

HOW DO YOU PICTURE GOD?

90% of Americans believe in a Supreme Being....75% pray.

A great percentage of the world acknowledges a Supreme Being.

HOW DO YOU PICTURE GOD? How do you explain to a child what God is like?

I. THERE ARE NO IMAGES OF GOD

In a.d. 70 Rome invaded Jerusalem and looked for the image of the God of Israel.

All other people have made their gods to look like themselves...black hair, red hair, etc..

All other gods have had the same emotions as their people and even worse morals.

HUMAN beings tend to create their gods in their own images.

II. OUR QUEST FOR GOD

(Is it hopeless to try to understand our God?)

1. Human beings of all ages have been religious people...Acts 17:22
Is our age and land no longer interested in God? Is there no longer that longing within the soul? Is there no longer attempts to fill that vacuum? Why then horoscopes? or Drugs? or insane unnatural behaviors?

Ps. 42:1-2

2. The Bible says that God is so different from us and is beyond our capacity to imagine Him....Isa. 55:9.....Rom. 11:33-36....Ps. 104:24,25.

Yet Moses knew God and came into close contact with Him...Ex. 33:20
God is not like us!

Who can say what God looks like? Therefore, Man is not to make images of God or any other mental creation of a divine being...how does he know what to make?

Is God so exalted that He would never be concerned with man?

Is God immovable...untouchable...unknowable?

WHAT KIND OF GOD IS HE WHO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MAN'S LAUGHING, WEeping, OR FEARS?

III. CAN WE PICTURE GOD THEN?

1. God became man....Jn. 1:1, 14, 18
Jesus is God in the flesh....Can you picture Jesus?
a man at a Samaritan well..
a man who healed
a man who wept at a friend's grave

WHAT IF GOD WERE TO VISIT OUR WORLDwould He fit in? Did Jesus fit in?

What did//do most people find so absurd about God?

That He would suffer for His people..... 2 Cor. 5:19

God always takes the first step toward bringing His people to Himself...

2. God is the Forgiving Father....Lk. 15:11-32...the story of the history of the world and God...

However, the conclusion is different in the parable than it is in the world of today...

The parable of the prodigal son, says Jesus, is what God the Father is like.

CONCLUSION:

How do you picture God?

willingly suffering for His creatures?

doing anything to have His children at home because He loves them so?

God loves man despite the disappointments man brings to Him.