IF THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS REALLY GOD...

Genesis 1, 2, 3   *"...and God said..."*

Introduction: Is the Bible about God or from God? Is the Bible actually God's own words? If being the actual Word of God, then the Bible demands those who read it to view all within it's pages as messages from God and preserved by God, Himself. Within those pages God reveals Himself and His expectations of humanity.

I. IF THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS REALLY GOD, THEN THE BIBLE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT KNOWN TO MANKIND

1. If the Bible is truly from God, then the moral guidelines contained in it make up the very basis of the standards of right and wrong within the human race.
2. If the Bible is truly from God, then ignorance, disbelief or intolerance of it does nothing to nullify it's relevance.
3. If the Bible is truly from God then rejection of it is dangerous for within it's pages lies the statement from God that all mankind will stand one by one, face to face before Him when all is done and give an account of their life, the good and the bad.

II. IF THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS REALLY GOD, THEN JUST WHO IS THIS GOD?

1. The God of the Bible has chosen to be know in the masculine gender, "Father, Son, Lord."
2. The God of the Bible is also Spirit, without sin, perfect in all ways.
3. The God of the Bible is full of benevolence, grace and mercy.
4. The God of the Bible is unchanging in His character and essence, is the all knowing, all powerful and eternal being who is everywhere at the same time.

III. IF THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS REALLY GOD, THEN HE IS THE ALL-POWERFUL CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF ALL THINGS.

1. Knowing and maintaining a right relationship with God is the most important thing a person can ever do.
2. Putting off obtaining that right relationship with God can be fatal.
3. The God of the Bible has made it very clear that He has established specific expectations for every person and knows every thought that a person has.
4. Being sinless, spotless and perfect in all ways, God is concerned about all aspects of people's lives, their dress, their attitudes, their finances, their work priorities, every thing in a person's life.
5. One must be careful not to dishonor God as there will come a time when every person will stand before the God of the Bible and give an account of his/her life to God and all the false, shallow worship and empty prayers and heartless singing which were supposedly offered up in His Son's name.

IV. IF THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS REALLY GOD, THEN MANKIND MUST RECOGNIZE THE PURE, HOLY AND JUST NATURE OF WHO GOD IS

1. God says in the Bible that nothing impure can ever enter into His presence.
   - Through human history people have made up their own "gods" and gave their "god" the appearance they wanted it to have.
2. God says in the Bible that it is human nature to place their own personal interests above God's interests.
3. God says in the Bible that He gave every human being a conscience to help him/her determine right from wrong.
4. God says in the Bible that every human being has the freedom to become as God wants him/her to be, holy, pure, just or to ignore what God wants and to do whatever he/she wants to do or become.

CONCLUSION:

1. The God of the Bible is merciful up to the very moment of the death of a person.
   "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)
2. If the God of the Bible is God, then one has everything to lose and nothing to gain by rejecting or ignoring the personal relationship He desires with each person.
3. If the God of the Bible is truly God, a person cannot afford to delay making things right with Him.
4. If the God of the Bible is truly God, then the Bible is the most accurate document preserved through history as God has preserved it Himself. He has made certain that people have an opportunity to read it, hear it, and accept it.
5. If the God of the Bible is truly God, then what is the wisest thing a person should do?