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God is so big; why is God so quiet? Some people mock Him, others pervert Him into what He is not, while others deny He exists; many sin openly and harm innocent others. **What is going on here??** Three things to consider: Intimacy; Insincerity, and Eternity:

Intimacy is what God waits for from our free will:

God's unconditional love alone does not save anyone; it only makes salvation available to us. Relationship with God only commences if we join God's conditions for it. Relationship with God has conditions as does marriage, its earthly model. True relationship spouses do not make private things public; boundaries protect intimacy. Agape love is assigned unconditionally; phileo love is assessed conditionally:

☐ Ephesians 2:8 ⇨ We are saved by grace (unconditional) **through** faith (conditional).

☐ 1 John 4:19 ⇨ **God initiates unconditional love** (*agape*) to us, which enables us to love at all in the first place.

☐ John 16:27 ⇨ **God never initiates conditional love** (*phileo*) to anyone; He requires us to initiate *phileo* to Him. **God only returns conditional love** (*phileo*) to people who conditionally love (*phileo*) His only begotten Son Jesus Christ... the only Way to God.

Insincerity is filtered out by God's quietness:

☐ Isaiah 6:10, Acts 28:17 ⇨ Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn back, and be healed.

☐ Luke 16:31 ⇨ He said to him, If they do not hear (*literally: give audience to*) Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded, even though one rose from the dead.

☐ Philippians 2:12 ⇨ Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

☐ Romans 1:20 ⇨ The unseen things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse.

☐ Luke 17:20 ⇨ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation (*but rather by intentionally building intimacy with God... His intention from the beginning*).

Eternity is at stake here:

The I AM (the only Self-Existent One / the only God) alone existed from eternity past. This exceeds our full comprehension, as ones who have a beginning. God is timeless and is relational by quiddity, as seen in His Father / Son / Holy Spirit self. In order to have more relationships, it was necessary for God to create others (us) with a free will to love Him back. Creation required a temporary event called time, since all creatures have a beginning. We are not God; we sin. God addressed this problem through Jesus Christ. We need help; God addressed that problem with His Holy Spirit. Our **intimacy** with God places us in **eternity** with God in Heaven, or our **insincerity** with God places us in **eternity** apart from God in hell. **God is quiet**, desiring that we pick the better option. ♥