



Does God Have Emotions?

- Malachai 3:17 “They will be mine”
- Our relationship with God is based on COVENANT; not on emotion
- But... God’s responses reveal that He has a personal interest in human beings in compassionate ways
- God is scripturally described as loving, joyful, angry, jealous, even grieving



Understanding The Nature Of God

- Augustine and Aquinas say God is impassible
- Modern theologians say His emotions are real, but not like human emotions
- When the Bible assigns human emotions to God, it reveals something about His character/nature
- The only proof we need that God is relational is that He created human beings
- God is deeply invested in His Creation



WICKED VS RIGHTEOUS



- Malachai 3:18 “The difference between the righteous and the wicked...”
- God’s set apart people consist of two groups:
1) evil-doers and 2) the righteous
- How God deals with people is based on reciprocal love, as defined by Covenant
- We are righteous ONLY when we serve God

MALACHI 3:19 "For the day is
coming, burning like
a furnace...."



- ***Ki hinneh*** = "for surely the day is coming..."
- ***Boer*** = burn up ***Tannur*** = stove or oven
- The stubble is used to heat the oven,
these are the evil-doers
- It creates heat for the refining (poetic, not precise)
- Refining (with heat) perfects the righteous, while
the evil-doers are destroyed (burned-up stubble)



- Malachai 3:20 “...the sun of righteousness will rise...”
- Righteous = those who fear God’s name
- **Wezareha** = rise, shine
Laken yire shemi = the object that is rising,
but only for a certain group
- **Biknappeha Bi** = “in” **Kanap** = wings
- Assyrian sun god symbolism

THE PROTECTIVE PRESENCE

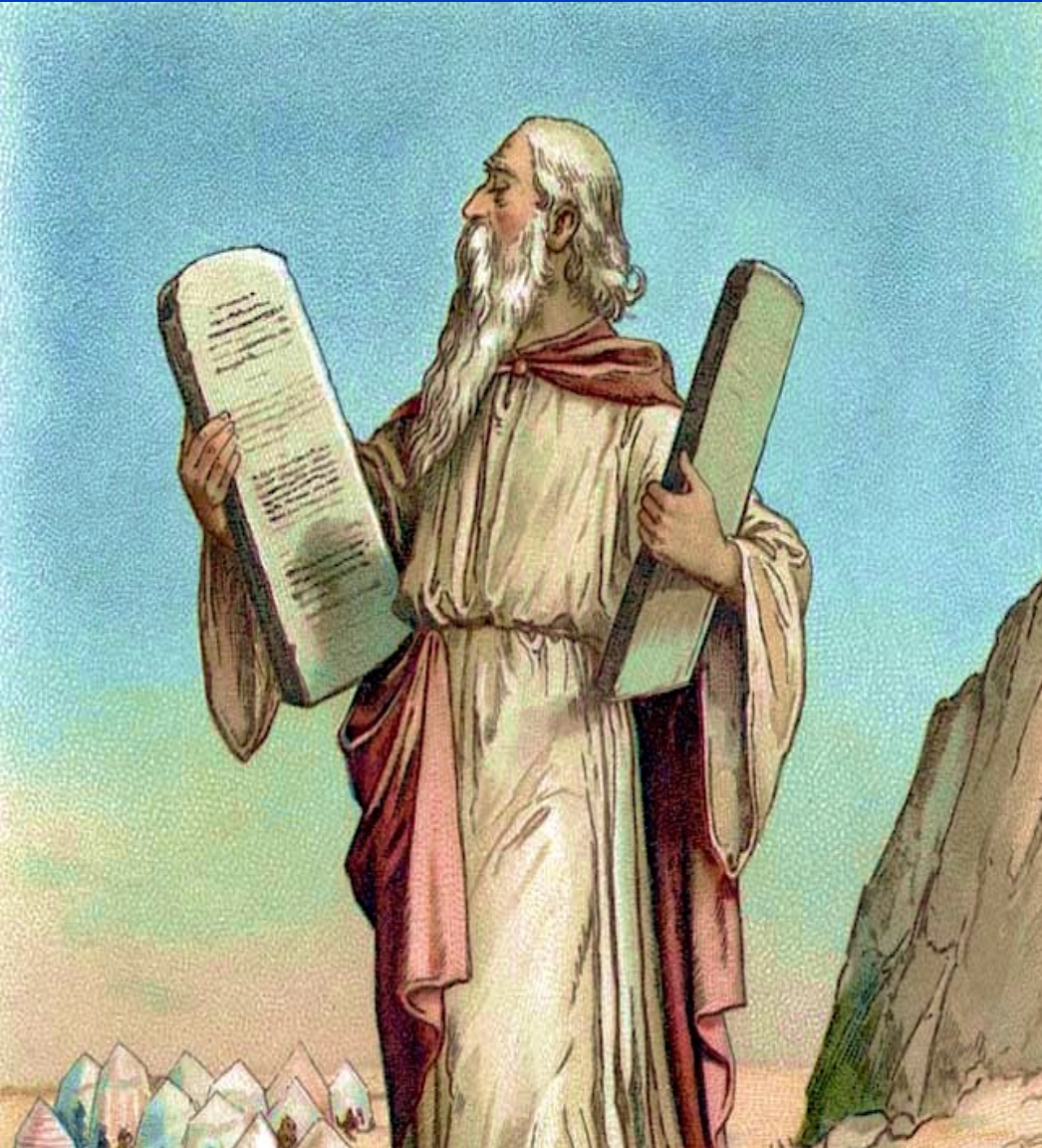
- Under the shadow of the wings is where the protected were
- Psalm 17:8
- Psalm 91:1 – 4
- It's easy for false religious doctrines, symbols, icons to sneak into our faith
- Because of the protection, the Jews now feel care-free
- Stall-fed = fatted calves
- A benefit of being under God's wings is abundance of food





- Malachai 3:21 “You will trample the wicked...”
- A further contrast between what happens to the righteous vs. the wicked
- “under the soles of your feet” is about people being taken into captivity
- This happens in the End Time (“on that day”)
- We’ll all feel the heat and go through the process

REMEMBER THE TORAH!



- Malachai 3:22
- This same thought is expressed by Yeshua in Matt. 5:17
- The Torah of Moses is another expression of the Covenant
- “Victory in Jesus” only comes within the framework of covenant obedience
- Kaiser: 1) don't erect a wall between The Law and promises of God
- 2) Don't discard 3/4th of God's revelation

The Return of

ELIJAH



- Malachai 3:23 “Look, I will send to you Elijah...”
- Previously partially fulfilled in John the Baptist
- The truest marker in history is The Day of the Lord
- Elijah is the harbinger of Yeshua’s return
- The day of Elijah and Day of the Lord will be terrible for everyone... not just the nations!
- The Prophets warn about it but the Church ignores it

THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS

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- Malachai 3:24 “He will turn the hearts of the Fathers”
- It is the coming of Elijah that will turn the hearts
- Elijah comes to call Israel back to the true biblical faith
- The righteous will be vindicated AND rehabilitated
- The wicked will NOT be rehabilitated; just destroyed
- While we must mold ourselves to generational circumstances, God never changes
- It is humanization that has corrupted God’s laws