



Revealing Words Bible Study

“A Righteous and Loving God”

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God is both perfectly righteous and deeply loving, and the Bible reveals this dual nature throughout the biblical narrative. Yet many people tend to see God through only one lens. Some view God primarily as righteous—a stern judge who punishes wrongdoing, citing verses like “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23), and live in fear of falling short. Others see Him only as loving, embracing a version of grace that overlooks sin and avoids accountability, forgetting that “God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). But the truth is, God’s righteousness means He cannot ignore sin. If He did, He would cease to be just. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3), they introduced sin into the world—not because God created evil, but because He gave humanity the freedom to choose. Their choice led to death and separation from eternal life, just as God had warned: “You must not eat from the tree... for when you eat from it you will certainly die” (Genesis 2:17). Yet even in that moment of rebellion, God’s love was already at work. He clothed them (Genesis 3:21), promised a future Redeemer (Genesis 3:15), and began the long story of reconciliation.

That reconciliation culminates in Jesus Christ, who embodies both God’s justice and mercy. “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we are offered redemption—not because we earned it, but because “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son” (John 3:16). This is why suffering still exists, even for believers. We live in a fallen world, and “the whole creation has been groaning... as we wait eagerly for adoption to sonship” (Romans 8:22–23). Bad things happen to good people, not because God is absent, but because He is working through eternity to restore what was lost. When we view life through the lens of eternity, we see that God has always been about reconciliation. His justice ensures that evil will not prevail, and His love ensures that we are never beyond hope. The question remains: will we trust Him again—unlike Adam and Eve—and walk in the identity He offers, one rooted not in what we’ve done, but in who He is?

Understanding God's Nature

1. Read 1 John 1:5 – “God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.” What does this verse reveal about God’s righteousness? Why is it important that God cannot overlook sin?
2. Read John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world...” How does this verse demonstrate the depth of God’s love? How does it balance the reality of judgment with the offer of salvation?
3. Why do you think people tend to see God as either only righteous or only loving? How can this imbalance affect our relationship with Him?

The Fall and Its Consequences

4. Read Genesis 2:17 and Genesis 3:6–7. What was the consequence of Adam and Eve’s disobedience? How does this reflect God’s righteousness?
5. In Genesis 3:21, God clothes Adam and Eve after their sin. What does this act tell you about His love and desire to cover shame?

6. How does the question “Who told you that you were naked?” (Genesis 3:11) challenge you to examine the voices you listen to about our identity?

Redemption Through Christ

7. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 – “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us...” How does this verse show the intersection of God’s justice and mercy?

8. Read Romans 6:23 – “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life...” What does this verse teach you about the consequences of sin and the hope offered through Jesus?

9. How does Jesus’ sacrifice restore what was lost in Eden? What does it mean to be reconciled to God?

Living in Light of Eternity

10. Read Romans 8:22–23. How does this passage help you understand why suffering still exists, even for believers?

11. How can viewing life through the lens of eternity change the way you respond to hardship, injustice, or unanswered questions?

12. What does it look like to trust God today in ways that Adam and Eve did not? How can you walk in obedience rooted in love rather than fear?