How long does God stay angry?

Micah 7:18 - God does not stay angry forever: "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance <u>You do not stay angry forever</u> but delight to show mercy.

Jer. 17:4 - God does stay angry forever: "I will enslave you to your enemies in a land you do not know, for you have kindled my anger, and it will burn forever.

Is man justified by faith or works?

Gal. 2:16 - justified by faith alone: "Know that a person is <u>not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ."</u>

Rom 3:28 - Justified by faith: "For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law."

Matt 19:17 - Faith alone isn't enough (and how silly of you to ask): "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

James 2:14 - Faith is essentially useless without works: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?"

James 2:17 - Faith without works is *dead*: "Even so <u>faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being</u> alone."

Who has seen God?

Gen 32:30 - Jacob saw God's face and lived: "So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because <u>I saw God face to face</u>, and yet my life was spared."

Exodus 33:11 - Moses saw God face to face: "The Lord would speak to Moses <u>face to face</u>, as one speaks to a friend."

Exodus 24:9-11 - All these folks saw God: "Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank."

Exodus 33:20 - but...: "But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for <u>no one may see me and</u> live."

John 1:18 - No one has ever seen God: "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

1 Tim 6:16 - Even though no one has or can see him - "who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see."

Did Saul's followers see the light or hear the voice? Did they stand speechless or fall to the ground?

Acts 22:9 - Saw the light, heard no voice: "And they that were with me <u>saw indeed the light</u>, <u>and were afraid; but they heard not the voice</u> of him that spake to me."

Acts 9:7 - heard a voice, saw no light: "And the men which journeyed with him <u>stood</u> speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man."

Acts 26:14 - didn't stand speechless; fell to the ground: "And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

Who was created first: Man or Animals?

Genesis 2:18-19 - Man was created first: "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the <u>man</u> should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And <u>out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field</u>, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Genesis 1:25-27 - Animals were created first: "And <u>God made the beast of the earth</u> after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, <u>Let us make man in our image</u>, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Will the Earth last forever?

2 Peter 3:10 - The heavens and earth will all be destroyed: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the <u>earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."</u>

Ecc. 1:4 - The Earth will stay here forever: "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the <u>earth abideth for ever</u>."

Has anyone ascended up to Heaven?

John 3:13 - No man except Jesus: "And <u>no man hath ascended up to heaven</u>, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."

2 Kings 2:11 - Elijah has, too: "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

In the Old Law, were children to be punished for the sins of parents?

Deut. 5:9 - Yes: "Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, <u>visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation</u> of them that hate me"

Deut 24:16 - No: "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, <u>neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers</u>: every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

Does God grow weary?

Isaiah 40:28 - No: "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. <u>He does not faint or grow weary</u>."

Isaiah 1:14 - He grows weary of sinful traditions: "Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them."

Isaiah 43:24 - He grows weary of not getting good enough offerings: "You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities."

How many soldiers fought for David?

2 Sam 24:9 - 1,300,000: "And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: in Israel there were 800,000 valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500,000."

I Chron 21:5 - 1,570,000: "And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to David. In all Israel there were 1,100,000 men who drew the sword, and in Judah 470,000 who drew the sword."

How many horsemen did David take with him?

- **2 Sam 8:4** 1,700: "And David took from him <u>1,700 horsemen</u>, and 20,000 foot soldiers. And David hamstrung all the chariot horses but left enough for 100 chariots."
- **1 Chron 18:4** 7,000: "And David took from him 1,000 chariots, <u>7,000 horsemen</u>, and 20,000 foot soldiers. And David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but left enough for 100 chariots."

How much did David pay for the threshing floor?

- **1 Chron 21:25** 600 shekels of gold: "So David <u>paid Ornan 600 shekels of gold</u> by weight for the site."
- **2 Sam 24:24** 50 shekels of silver: "But the king said to <u>Araunah</u>, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for <u>fifty shekels of silver</u>.

(The two passages give different names for the Jebusite, but every other detail is paralleled, they describe the same event.)

How many men did David's mighty man kill at a time?

- **2 Sam 23:8** 800: "These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite; he was chief of the three. He wielded his spear against eight hundred whom he killed at one time."
- **1 Chron 11:11** 300: "This is an account of David's mighty men: Jashobeam, a Hachmonite, was chief of the three. He wielded his spear against 300 whom he killed at one time."