

Ezekiel 18:23

"Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

"God is so mean." That's what a lot of people think. "How could a loving God send someone to hell for all eternity?" Something else many people say.

Just one little problem about statements like these, and that is that they are totally untrue, and the reason people say them is because they have never read the bible to find out the truth, nor do they know the God of the bible

Think of today's devotional verse;

† **Ezekiel 18:23** *"Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"*

Then read this next verse from the same chapter

† **Ezek 18:32** *"For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"*

Very simple, God wants us all to turn from our sins, and even if you don't like the word repent, that's just what it means, to turn from your sins.

But still, people try to judge God without even knowing Him. You can read these devotionals and think that I am some old gray haired man, sitting in my easy chair waiting for Jesus to come back. Well, I am waiting for Jesus to come back, but I'm not an old gray haired man. Yet you could have judged me without even knowing me.

So many, and even us as Christians sometimes judge God without finding out the truth. All you know is that you have little, you struggle to make it each week, while the world goes around in their new cars, and live in their fine houses. Maybe you have an illness or live with severe pain or have a close loved one who does, yet you see the world dancing around with their strong healthy bodies to sinful music.

We think, "*Has God forgotten about me, or has He stopped loving me?*"

Do you remember what the definition of faith is?

† **Heb 11:1** *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Don't base your faith or knowledge of God upon what others say, or even the things you see going on around you. Rather base them upon God's word. Then and only then will

you find peace and comfort in a lost world full of sin. And also see the Hope of God for the lost as well.

† **Isaiah 49:14-15** *But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me."*

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

† **2 Peter 3:9** *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.*