

**Spirit of Life Community Adventist Fellowship**  
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**“Understanding God’s Perspective 2”**

The biggest problems God have are not being understood, and being misunderstood. The Devil has already been defeated. Jesus has won the battle for us on the Cross. The main issues with the work of God do not involve the world, or its attempts to restrict God’s power. The main problem is with the church. You and I fail where God has succeeded, and our failures make God look bad. Our lives show whether or not God cannot lie. We know the Word says He cannot lie. However, based on what is seen or not seen in the average Christian life, either God is lying or we are totally mistaken. Who is God? What exactly is He like? What does He expect from us? Can we do what He says? Why do we fail to live up to all we read about in the Word? Where is the problem? What is going wrong?

**Matt 18:18-20.** How can we be aware of His presence? What is it like when God is around? What does He want to do when He is present? A young man attended church one weekend during a lively service. He was living with a young lady, and had become discouraged about life. While the church members shouted, he cried on the inside. He left church and took his life. His girlfriend called the Pastor crying because her man was dead. He had attended church but no one at church picked up on his burden other than his girlfriend, who was unable to help him. Based on what you know about God, what went wrong? Did the church fail the young man? Did the young man fail himself by not asking for help? Is there really time to help those in need during a church service? Should that be the main focus of a church service?

**Matt 4:23,24; 9:35-38; 12:9-14; 15:29-32; Acts 3:1-11.** Based on these texts, what can we understand about God’s view of a church service? What is God attempting to do when we gather in His name? What stops us from having exactly what we read in these texts?

Apparently, we have to change. We have to allow our habits, expectations, and issues to die in order to give God first place. Anything other than God’s will for His church is blasphemous. We can take an honest look at ourselves, and see what we can do on a personal level to act as if God is really God. We can stop doing everything that God never directed us to do.

God is determined to fix this problem. **Isaiah 48:9-11.**