
A Compelling View of God

A theologian once said that unless we have a compelling view of God it will be difficult to convince people to believe in Him. How would you describe God?

Paul's compelling portrait of God for the Jews was firmly situated in the Jewish story. It was a unique story of God's heart to use his people to declare his blessings to all nations. Paul masterfully tells the story and many Jews and devout followers of God believed (Acts 13:43; 17:4). Yet, it is the Jewish story and not the story of the nations. Their stories were told differently as we see in Lystra (Acts 14:15-17), Philippi (Acts 16:31-34), and Athens (Acts 17:24-31).

What is a compelling view of God?

From the verses below, describe Paul's compelling portrait of God as he shared the gospel with the Jews and those from other nations. Remember to use the Discovery Learning Questions from the study on Teaching the Bible.

Acts 13:17-33

Acts 17:3-7

Acts 14:15-17

Acts 16:31-34

Acts 17:24-31

God's Uniqueness

The Bible describes many characteristics that make God unique. Three of those are His omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. Read each of the verses below and describe how God is unique. Pay close attention to the subject of the verse. Who are the authors talking about?

Matthew 9:4

Matthew 28:18

Matthew 28:20

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

Luke 1:35-37

1 Corinthians 6:19

God's Unique Role in Missions

As you saw in your study of the previous verses, an important aspect of God's uniqueness is His three in oneness: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Read these verses from Paul's description of God in Ephesians to see how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together. How do they relate to God's Role in Missions?

Ephesians 1:3-5

Ephesians 1:10

Ephesians 1:14

Ephesians 3:6

Ephesians 5:1

Ephesians 6:17

Your Compelling View of God

Based on your study of all these verses, how would you explain God to someone who does not know who He is?