

## Tough Questions/Solid Answers pt 7

### Question #5

Why is God so mean? Why is he such a jerk?  
How can you believe in and worship a  
God like that?

Why do we often hear of this loving merciful God and  
Yet see a totally angry, murderous; monstrous God  
In the bible?

2 of the classic answers to this:

- 1) God's ways are higher than ours;  
He has reasons we don't understand
- 2) If God is truly above all- who are we to  
Question him. (See Job)

But there are other answers. Really good ones.  
Let's look at some of the examples  
of God's monstrous behavior

### **God hates certain people?**

*Example: Esau*

*".....Jacob I loved; Esau I hated" Malachi 1:3*

### **God orders the death of innocent women and children.**

*Example- the Canaanite Genocide*

### **Why is God so harsh? And jealous?**

*Example-*

At first glance it seems God is these things  
But when we take a deeper look we see that  
God is not and that he is indeed merciful and just.

### **The real question- can we trust Him even when things don't make sense?**