Reconciling a Murderous God

Greg Kline · 1 Samuel 15:1–3

INTRODUCTION

- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
- You see, God is God. And so what God has said should go, because he said so would be more than enough.
- Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.

1 What Does This Objection Even Prove?

Ephesians 3:20

- This line of thinking doesn't actually disprove God at all. If anything, it's a shot at biblical inerrancy.
- What that God does is not proven or disproven by how we interpret his actions as good or bad.

2 God Has the Right to Do What He Wills

Isaiah 55:8–9

- Let's understand that God operates on a plane that is way far beyond all that we can even consider.
- When we try to shackle God with our opinions, our viewpoints, whether derived from the Bible or not, we have shackled God in a way that we might not be right about.
- If God is real, if God did create the heavens and the earth, he has all authority. He has all the power to do what he wills.

3 The Wages of Sin Is Death

Romans 6:23; Genesis 15:13–16; Genesis 6:5–7

- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- For the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete. God knew they weren't entirely wicked yet. It wasn't time to judge them.
- The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

4 We Have the Same God

2 Peter 3:8–10; Jonah 3:1–10

- The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise, as some count slowness, but is patient towards you. Not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
- And we say we have the same God. And the scriptures tell us that he acts the same.
- When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

- God punished with the sword Israel and Judah too. It wasn't just about the foreign nations, it was even God's own people.
- This isn't some capricious God. This is a God of love who desired that all men everywhere repent. He didn't change.

5 God Had a Plan to Be Worked Out

Genesis 12; Ephesians 3

- So by your seed all the nations, all the families of the earth shall be blessed. That was Jesus.
- We have all these prophecies in the Old Testament that revolve around God's plan being carried out.
- God has a plan on things we don't even begin to understand.
- Your will be done. You have a plan, I don't begin to understand. Your ways are higher than my ways, your thoughts are higher than my thoughts.

6 What About the Amorites? The Adults and the Infants

Deuteronomy 20:16–18

- That they may not teach you to do according to all their abominable practices that they have done for their gods, and so you sin against the Lord your God.
- These people were not worshiping God. They were committing abominable practices.
- First of all, it helps them to avoid corruption.
- These infants had not yet got caught up in those abominable practices. Those infants are likely with God in heaven.
- Maybe God was keeping them for his eternal purposes rather than our physical ones.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you join Him? Will you join in on the path to come to Him this morning?**

MY NOTES