



Acceptance or Rejection

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In the very beginning, a crafty deceiver arrived on the scene and with subtle accusations put doubts in the minds of the first man and woman. He caused them to question whether God was being completely truthful and honest with them. This deceiver asked, “Did God really say...?” He was blatantly accusing God of lying. The truth of the matter is that this cunning one, who accused God, now stands before Him and accuses us. He is the original liar and deceiver, not God.

Have we fallen for this deception even today? How many still say in their hearts, “Did God really say...? Do we doubt instead of believing the Word of God? Do we doubt God is who He says He is? Do we doubt He can do the things He said He could do? When man sinned, he started hiding from God. Are you hiding from Him when His greatest desire is to be with you? God won’t force Himself on anyone. When you act like you don’t care, He won’t come around.

God’s character is love. He is full of grace and mercy. Yet, He is all-powerful and has all authority. When you believe in Him, you accept who He is. You accept His love as well as His power. When you don’t believe Him—it’s the same as rejecting Him. You also reject His love and His power to make a difference in your life. God looks for you and waits for you to come to Him.

Even the fallen angels, known as devils or demons, believe. They know God is supreme and they know Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of humankind. Yet, they committed treason. They wanted to be supreme and worshiped. The devil or satan wanted to sit on God’s throne. Of course, their creator defeated them. And now, these fallen angels don’t want us to have the opportunity to live in God’s awesome presence either—since they have given up that right.

What is the difference in the way the fallen angels believe and the way we must? Believe is an action word. True believing is responding to God in a positive way. Sometimes people give lip service—to God and even to you. They may say I love you, but never act like it.

God says I want to be your God and I want you to be my people. But do we proceed to ignore Him, reject Him and turn our backs on Him? True believing is listening, accepting, responding, and expecting the good things God has for us. And isn’t this really all about being loved as well. We feel loved when listened to, accepted and responded to in a positive way. If we are ignored or rejected, we feel unloved. Let’s not be guilty of rejecting God and His Son, because of doubt erroneously placed in our hearts.

Sometimes we may think God is far away and has no concern for us, but it isn’t true. He loves us so much and wants to spend time with us. Even though God is sovereign, He still wants to be a loving and caring Father to us. He desires for us to have an abundant life—not one good day or one good year but for life. He desires for us to be

healthy. He wants to give us His peace. He wants us to experience joy. Isn't it time we get out of the box and take the limits off a limitless God?

I heard Him say, "Come now all my people and worship me. Let no one stay behind. Let no one drawback. Follow me. Follow me to the highest mountain tops, to the depths of the oceans, to the seaside, to the tallest trees. All is my creation; created for you, for your enjoyment. Do you enjoy what I've created for you? Do you enjoy the love, my mercy and grace gives to you? Do you accept it or reject it? My love waits for you. Fill yourselves with my love. Be free. Be free in me. Free to love. Free to give. Free to be you—the one I created; full of my love, full of my gifts."

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