

“What was Jesus’ Goal?”

Through the Lens of Jesus

OT God: A God of Accommodations:

“The God of the OT is arguably the most unpleasant character in all of fiction: jealous, and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving, control freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty, ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist; infanticidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously, malevolent bully.” Richard Dawkins, *The God Delusion* p. 57

God appears to okay what behavior?
Polygamy; Slavery; Patriarchs

Who is God dealing with in OT?
Still deals with them in the NT.

**Christians today are no different:
New Orleans—Katrina and the French
quarter [Bourbon Street].**

New Image of God

Did not fit the “Mold” of the world.

Old Testament God

Exodus 21:10—If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first one of her food, clothing and marital rights.

Deuteronomy 23:15—If a slave has taken refuge with you, do not hand them over to their master.

1Timothy 2:12—I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.

1Samuel 8:22—The LORD answered, “Listen to them and give them a king.”

Leviticus 18:7,23—“Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her... Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

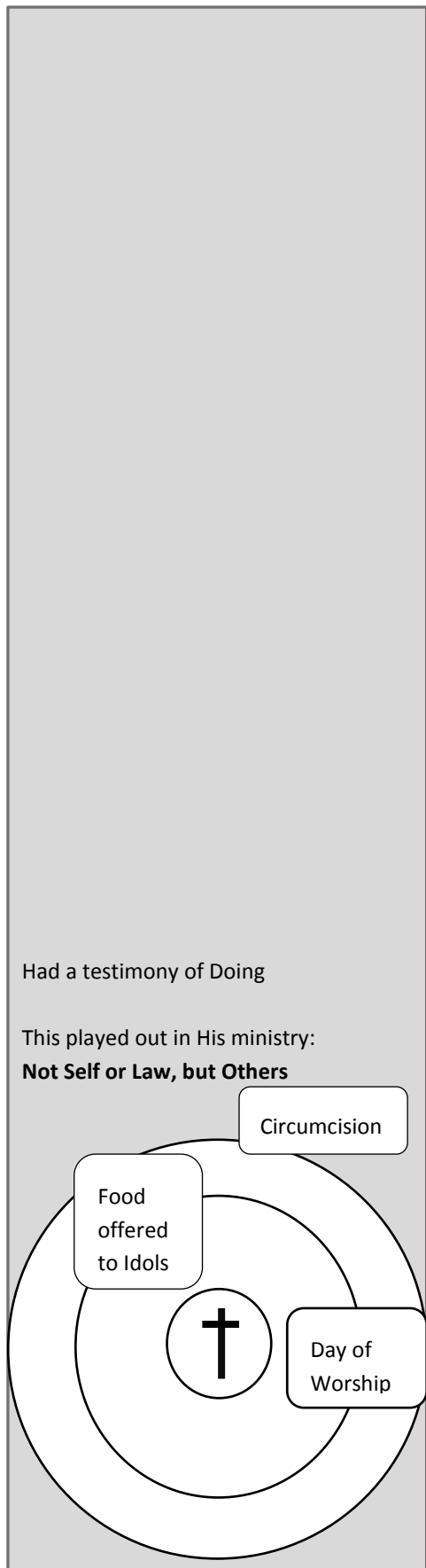
Matthew 23:37—Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

Luke 9:51-55—As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy [consume] them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

Image of God (and the Law) through Jesus

Romans 12:2—Do not conform [mold] to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.

2Timothy 3:16—All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.



1Timothy 1:8-9—...We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious...

1Corinthians 13:8-10—Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

Matthew 5:17—Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill [plairo—To bring to completion].

Hebrews 1:1-3—In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son... The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation [character] of his being.

John 1:17-18—The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

Romans 6:14—For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

John 5:36—I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me.

Matthew 23:23—Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Concentric Circles

John 5:39-40—You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you possess eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Woman caught in adultery story, Christ protected those being accused

John 12:47—As for those who hear my words but do not keep them, I do no judge them, for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

Luke 6:37—Do not judge, and you will not be judged.

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” – John 14:9

Did not only want God's will to be done, but for His Kingdom to find a foothold on earth.

Praying for unity

Matthew 18 – Go to Brother and make amends

With Christ, more is required than under the Law

Love Enemies

Paul says something similar...

The Life of a Hebrew “Come and Follow me”

“The history of Christianity does not prove that the teachings of Jesus have been tried and found wanting. The history of Christianity proves that the teachings of Jesus have been found difficult and left untried.”

– G.K. Chesterton

Woman who touched His garment

Touching Lepers before Healing

Luke 14, Mark 3—Healing on Sabbath

Repent! – Menatoo – Military term for “About Face”

Jesus' Message of Unity and Love

Matthew 6:10—Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

John 17:20-23—My Prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity

Matthew 5:21-22—You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment.

Matthew 5:27-28—You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:43-44—You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...

Galatians 3:28—There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 4:18-19—As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, Follow me.” Jesus said...

John 13:35—By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Luke 19—Zacchaeus conversion