

Women & More

Greater than Great; 'Gooder' than Good

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When we say *God is great* and *God is good*, it slips off of our lips like so many words about Him. But our God is so much 'greater' than our understanding of great; He is so very 'good' that words from our dictionary—words we use every day—will not describe any of His amazing attributes with any accuracy or justice at all. And all that He is, He is for us!

“Calvary is the measure of the goodness of God.”

—J. I. Packer

Someone has said that if God were small enough for us to understand,
He would not be big enough to save us...

“God cannot be less than Himself, and God is good.”

—Anne Graham Lotz

**“When human beings shrink God,
they offer prayer without faith,
work without passion,
service without joy,
suffering without hope.**

It results in fear, retreat, loss of vision, and failure to persevere...

the way we live is a consequence of the size of our God.”

—John Ortberg

“God is not wanting great men, but He is wanting men (and women—mine) who will
dare to prove the greatness of their God.”

—A. B. Simpson

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Job 26:14

Psalm 119:68

Psalm 126:3

Romans 11:33

1 John 4:4

Scripture to Memorize:

Luke 9:43 “*And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. When your thoughts go to the 'greatness' of God, to what do you tend to compare? What is your point of reference for God's very greatness?

2. Have you ever had any doubt at all that God is good? Yes____; No____. In what areas have you had doubt that He was truly good?

- If you've never had one doubt, to *Whom* do you owe that confident assurance?

3. Why is it so important that we understand as much as God will allow us to know of His greatness and goodness while we're still here on earth?

Recommended Reading:

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat, John Ortberg

War of Words, Paul David Tripp

We Shall See God, Randy Alcorn

Charles Spurgeon, July 24, *Morning and Evening*

“*His camp is very great*”

Joel 2:11—*KJV*

Consider, my soul, the mightiness of the Lord who is thy glory and defense. He is a man of war, Jehovah is His name. All *the forces of heaven* are at His beck, legions wait at His door, cherubim and seraphim, watchers and holy ones, principalities and powers, are all attentive to His will.

If our eyes were not blinded by ophthalmia of the flesh, we should see horses of fire and chariots of fire round about the Lord's beloved. *The powers of nature* are all subject to the absolute control of the Creator: stormy wind and tempest, lightning and rain, and snow and hail, and the soft dews and cheering sunshine, come and go at His decree.

The bands of Orion He looses, and binds the sweet influences of the Pleiades. Earth, sea, and air, and the places under the earth, are the barracks for Jehovah's great armies; space is His camping ground, light is His banner, and flame is His sword. When He goes forth to war, famine ravages the land, pestilence smites the nations, hurricane sweeps the sea, tornado shakes the mountains, and earthquake makes the solid world to tremble.

As for *animate creatures*, they all own His dominion, and from the great fish which swallowed the prophet down to 'all manner of flies' which plagued the field of Zoan, all are His servants, and like the palmerworm, the caterpillar, and the cankerworm, are squadrons of His great army, **for His camp is very great.**

My soul, see to it that thou be at peace with this mighty King, yea, more, be sure to enlist under His banner, for to war against Him is madness, and to serve Him is glory. Jesus, Immanuel, God with us, is ready to receive recruits for the army of the Lord: if I am not already enlisted let me go to Him ere I sleep, and beg to be accepted through His merits; and if I be already, as I hope I am, a soldier of the cross, let me be of good courage; for the enemy is powerless compared with **my Lord, whose camp is very great.**

Can a good Muslim be a good American?

The answer is “no”! He cannot be both a 'good' Muslim and a 'good' American—ten reasons are given below. This may be the reason why many Muslims in America are so quiet and not speaking out about any atrocities.

- 1) **Theologically “no”**, because a good Muslim’s allegiance must be to Allah—the moon god of Arabia.
- 2) **Religiously “no”**, because no other religion is accepted by Allah except Islam (ref: Quran, 2:256—Koran).
- 3) **Scripturally “no”**, because the good Muslim’s allegiance is to the five Pillars of Islam and the Quran.
- 4) **Geographically “no”**, because the good Muslim’s allegiance is to Mecca, to which he turns in prayer five times a day.
- 5) **Socially “no”**, because the good Muslim’s allegiance to Islam forbids him to make friends with Christians or Jews.
- 6) **Politically “no”**, because the good Muslim must submit to the mullahs (spiritual leaders), who teach annihilation of Israel and the destruction of America—which they refer to as “the great Satan”.
- 7) **Domestically “no”**, because the good Muslim is instructed to marry four women and beat and scourge them when they disobey (Quran 4:34).
- 8) **Intellectually “no”**, because the good Muslim cannot accept the American Constitution since it is based on biblical principles and the Quran teaches that the Bible is corrupt.
- 9) **Philosophically “no”**, because Islam, Muhammad, and the Quran do not allow freedom of religion and expression. Democracy and Islam cannot co-exist. Every Muslim government is either dictatorial or autocratic.
- 10) **Spiritually “no”**, because when we declare 'one nation under God', we’re referring to the Christian's God who is loving and kind, while Allah is never referred to as heavenly father, nor is he ever called love in the Quran's 99 excellent names for him.

WARNING: Muslims have said they will destroy us from within.

PS: In our attempt not to offend people, we must be sure that we do not offend the Bible’s Almighty God—the One and Only, True and Living God!

Greater is He
(that is in me)

CHORUS: (repeat twice)

Greater is He that is in me,
Greater is He that is in me,
Greater is He that is in me
Than he that is in the world.

Verse 1

Satan's like a roaring lion
Roaming to and fro;
Seeking whom he may devour
The Bible tells me so.

Many souls have been his prey
To fall in some weak hour;
But God has promised us today
His over coming power. CHORUS

Verse 2

On the day of Pentecost
A rushing, mighty wind;
Blew into the upper room
And baptized all of them.

With a power greater than
Any earthly foe;
And I'm so glad I've got it too
I'm gonna let the whole world know. CHORUS

—Unknown

Paul David Tripp in his book, *War of Words*, wrote:

O God, I have stood
in the shadow of mountains,
at the brink of oceans,
under the spread of clouds,
by the foot of redwoods—
And I have learned of Your greatness.

O Lord, I have touched
baby fingers,
feathers of a canary,
petals of a rose,
lather from soap—
And I have been reminded of Your greatness.

O Father, I have known
true friendship,
joys of love,
concerned care,
unrestricted consideration—
And I have thought of Your goodness.

O great, gentle, good God,
do some good, gentle, great thing
today through me,
that others too may know
more of You,
I pray,
In Christ's Name,
Amen.