



The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. (NIV)

And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. (KJV)

The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (NASB)





Regret: sorrow aroused by circumstances beyond one's control or power to repair

Repent: to feel regret or contrition, to change one's mind

Sorry: feeling regret or penitence

Relent: to become less severe, harsh, or strict





No Mistakes, Sin or Make Incorrect Assumptions:

As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 18:30

God is All Knowing

If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

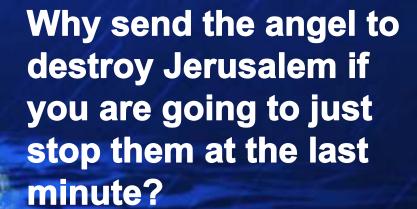
1 John 3:20

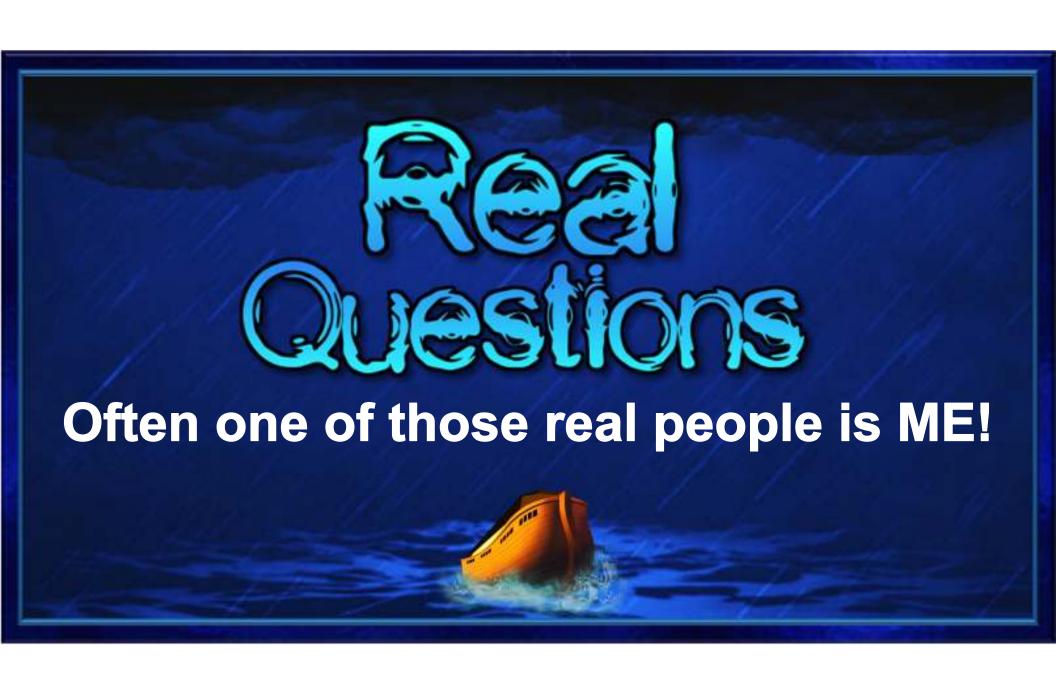
The Issue

If God knows how it all turns out how can he feel regret?

If God knows Moses is going to talk him out of it, then what's the point of making the statement?

If God knows those people in Ninevah are going to repent why stuff poor Jonah into a fish?





Limited Understanding

This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?"

Isaiah 66:1

We place God in a box.

We are visual people, but visualizing God is hard.



God is not Human

He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind."

Our Limitations

Again, he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?



1 Samuel 15:29



Timeless

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2 Peter 3:8

Time is something that we struggle with

To think about how a being can live outside of time, my mind just does not wrap that far.

God is not Emotional

God is a God with emotion, but he does not react emotionally

Deuteronomy 28:63

Delight

Mark 3:5
Grieved

Isaiah 47:6
Angry

Psalm 2:4

Laughs

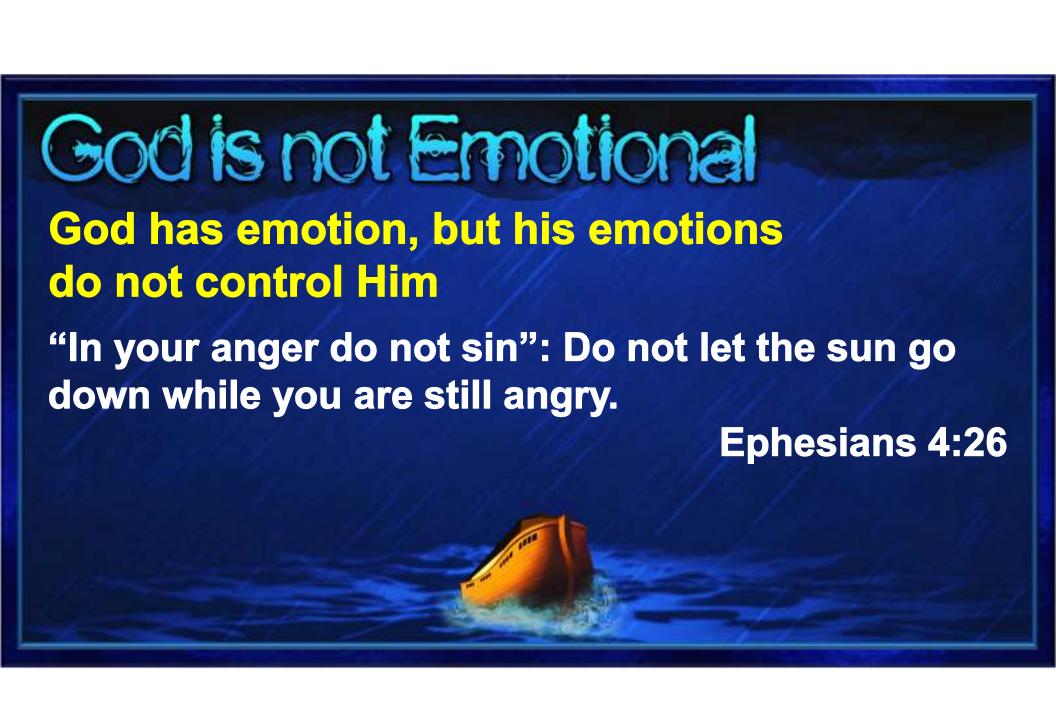
Matthew 9:36

Compassion

Exodus 20:5 Jealous

Proverbs 6:16

Hates



God is Patient

To those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water.

1 Peter 3:20

Only 8 people will end up on that ark, but the invitation was open until the day the door shut.

As much as it could be justified, God gave Noah time.

Unfading Love God does not desire our destruction

He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

Jonah 4:2



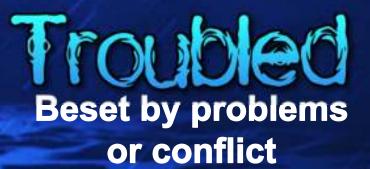
God's Regret

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He knew things could not continue the way they were going

He knew what needed to be done

Genesis 6:6





Heartbroken

"To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.



Isaiah 54:9-10

Enduring Love

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

