

## **Series: Surprising God**

*Can We Surprise God?*

Sunday May 6, 2018

1. What surprises me about God?

2. Can we surprise God?

a. Dr. John Piper: Nope! (Isa. 41, 42, 45; Ex. 3:14-15; Gen. 41:32)

b. Dr. Scot McKnight: Maybe! (Ex. 33:5; Jer. 26:3; Isa. 5; Jer. 3:6-7)

3. *No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father* (Mt. 24:36).

4. Mt. 8:5-13.

5. *Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be* (Ps. 139:16).

6. *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning' great is your faithfulness* (Lam. 3:22-23).

7. *Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own* (Jer. 33:3, The Message).

8. Benediction: May it be a comfort to you that He sees you and understands you in all of your hurt and despair and elation and ecstasy. May it be a comfort to you that He knows every nook and cranny of you and still finds you worthy of His love. And may it be a comfort to you that He sees what's ahead of you, that He is able and willing to guide you, and that He will pick you up when you fall.