

Zech 1:13

And the LORD answered the angel who talked to me, with good and comforting words.

So many people see God as someone who is ready to pounce on them as soon as they do something wrong. They see God as angry and never loving. There may even be some of you right now who are reading this and see God this way. I admit that sometimes when I mess up that I look for God to pounce on me and let me have it big time, because I know that I deserve it. But we so often forget that God is the God of comfort.

† **2 Cor 1:3-4** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

We just read the word “Comfort” five times in this passage and again in today’s verse. That reminds us that God is not ready to pounce on us and let us have it every time we mess up, even though we deserve it. But God is loving and compassionate towards us, even when we are far from perfect. (And we all are far from perfect) When I read today’s devotional verse it reminded me of how kind and loving God is. Read it again.

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This is our God who loves His creation, which are the angels and us who are made in His image as well.

Think of a kid who messes up in a baseball game, he thinks his dad is going to let him have it for messing up. When he finally confronts his dad with his head hung low in humiliation, his dad will pick him up and hug him and give him words of comfort and encouragement.

You may have messed up and maybe you are too ashamed to come before the Lord, or you come to Him with your head hung low. Regardless of how you come to the Lord, just come to Him, and let God pick you up and hug you and give you “*good and comforting words*” of encouragement help you to keep on keeping on.

† **James 4:10** *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

† **Ephesians 6:10** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*