

The Majesty of God

By: Dan Jenkins

How can the Almighty God describe Himself in ways that mortals could ever begin to comprehend Him? The vastness of our universe revealed to us by those telescopes created in recent years have just begun to magnify His power. How many galaxies are there which have been discovered? How many stars are there in each of those galaxies? Think about this, and then imagine the greatness of God who created each of them and all there is in them in just six days. How many times does Genesis say that He spoke and it was done?

When Solomon described God's presence in the temple he was dedicating, he magnified God by saying, "Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built" (1 Kgs. 8:27)? God is great. God is good. He is infinite in all of His ways, but we are finite in all of ours!

God is a spirit (John 4:24). After His resurrection Jesus said, "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have" (Luke 24:39). How do you describe a spirit? How do you describe your soul, your spirit? How do you describe God?

God gives us words connected with our mortal bodies to help us understand Him. We can grasp these words, but they do not even begin to touch the hem of the garments to reveal Jehovah. God uses language we can grasp to try

to give us insight into what He is like by using words we know. Think about this as you read the rest of this article.

The Bible speaks of God's eyes. Does God see? He sees that which we could never see. He saw the thoughts and the intents of the heart of every man on this earth before the flood (Gen. 6:5). "All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account" (Heb. 4:13). He has eyes but not like ours.

The Bible speaks of God's ears. Does God hear? He hears every word every man speaks (Matt. 12:36). Peter speaks of God and righteous men and says, "His ears are open to their prayers" (1 Pet. 3:12). He has ears but not like ours.

The Bible speaks of God's face. Peter also says, "The face of the Lord is against those that do evil" (1 Pet. 3:12). He has a face but not like ours.

The Bible speaks of God having many other parts of a body. Space does not permit us to discuss His hands, His arms, His feet, His mouth and much more. God uses the finite things we know to help us begin to understand the infinite. No man has seen Him in all His immeasurable majesty at any time (John 1:18). Aren't you glad that God has revealed unknowable things in knowable ways that even a child can understand?

Not Sure If You Like Prunes, But God Does

By: Selected

In God's eyes, there are only two kinds of disciples—and He only approves of one of them. In John 15, Jesus portrays the church as a vineyard, where He is the vine, the Father is the vinedresser and each individual Christian is a branch. He depicts two kinds of branches—those who bear fruit and those who do not bear fruit. *Which kind of branch are you?*

Jesus makes it clear that branches (i.e., disciples/Christians) that do not bear fruit are taken away, cast out, gathered, thrown into the fire and burned (**John 15:2, 6**). The directness and decisiveness with which Jesus describes this is rather intense. But, then there are those branches that do bear fruit. Notice in verse two what God does to the fruit-bearing Christians and why He does it.

“Every branch that bears fruit He prunes.” What does that mean? To “prune” means to clean, cleanse, purge, purify. The verb is used in the present tense to emphasize the continual nature of God's cleansing the fruit-bearing Christian—cleansing him from the impurities and guilt of sin.

How exactly does God prune? Verse three tells us—“You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.” The Word of God is living, active and powerful (cf. **Heb. 4:12**). His words are not idle print on pieces of paper. God's word changes lives—it teaches, corrects, disciplines, trains (cf. **2 Tim. 3:16**). In this way, it prunes those who diligently give themselves to its reading, study and meditation.

So, what's the purpose? Why does God continue to prune/clean/purify those disciples who bear fruit? Again, we don't have to go far

to find the answer. Read **John 15:2** again. “Every branch that bears fruit He prunes, **that it may bear more fruit.**”

Do you know why God cleansed you and continues to purge you from your sin and uncleanness? So that you can bear as much fruit as possible! A faithful, diligent fruit-bearer is never satisfied with how much he/she has done for the Lord. A faithful, diligent fruit-bearer—rather than looking for opportunities to take a break or quit—is always active, working and searching for ways to be useful in the kingdom of God.

Why does he/she want to bear more fruit? He who bears fruit is pruned by the Word. He is pruned to bear more fruit. He bears more fruit and continues to be pruned by the Word. He is continually pruned by the Lord and His Word in order that he might bear more and more fruit. (See the cycle?)

How much fruit do you bear for Him and how much more do you long to bear? Get into His word! Let it prune you! Then, find souls around you who need what you have!



Upcoming Events

Summer Series Wednesdays: Adults will be in the main auditorium for the theme “It’s Who You Know” and the youth will be in the fellowship hall learning Bible stories about God’s animals.

TODAY: Youth devo after evening worship here at the building. Boys bring drinks, girls bring deserts.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Richard Rodriguez, a co-worker of Eddie Serenil, who lost his son Jaibryn in a firecracker accident on July 4th.

Guadalupe Rodriguez is requesting prayers for his health.

Mary Jo White who had bypass surgery recently and recovering at home.

Allen Clifton who has completed his radiation treatments.

Eddie Serenil who had a stint procedure done recently.

Ashley Dolan’s father who is in hospice care.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Jerry FitzSimmons, James Hicks, and Veronica Serenil.

Service Roster

Week of July 13, 2025

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Will Burleson
Song Leader Jeff Cannady

Opening Prayer..... Dan Fielder
Closing Prayer..... Benny Horton

Lord’s Supper & Offering

Bread..... Bryant Siegel
Cup..... Lupe Escojido
Offering..... James Cammock
Assist..... Jack Jobes
Assist..... Caleb Lehtinen
Assist..... Desmon Flonnory

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Kevin Sheeran

Opening Prayer..... James Cammock
Closing Prayer..... Will Burleson

Lord’s Supper & Offering..... James Cammock/
Lupe Escojido

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class Lupe Escojido
Song Leader Luke FitzSimmons
Devotional Lupe Escojido

Other

Prepare Communion for July McCoys

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Braxton Flonnory..... July 13
Clifton Rutherford..... July 17

Anniversaries

Bryant & Nina Siegel..... July 13
James & Emily Cammock..... July 17

Please sign up to open/close the building, prepare communion, and host youth devos for 2025. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men's Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law
of Christ.
Galatians 6:2 NKJV

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of July 6, 2025

A.M. Bible Class.....48
A.M. Worship.....93
P.M. Worship.....60
Wednesday Worship.....69

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