purposes, and everything that He has created is His (Gen. 1:1; John 1:3; Col. 1:16). The Lord sustains all things that He has created by His will and His power (cf. Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3) so that all things owe their continued existence and well-being to the provision which God supplies (Ps. 104:27-28; 145:15; Matt. 6:25ff). God rules over all things so that He is able to sovereignly and sinlessly accomplish His will among sinful men (Gen. 50:20; Ps. 103:19; Prov. 21:1; Acts 2:23).

2. **God is _____** (Matt. 1:18-25)

God promised that a descendant of Eve (Gen. 3:15), through Abraham (Gen. 12:3; 17:19) and David (2 Sam 7:13) would fulfill the promises God had made to His people (Isa. 52:13-53:12). The Son of God miraculously and sinlessly took on flesh to be with men in order to represent us and to redeem us (Rom. 5:12ff; Heb. 4:17). Only through the wonder of the incarnate Son of God, and by His willing sacrifice, could God be just and merciful in accomplishing His plan to save sinners (Rom. 3:26; cf. Prov. 17:15).

3. **God is _____** (Rom. 8:31-39)

God has demonstrated the extent to which He will act in order to save sinners by sending the Son to accomplish this through His death on the cross (cf. Phil 2:8). Jesus' mission was to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10) while proclaiming that God rejoices when sinners repent and turn to Him (Luke 15:7, 10). He is patient and steadfast in bringing people to salvation (Acts 18:10; cf. 2 Pet. 3:9). The Lord does not grow weary in accomplishing His purposes (Isa. 40:28-31) and He has promised to remain faithful even if the world changes around us (Isa. 54:9-10; cf. Deut. 31:6, 8). Since God has already sent His Son to endure the cross, He has already shown that He will allow nothing to stop His plan to glorify Himself through the salvation of sinful people (Rom. 8:31ff).