

A True View of God

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Introduction

1. Text 2 Corinthians 1:3,4
2. It always helps us in serving God to know Him better. While we will never know Him conclusively we can know God.
3. The very existence of God is revealed in the created universe
 - a. Some things of God are clearly seen Romans 1:20
 - b. The heaven declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork Psalm 19:1-3
4. A true view of God comes from God's revelation Psalm 19:7-10; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
5. In 2 Corinthians we find glimpses into the real nature of the true God
6. In chapter one there are three things said about God that we need to know

II Discussion

1. God is the Father of all mercies and the God of comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
 - a. God is the ideal Father, not like a human father.
 - b. The mercies of God are:
 - i. Everlasting Psalm 103:7;
 - ii. Boundless Psalm 108:4;
 - iii. Saves Titus 3:5;
 - iv. Is something we are to have Matthew 5:7
 - c. Comfort means to call to one's side. Our word comes from the Latin word meaning to brave together
 - i. God can comfort those troubled by the guilt of sin 2 Corinthians 7:10;
 1. Those that mourn are to comforted Matthew 5:4;
 2. God can take the sin out of death by forgiving us 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
 - ii. God can comfort those who suffer because they are Christians 2 Corinthians 1:5-9
 1. Those who live godly lives shall suffer 2 Timothy 3:12
 2. We must be willing to suffer as a Christian 1 Peter 4:16
 - iii. God can Comfort those who are growing old and facing death 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:7
 - d. How God comforts
 - i. Sometimes through other saints 2 Corinthians 1:4; 7:6
 - ii. Sometimes through His Word 2 Thessalonians 4:18
 - iii. Sometimes through His promises 2 Corinthians 5:1-6
2. God raises the dead 2 Corinthians 1:9
 - a. Some at Corinth were denying this 1 Corinthians 15:12
 - b. This is the very heart of Christianity 1 Corinthians 15:13-20
 - c. The resurrection of Christ, by God's power, to our resurrection from spiritual death by God's power are all connected Ephesians 2:1-9; 1:18-21; Romans 6:3-4

- d. God can and God shall raise the dead 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Romans 4:17
- e. God's people shall be victorious over death 1 Corinthians 15:57
- 3. God is true 2 Corinthians 1:18
 - a. God cannot lie Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2
 - b. God's promises are sure 2 Corinthians 1:20; 2 Peter 3:9
 - i. A delay is fulfillment does not mean that there is not fulfillment
 - ii. God's promises give hope Hebrews 6:18
 - c. Some of the promises of God to us are:
 - i. Forgiveness Acts 2:38
 - ii. Eternal salvation 2 Peter 1:3-11
 - d. Because God is true
 - i. His word stands
 - ii. The faithful dead shall be raised victoriously
 - iii. God's people are comforted

III Conclusion

1. To know God is to love Him 1 John 4:19
2. To love God is to obey Him 1 John 5:3
3. To obey God is the essence of life Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 4. Won't you obey God now!

Source: Sincere Service Sermon outlines from 2 Corinthians by Tom Holland; Robertson
 Word pictures: Matthew Henry commentary on 2 Corinthians.