

SERMON NOTES

WHAT IS YOUR PICTURE OF GOD?

AW Tozer "What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

WHY? - Affects our whole lives. Whether know it or not you are forming a concept of God

Your concept may be wrathful, Indifferent, chronically disappointed, an ATM Machine, Savior, Friend & guide.

Two problems complicate our concept:

1. Addressing God as Father;
2. Gap between what we say believe & our default image.

How do we find a Biblical concept of God? In the New Testament, Jesus Shows God as he really is.

At the heart of the universe, there is not only ultimate power, But ultimate love and that love reaches each of us

When I was hospitalized for 30 days & overwhelmed God ignited Jn 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **APART FROM ME you can do nothing.**

DO YOU SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR CONCEPT OF GOD? ASK YOURSELF:

- Does my image of my earthly father hinder my identification with God?
- Is there a gap between my professed view of God & my default view?
- Do I see how Jesus reveals God the Father to me?

May God help us all purify and deepen our concept of Him so we may find all that God has for us as individuals and for our Church.