



“...that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.” >>
– Luke 1:35

What does God think of us?
And we of Him?

What does God think of us? ¹

- ▶ We are PRECIOUS
- ▶ “...for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.” (Zech. 2:8)
- ▶ “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?” (Psalm 8:3–4)



What does God think of us? 2

- ▶ We are LOVELY
- ▶ “I have likened the daughter of Zion to a lovely and delicate woman.” (Jer. 6:2)
- ▶ “The Lord called your name, Green Olive Tree, Lovely and of Good Fruit.” (Jer. 11:16)
- ▶ *[Shulamite]* “I am dark, but lovely...Do not look upon me, because I am dark, Because the sun has tanned me.” (Song of Solomon 1:5–6)
- ▶ *[The Beloved]* “Rise up, my love, my fair one...Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your face is lovely.” (Song of Solomon 2:13–14)



What does God think of us? ³

- ▶ We are WORTHY
- ▶ Def. = *good enough; suitable*
- ▶ “Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” (Gal. 4:3–6)



Often the way we perceive what
God thinks of us can affect how we
relate to Him

What we think of God may distance us from Him

- ▶ A God of mercy alone – carelessness
- ▶ A judge and dictator – hopelessness
- ▶ God's continual desire is our salvation
 - "... deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." (1 Cor. 5:5)
 - The sinful woman at Simon's house (Luk 7:36–50)



What we think of God is influenced by our need

- ▶ If we don't realize our need, we won't look for Him
- ▶ “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” (Mar 2:17)



What we think of God can influence our response

- ▶ The one who does not feel sick will not go to the physician
- ▶ “O Lord, correct me, but with justice; Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.” (Jer. 10:24)



Conclusion

- ▶ “...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.” (Luk 15:7)

