



The GOD who is|

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The GOD who is **omega**  
The GOD who is **love**



# The God Who Is: A Rewarder

**WARM UP:** Describe the best reward you have ever received. Why did you get it?

**READ:** [All scriptures on page 4](#)

**FOCUS:** We will more fully embrace motivation in life when we understand that God is a rewarder.

## **OBSERVE (10 minutes)**

### **God The Rewarder**

- God's nature is that he loves to reward the life that we live by faith in obedience to his commands.
- God has called you to *work*.
- The 'participation reward' mentality can be a toxic one when it does not give people the understanding that they need to work to get better, to develop a skill and achieve in life.
- God does not reward without our effort.
- *"The point is this: If God does not exist, then life is objectively meaningless; but man cannot live consistently and happily knowing that life is meaningless; so in order to be happy he pretends life has meaning. But this is, of course, entirely inconsistent—for without God, man and the universe are without any real significance."*

-William Lane Craig,

*On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision*

### **The Reward and The Fight**

- God understands that there is a fight of faith to live in obedience to his commands. The good news is that not only is God a rewarder, but he is also a fighter. He is known as the 'Lord of Hosts'. God is himself a warrior.
- Understanding what God rewards is important.
- He has both temporal and eternal rewards.
- God will not reward that which does not honor him or stands opposed to him, though the world's systems may for a moment.
- Blessing can become a temptation, and a temptation a curse when they are not submitted to God. The trouble often begins in the heart.
- We must fight for our blessings to be submitted to God, lest they become a vice.
- Temptations like these are what Christ uses to teach us to fight to remain connected to his eternal Kingdom purposes and to remind us how desperate we are to stay near the heart of God.

## The God Who Fights For You

- The good news is that the Lord of Hosts fights on behalf of those he loves that they might obtain his reward.
- God does not just give you commands to be obeyed, or territory to take, but he himself fights to get you there.
- What we must do as God is fighting for us:
  - Learn what God is fighting for - you do this through his Word.
  - Learn how to go to God in the midst of the fight - you do this in prayer, both individual and corporate.
  - Learn to fight God's battles as a part of a team - this is why active participation in church life (even during the Pandemic) is vital.
  - This is true even when you're believing for a breakthrough or trying to overcome sin.
- You will begin to win your individual battles as you begin to fight them as a part of God's collective. You need to link your fight to the corporate fight.
- When we come into the gospel, we rest from our works before God, but come into being beneficiaries of Christ's work done for us.
- Jesus did the work of perfect, righteous living for us, and won the ultimate battle over Satan, sin and death at the cross for humanity. God's grace allows you to live in the benefits of Christ's victory on the cross and resurrection from the dead. This is salvation.
- You will be rewarded both now and eternally by how you apply those benefits by faith in the work that you do today.

## REFLECT AND DISCUSS (30 min)

- Why do you think without faith it is impossible to please God?
- Why does it take faith to believe that God is a rewarder?
- What battles are you fighting that the Lord is winning or has won on your behalf?
- Talk about how prayer can help in the fight of faith.

## PRAY & TAKE ACTION

- Thank God for being a rewarder and a warrior.
- Thank him for obtaining the priceless reward of salvation for you through Christ's work on the cross.
- Pray and ask God to show you what fights you are fighting in the flesh that he has already won for you. Ask him to help you fight the good fight of FAITH trusting that he is helping you.
- Pray and ask God to help you fight alongside him on behalf of others.
- Share the good news that Jesus has won the fight over sin and death on the cross with someone this week.

## **Hebrews 11:6**

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

## **Proverbs 14:23**

In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.

## **Exodus 15:1-3**

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.

## **Proverbs 3:9-10**

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

## **Proverbs 19:17**

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

## **Judges 3:1-2**

Now these are the nations that the Lord left, to test Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who had not experienced all the wars in Canaan. It was only in order that the generations of the people of Israel might know war, to teach war to those who had not known it before.

## **1 John 3:8**

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

## **2 Chronicles 20:15-17**

And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's. Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you."

## **Psalms 18**

### **Psalms 144:1-2**

Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.

### **Zeremiah 4:6-7**

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

## Resources and Quotes

*“The point is this: If God does not exist, then life is objectively meaningless; but man cannot live consistently and happily knowing that life is meaningless; so in order to be happy he pretends life has meaning. But this is, of course, entirely inconsistent—for without God, man and the universe are without any real significance.”* - William Lane Craig, *On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision*

*“We are settling for a Christianity that revolves around catering to ourselves when the central message of Christianity is actually about abandoning ourselves.”* - David Platt, *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*

“A man without a righteous fight will degenerate.” - unknown

“Your life is a continuum where wholeness is on one end and destruction is on the other. Each decision you make is moving you one direction towards wholeness and peace with God, or away from Him.”  
-CS Lewis