



Have you ever been **disappointed** with God?

Have you ever thought the following?

- God wants what I want.
- If I do more for God I can buy or earn His help.
- If I am good nothing bad will happen to me.
- God wants me to be comfortable.

These thoughts and expectations set us up for disappointment because we are mistaken; or, don't understand God. God is a mystery. It is good that he is not limited by our understanding because He works things out in ways we can't imagine.

We tend to hold on to the promises of God, forgetting the included warnings.

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

- Think of a time when you were disappointed with God. Talk to Him about it in prayer. He can take your ranting, frustration, disappointment and grief. Release it to Him.
- Will it all turn out okay in the end? Maybe not the way you want. Can you trust Him anyway?

“I have learned not even to attempt an answer to the why questions...One question, however, no longer gnaws at me as it once did, ‘Does God care?’ ...By no means did Jesus solve the problem of pain—but he did signify an answer to the question Does God Care.” -Phillip Yancy