

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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## Is God Mean?

We delve into a question that has be brought our way.

“When God strikes down Uzzah, that seems mean. Is God Mean?”

Another way to look at this is, “Is God Fair?” This is a simpler question, most people would say God is fair. But does being fair mean you’re not mean?

This question, at its heart, leads to a very important question. How can one love a God who is “mean”? I certainly couldn't. So, “Is God Mean?”

The answer may seem very easy to determine—so why do we have such a hard time with stories like Uzzah and the Ark? It’s all in how we look at things, how we determine right from wrong, good from bad, nice from mean.

There are two ways to look at something—Subjectively and Objectively. When we talk about God, it can not be in a subjective manner. Our opinions do not matter. Our feelings do not matter. God is what He is, He does what He does, and He isn’t limited to our thoughts.

So, “Is God Mean?” Some say, “Yes”, others say, “No,” but what is the truth. The truth is objective. It is based on facts, not feelings. And facts are what they are.

## Is God Mean?

### \* Mean

“That was mean.” - This is a subjective statement.

Subjective statements are based upon our feelings.

The answer to our questions isn’t subjective.

### \* II Samuel 6 : 1—8

David chooses to become angry at God.

### \* Is God mean?

Genesis 3 : 18—19, 24—God “kicks” man out of the Garden

Genesis 7 : 11, 21—24—God destroys all life.

II Samuel 6 : 1—8—God strikes down Uzzah

### \* What did God do? (a subjective view)

On second thought, What did MAN do? (an objective view)

Genesis 2—3—Man ate the fruit.

Genesis 6—Man’s thoughts were evil.

II Samuel 6—Man carried the Ark incorrectly

### \* What does God do?

God chastens—out of LOVE—Hebrews 12 : 5—6

### \* What is the conclusion then?

To us, punishment is “mean.” (subjective), But in reality it’s “exhortation and love.” (objective) Hebrews 12 : 7—11