

DO YOU VIEW GOD AS TOUGH OR TENDER?

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Do you view God as tough or tender?”
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- I have heard it said: “The message of the Old Testament was harsh, but the message of the New Testament was merciful.”
- Let’s take a quick peek at that theory

2 Thes. 1:6-9 it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you . . . when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels – in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God & on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – they shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord & from the glory of His power

2 Pet. 2:4 angels who sinned
5 the ancient world – (except Noah and family)
6-8 Sodom & Gomorrah – (except Lot)
9 God knows how – to deliver and to punish

2 Pet. 3:13 look to His promises

Jude 5 later – destroyed those who left Egypt

6 angels who sinned
7 Sodom & Gomorrah

20-25 relationship with God

Psalms 130:3 if You (Lord) should mark iniquities, who could stand?

4 there is forgiveness with You – that You may be feared [respected]

- Now, let’s spend some time – looking at some of David’s life
Quick comments about the books of Samuel, Kings & Chronicles
The following dates are not exact information for a test
The following dates are quick reminders – point of reference
 - Some – say Samuel – around 900 BC
 - Many – say Samuel & Kings – around 560-550 BC
 - Many – say Chronicles – around 450 BC

1 Sam. 21:1-6 the priest gave David holy bread

Matt. 12:1-8 the Son of God told about the account

2 Sam. 11:2-4 David committed adultery

14-17 David killed Uriah

2 Sam. 12:15-23 David’s child died

1 Chron. 13:9-10 Uzzah touched the ark – died

11 David was angry at God’s outbreak

Psalms 103:8 the Lord is merciful and gracious – slow to anger and abounding in mercy

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins – nor punished us according
 to our iniquities
11 for as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward
 those who fear [respect] Him
12 as far as east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions
 from us
13 as a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear [respect]
 Him
14 for He knows our frame – He remembers that we are dust

· Let's conclude with some words of God – (as recorded by Ezekiel)
 Spoken – in Old Testament times
 Recorded – in Old Testament times
 Applicable – today

Ezek. 18:30 repent and turn from your ways
 31 why will you die, house of Israel?
 32 I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies – turn and live