

God's Omnibenevolence



The Psalms are sacred songs. They were written in the time of the Old Testament by Jews, but they are also used by Christians. 150 of them are in the Bible (there are 151 in Catholic Bibles). The Psalms evoke the longing, amazement and occasional confusion of a human searching for God.

Psalms 85 is about God's nature – it describes what it is believed that God is like.

*But you, O Lord, are a merciful and loving God,
always patient, always kind and faithful.*

Psalms 86 verse 15

To do...

-  How is God's nature described in this Psalm?
-  The Psalm describes God as 'always' patient, kind and faithful. Christians believe that God is always the same and never changes. What do you think that means for them?


In this letter to Christians in Rome, written between 55 and 58 CE, the apostle Paul describes some of his beliefs about what God is like.

For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his (God's) love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below - there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans chapter 8 verses 38-39

The Christian belief that God is always kind and loving towards humanity is sometimes known as 'omnibenevolence'.

To do...

-  How might this passage give reassurance to Christians who, like Job, are facing difficulties, or who feel as if they are a long way from God?