



To Me, God Is...

CASE STUDY 2

Debbi woke up in the middle of the night in a panic. She had forgotten to do her Bible reading for the day and was worried about what might happen if she missed it. She stumbled down the stairs, plopped onto the couch, and opened her Bible to Leviticus. Over the next twenty minutes she fought off sleep as she read about things like the rituals for cleansing healed lepers.



Mark's spiritual life consists of attending church on Sunday mornings and saying a quick prayer before each meal. He doesn't give a lot of thought to his relationship with God. To Mark, God is too big to notice what is going on in his life.



Stan and Dorothy are careful to please God. Their son is in the army. He was recently deployed to the Middle East in a dangerous location. Stan and Dorothy don't want to do anything to make God upset at them for fear He might bring harm on their son. They want God to bless them by keeping their son safe.

1. Who sees God as a celestial Santa Claus? Who sees Him as an ogre? And who sees Him as an impersonal being?
2. What are some consequences of approaching God as a Santa Claus, ogre, or impersonal being?
3. What are five truths God reveals about Himself by delivering Israel from Egypt at the Red Sea? See Exodus 14; 15:1–21.
4. Describe your understanding of God. Is it Biblical?
5. What truths about God revealed in Moses' song helped you adjust your understanding of God?