

GOD HAS FEELINGS LIKE OURS

Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Peter 5:7

Introduction: Where do you think we got our emotions? From our parents? Where did they get theirs from? It goes all the way back to the first couple, Adam and Eve, where did they get their emotions from? God's Word tells us that God made the first couple in HIS image, in HIS likeness. So we can trace our feelings and emotions all the way back to God, therefore as we are like God in ways, God is like us in ways. God has feelings like ours. However, God is in total control of His feelings where we are not at times. What are emotions, feelings?

1. GOD HAS PITY (Psalm 103:13)

- When people have bad times and needs and others feel grief or pain for them, that is pity.
- God knows perfectly how we feel and He feels WITH us our hurts and sorrows.

2. GOD HAS WRATH (Romans 1:18)

- Remember when Jesus chased everybody out of the temple for selling stuff? That was Godly wrath!
- All of us have lost our tempers at one time or other and acted in rage and great anger.
- God will take care of any and all wrongs done to His Children, just as we do for our children.

3. GOD HAS COMPASSION (Psalm 145:8)

- We have all seen a situation where we had a desire to help someone in distress or suffering, that is called "compassion, sympathizing."
- Parents suffer with and for their children and try to shield them from those things that would hurt or harm them.
- God sees us as His Children heading for problems and hurt and knows what we will be going through.
 - God has deep compassion for His Children.

4. GOD EXPRESSES HATE (Psalm 5:5)

- "Hate" means to regard with extreme aversion or to detest."
- There are things each of us can't stand, and absolutely detest.
- God's hate is pure, complete, be glad that as one of His Children you will never have to face His hate.

5. GOD IS JEALOUS (Deuteronomy 5:9)

- Being jealous is guarding, being alert, watchful.
- God is jealous of His people, His Children.
- We, too express jealousy at times, although ours is not as pure as God's, we know what being jealous means.
- Believers belong to God and God will not allow anything or anyone to take us away from Him.

6. GOD EXPRESSES GRIEF (*Judges 10:16*)

- Grief is to hurt, to be in deep sorrow, distress caused by loss, remorse, and such.
- God hurts when any of His Children hurt and even hurts for us when we don't have the sense to be hurting.
- As parents hurt for their children, so God hurts for His Children - us, even before we realize it.

7. GOD REJOICES (*Isaiah 62:5*)

- All of us have had times of being very happy and rejoicing - weddings, birthdays, births, new job, salary raises, etc.
- God also rejoices and His rejoicing is always perfect and complete, not for just outward things.
- How do you think God feels whenever someone comes to know His Son, Jesus as Savior?

8. GOD EVEN LAUGHS (*Psalm 2:4*)

- Can you believe that the creator of the universe actually laughs?
- God laughs whenever people try to outdo Him and try to cause Him problems.
- Parents laugh at some of the dumb and silly things their children do - so does God, at His Children.

9. GOD IS FULL OF SYMPATHY (*Isaiah 63:9*)

- Ever feel like the whole world was against you? Ever have somebody come up to you when you were feeling down and low and give you a big hug and tell you that they were "thinking" of you?
 - Ever have anybody personally identify with what you were going through with and just their presence was comforting?
- God is that type of being. He cares and is with us in all things as we go through life with Him at our side.
- Who was with God when His Son died on the cross? What did God feel then?
- How does a parent feel to see his/her child hurt?
- If we can sympathize with others, how much more does God sympathize with and for us.

CONCLUSION:

1. Where do you think parents get their feelings for their children? FROM GOD.
2. God feels as parents do, but did so first, and does so with a deeper and clearer knowledge of things.
3. Don't ever say "God doesn't care about me...." for God sent and watched His Son die for you.....
4. Remember, God has feelings and knows exactly how we feel.

