

THE IMAGE OF GOD: THEN AND NOW

- AT CREATION: GOOD BUT INCOMPLETE
- POST FALL: MARRED AND BLURRY
- AFTER RETURN OF CHRIST: COMPLETE AND PERFECT

WORK OF THE SPIRIT

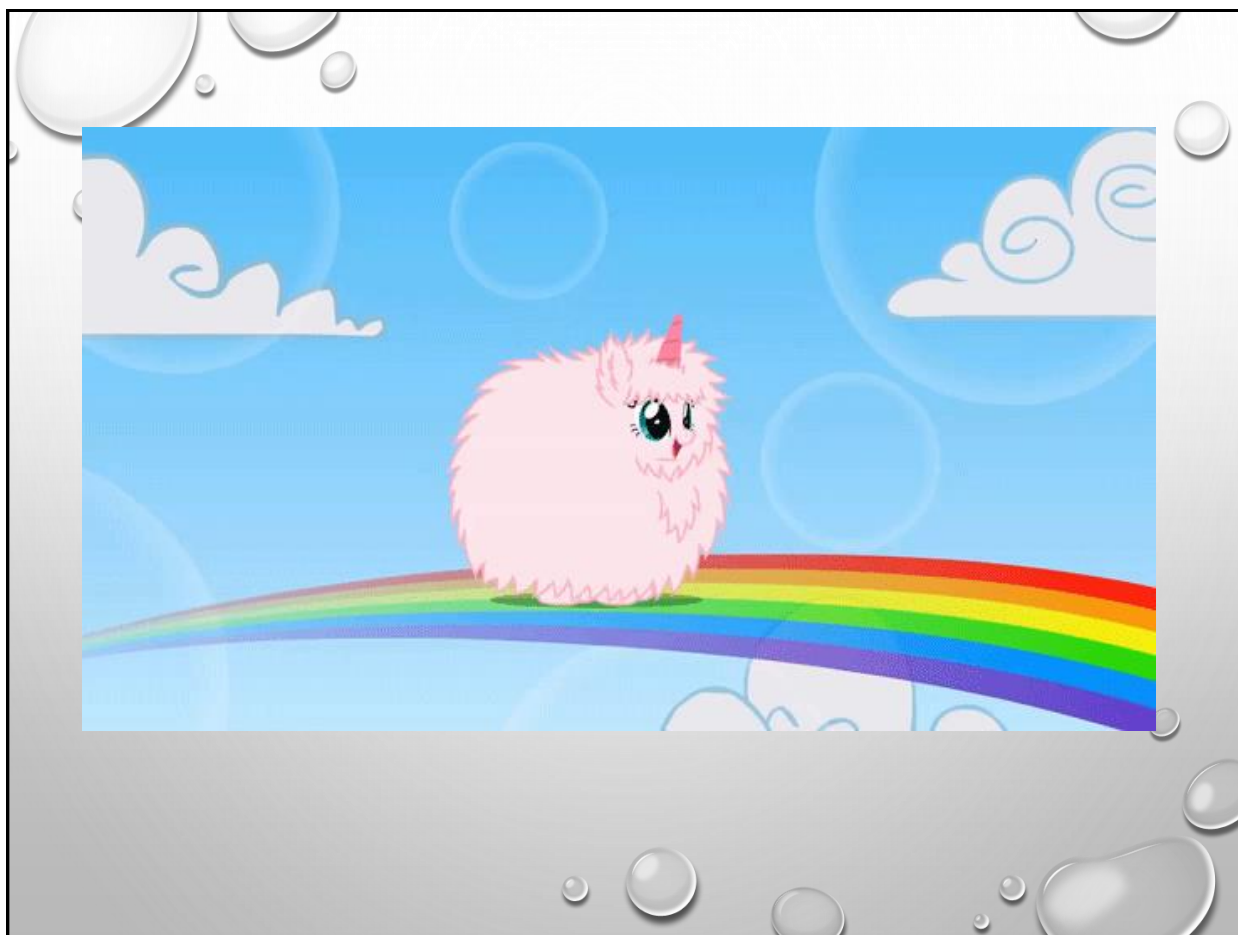
- ^{NAS} **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, ...



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS PEACE

PEACE IS ...

1. THE NORMAL, NONWARRING CONDITION OF A NATION, GROUP OF NATIONS, OR THE WORLD.
6. FREEDOM OF THE MIND FROM ANNOYANCE, DISTRACTION, ANXIETY, AN OBSESSION, ETC.; TRANQUILLITY; SERENITY.
7. A STATE OF TRANQUILLITY OR SERENITY:



PEACE IS ...

- INDEPENDENT OF OUR CIRCUMSTANCES
 1. WE HAVE INNER PEACE IN TIMES OF ADVERSITY
 2. WE HAVE INNER TURMOIL IN TIMES OF BLESSING
 3. WE FLIP-FLOP BETWEEN PEACE AND TURMOIL WITH NO CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES



THE PEACE OF GOD

GOD IS IMPASSIBLE

- “IN THE EARLY FATHERS, TO TEACH THAT GOD WAS IMPASSIBLE WAS TO TEACH THAT GOD DID NOT HAVE “PASSIONS”, OR UNRESTRAINED FEELINGS UNGOVERNED BY REASON OR WILL THAT COULD SIMPLY SWEEP OVER HIM. A PASSION WAS THOUGHT OF AS A SORT OF VIOLENT, SEMI-PHYSICAL FORCE THAT COULD MOVE A PERSON WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THEIR REASON OR WILL. TO DENY THAT THIS CAN HAPPEN IS TO SAY THAT GOD’S EMOTIONAL LIFE IS UNDER HIS OWN CONTROL AND WILL NOT ERUPT VIOLENTLY IN IRRATIONAL OR SINFUL WAYS. IN OTHER WORDS, GOD IS NOT AN EMOTIONAL TEENAGER”

- DEREK RISHMAWY

GOD'S SELF-CONTROL

- ^{NAS} **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 IT? OR HAS HE SPOKEN, AND WILL HE NOT MAKE IT GOOD?
 - UNLIKE US, GOD IS NOT CONTROLLED BY HIS EMOTIONS
- ^{NIV} **NUMBERS 23:19** GOD IS NOT A MAN, THAT HE SHOULD LIE, NOR A SON OF MAN, THAT HE SHOULD CHANGE HIS MIND ...

- ^{NAS} **1 SAMUEL 15:29** "AND ALSO THE GLORY OF ISRAEL WILL NOT LIE OR CHANGE HIS MIND; FOR HE IS NOT A MAN THAT HE SHOULD CHANGE HIS MIND."
- ^{NAS} **PSALM 110:4** THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND ...
- ^{NAS} **MALACHI 3:6** "FOR I, THE LORD, DO NOT CHANGE
- ^{NAS} **JAMES 1:17** EVERY GOOD THING BESTOWED AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS, WITH WHOM THERE IS NO VARIATION, OR SHIFTING SHADOW.

- ^{NAS} **JEREMIAH 18:7** "AT ONE MOMENT I MIGHT SPEAK CONCERNING A NATION OR CONCERNING A KINGDOM TO UPROOT, TO PULL DOWN, OR TO DESTROY *IT*; ⁸ IF THAT NATION AGAINST WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN TURNS FROM ITS EVIL, I WILL RELENT CONCERNING THE CALAMITY I PLANNED TO BRING ON IT. ⁹ "OR AT ANOTHER MOMENT I MIGHT SPEAK CONCERNING A NATION OR CONCERNING A KINGDOM TO BUILD UP OR TO PLANT *IT*; ¹⁰ IF IT DOES EVIL IN MY SIGHT BY NOT OBEYING MY VOICE, THEN I WILL THINK BETTER OF THE GOOD WITH WHICH I HAD PROMISED TO BLESS IT.

GOD VS MAN

- WITH PEOPLE, OUR EMOTIONS TEND TO DRIVE OUR WILL
 - IRRATIONAL EMOTIONS
- WITH GOD, HIS EMOTIONS ARE FULLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF HIS WILL
 - RATIONAL EMOTIONS

THE PROMISE OF JESUS

- ^{NAS} **JOHN 14:16** "AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER, THAT HE MAY BE WITH YOU FOREVER; ¹⁷ *THAT IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT BEHOLD HIM OR KNOW HIM, BUT YOU KNOW HIM BECAUSE HE ABIDES WITH YOU, AND WILL BE IN YOU....* ²⁰ "IN THAT DAY YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I AM IN MY FATHER, AND YOU IN ME, AND I IN YOU. ...²³ JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, "IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD; AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM, AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM...²⁶ "BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THAT I SAID TO YOU. ²⁷ "PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU; NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES, DO I GIVE TO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NOR LET IT BE FEARFUL.

PEACE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING

- ^{NIV} **PHILIPPIANS 4:7** AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

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CONCLUSIONS

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- ^{NAS} **PHILIPPIANS 2:12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; ¹³ FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:25** IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.

OUR STRATEGY

- **NIV PHILIPPIANS 4:4** REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. I WILL SAY IT AGAIN: REJOICE! ⁵ LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE EVIDENT TO ALL. THE LORD IS NEAR. ⁶ DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD. ⁷ AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

OUR RESPONSE

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- ^{NIV} **ROMANS 14:17** FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT A MATTER OF EATING AND DRINKING, BUT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
- ^{NAS} **PSALM 115:18** BUT AS FOR US, WE WILL BLESS THE LORD FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND FOREVER. PRAISE THE LORD!