

GOD UNDERSTANDS!

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: Psalm 33:9.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Have you ever heard someone say, "God understands my intention" after disobeying His commandment?
 - 1) Will He overlook our sins if He understands our reasons for disobeying?
 - 2) They will say, "But, God knows my heart."
2. This mindset cost many good people their eternal salvation.

C. Why do men feel that God will understand and overlook sin?

D. Yes, God does know and understands all things. The question must be, "Will His knowledge of me set aside a sin?"

E. In this lesson please note: WHAT – HOW -- WHEN!

I. GOD KNOWS WHAT HE HAS COMMANDED.

A. To Noah (Gen. 6).

1. Did God understand WHAT He required of Noah?
2. And did God expect Noah to understand as well?

B. Jeremiah.

1. Warned Israel of captivity/destruction if they did not repent.
2. Jer. 4:14.

C. Does God care about the details?

D. Do you think God UNDERSTANDS what He has commanded?

1. Yes, He knows exactly what He has required of men.
2. Question: Will He understand if I do not obey?

II. GOD KNOWS HOW THE COMMANDS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT.

A. Jericho.

1. Josh. 6:1-5.
 - 1) Go around the city ONCE for SIX days.
 - 2) THEN: 7 priests, with 7 ram's horns, on the 7th day shall go around the city 7 times & blow on the horns.
 - 3) After a long blast of the trumpet, the people will shout, and the walls will fall!
2. Was there any other way they could have taken the city?
3. Did God understand WHAT He commanded? Did Israel understand?

B. Ark of the Covenant.

1. God told them how it should be built (Exo. 25:9ff).
2. God told them how to carry it and how it was to be handled (Num 4:1-4, 15).

C. What about worship in the N/T church?

1. SINGING: God understood what His command (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
 - 1) He commands us to sing – not play/clap/stomp feet, etc.
 - 2) Musical instruments were introduced with no authority from God!
2. LORD'S SUPPER (Acts 20:7 "“")
 - 1) First day of the week - ONLY.
 - 2) The emblems represent His body and His blood (Luke 22:14-22).
3. OUR ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP.
 - 1) Will God understand replacing the worship assembly with a sporting event or any other activity (Heb. 10:25)?
 - 2) Is there a place in scripture where the worship assembly is just a suggestion? Souls will be lost if we forsake the worship service.

- 3) Our example of good is lost when we willfully mish any worship service.

III. GOD KNOWS WHEN WE DISOBEY HIS COMMANDS.

A. Consequences for disobedience.

1. Uzza (**1 Chron. 13:5-10**) – Uzza touched it. He died.
2. Nadab & Abihu (**Lev. 10:1-2**).
3. Moses never got to finish leading the Israelites into the Land of Canaan because of one act of disobedience (**Num. 20:8-13**).
4. God is serious when it comes to obeying him.

B. Rewards for obedience.

1. Friends of God obey Him (**John 15:14** “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”) Are we friends of the Lord?
2. Eternal life. (**Heb. 5:9**)

C. We must be consistent in our obedience to him.

1. We must never use the words; “God understands” to rationalize our actions.
2. **Titus 1:16.**

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. We must sever our ties with our former lifestyle.**
- B. God understands and is willing to forgive if we repent**
- C. We must understand that God delivers what he promises.**