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GOD IS NOT A MAN

Some popular movies of the past have pictured the God of the Bible as a little old white-haired man possessing the same form, frailties and weaknesses as humans. Yet the Bible declares in Numbers 23:19, "**God is not a man**, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" God is not a man, nor does He possess the weaknesses common to man. God is greater than man (Job 33:12). God is not a physical being but is a spiritual being (John 4:24). He is not subject to the frailties of the physical man. He does not grow old nor does He suffer disease nor is He subject to death for He is eternal (Genesis 21:23; Deut. 33:27). Unlike man, God does not possess the ability to tell a lie nor renege on His promises (Titus 1:2; 2 Corinthians 1:20; 2 Peter 3:9). God's ways and thoughts are higher than those of man (Isaiah 55:9). Romans 11:33 reads, "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" The superiority of God to man is clear. He is the Potter, we are the clay (Romans 9:19-21). He is the Creator, we are His creatures (1 Peter 4:19). He is the Holy and Righteous God, we are unworthy sinful men and women.

God is not a man that we should disrespect Him. "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name" (Psalms 111:9).

God is not a man that we should doubt Him. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

God is not a man that we should ignore His love for us. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God is not a man that we should reject His offer of redemption through Jesus Christ. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

God is not a man that we should distrust His truth revealed in the Bible. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). "Sanctify them through Your truth. Your word is truth" (John 17:17).

God is not a man that we should disobey what he has commanded for our salvation. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

No, God is not a man, but He is our loving heavenly father who desires your salvation.