



The Fischer Kids

My God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

Psalm 22:1-2











What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...

Knowledge of the Holy,

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God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."



Exodus 3:13

What this fact shows is that God aims to be known not as a generic deity, but as a specific person with a name that carries his unique character and mission.

YWHW
"Yahweh"
I AM

John Piper



Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Psalm 139:7-8

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13



Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

Psalm 139:4



Three Blocks

- 1. Sin
- 2. Shame
- 3. Suffering





First Block: Sin

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

Isaiah 59:2

Confession

When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin...

John 16: 8

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.





Conviction vs Condemnation

Conviction

Conviction is a work of the Holy Spirit and is focused on how GOD leads you to freedom and grace

Condemnation

Condemnation is focused on YOU and your feelings of guilt and shame



Second Block: Shame

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:7-8

[L]et us look to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame.

Hebrews 12:2



Third Block: Suffering

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:5

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Mark 14:34 MSG



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