

Why Can't We Have A Smaller Bible?

- ❖ ... because Jesus gave us a large one.
- ❖ ... because we need our larger Bible to help us to love God.

Who is God?

- ❖ God is one and not many
- ❖ God is GOOD and loving
- “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26).
- “For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations” (Psalm 100:5).
- “You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you” (Psalm 86:5).

Who is God?

- ❖ God is one and not many
- ❖ God is GOOD and loving
- ❖ God is faithful and forgiving
- “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.”
(Deuteronomy 7:9)
- “Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.” (Micah 7:18)

And Again ...

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

26 times in the Old Testament

What to do with difficult passages

- ❖ Think about the passage some more and see if you just need to enlarge your ideas a bit.
- ❖ Consider how the actions or words of God might be suitable for their own contexts, but might not represent who God ultimately is.

“You shall not boil a kid in its mother’s milk” (Exodus 23:19)

Sins of the Day



1. Murder

2. Slander

**3. Boiling a baby goat in its
mother's milk**

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- ❖ Learn to trust God more deeply for the things you don't yet understand.

We need to read ...

❖ **Thoughtfully**

❖ **Contextually**

❖ **Trustingly**