

WHAT'S GOD LIKE? GOD IS IN HARMONY



Memory verse: Deuteronomy 6:4 (ESV)

'Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.'

BIG QUESTION: HOW MANY SIDES DO YOU THINK A DIAMOND HAS?

LIGHT FROM A DIAMOND

Have you ever really looked at a diamond? They have a lot of sides don't they? A brilliant cut diamond has 58 sides to be exact. That's a lot, and although it has so many sides it's all still part of the same diamond. Over this series we've been looking at 'What God's like'. So far we've discovered that He's (take a deep breath); limitless, good, He doesn't change, loving, all-powerful, everywhere all the time, He knows everything, merciful, determined, independent, free and gracious... Few!

Everything God is, he is all the time. So how come sometimes I read about how, God is love, but then at others I might find a verse in the Old Testament talking about Him being angry. That's confusing? How can God be love, if He's angry? A diamond sparkles because light reflects on all of its sides. God is the same now as He's always been. He hasn't slowly become more loving as the decades have gone on, like a grumpy old person in reverse. No, He's always the same. Everything He says or does is reflected through all the sides of His character, like light through a diamond. All the sides of His character are perfect,

He doesn't have a bad side and a good side. He is all-good, but if He's all-good then He must also be just and hate sin. All of God's decisions are reflected through the different sides of His character in perfect harmony.

INTERESTING FACT

There's a funny game called the harmonising game. The idea is that one person starts to sing a song of their own choice, another competitor has to try to harmonise with them. If it sounds good they get a point. The winner is the person with the most points.



When people gossip about your best friend it's not nice is it? Particularly if they make things up that aren't true. If people gossip about my friends I think, hang on! You don't know them. That's not what they're like. Sometimes people make things up about God, sometimes people say things about God, and they tell stories that aren't true. This is why it's important to know what God is like. God is one, He is the same all the time. You wouldn't wake up one day to find Him in a grumpy mood. A diamond's shine is called its brilliance; God's character shines with a brilliant light and it's a light that He wants to shine through you. Jesus spoke about this once when He said 'let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16, ESV).

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- If God is never grumpy with us, how do you think it makes Him feel if we are?
- How can you shine God's light today?



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me. Help me to shine your light to the world today. Amen.