



# table talk

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## *“Limiting God (Scene 2)”*

Last week, we covered three ways that finite man may actually be able to put limits upon our infinite God.

- 1. When we entertain unwillingness.**
- 2. When we entertain unconcern.**
- 3. When we entertain unreasonableness.**

Today we finish this topic by citing two further ways we might engage in hindering and limiting the will of God.

#### **4. We may put limitations on God by our uncleanness.**

When we choose to reject God’s estimation of what is right and what is wrong, we lose moral legitimacy in our society. We also lose our way. The writer of Judges twice says, “in those days, every man did what was right in his own eyes” The results were disastrous, and Israel lost her way until Samuel appeared to turn Israel back to Yahweh.

- Isaiah 59:1-3 ESV: “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness.”
- Isaiah 5:20 NASB: “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”
- “There is never a right way to do a wrong thing.”
- 2 Timothy 2:19 ESV: But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.”

## **5. We may put limits upon God by our unbelief.**

Please understand, “unbelief” is generally not the “inability” to believe or even the lack of faith. Unbelief is the “refusal” to believe. Some Charismatic leaders taught us back in the 70s that the goal of life was to “have faith,” “declare faith,” and “get more faith.” All of those ambitions may be noble when understood correctly, but we have been weak on understanding the Christian life is not about “more faith” as the path to getting what we want. It is about pleasing God and agreeing with Him.

Though James admonished us not to be “double minded,” unbelief is not simply the presence of doubt. The father of the demonized boy said, “Lord, I believe, but help my unbelief.” And Jesus did.

### **Unbelief is the rejection of what God has made clear. It is the rejection of His Grace that can help us in times of need.**

- Matthew 13:57, 58 NRSV: And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house.” And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.
- Mark 6:5, 6 NRSV: And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.
- Luke 22:66-68 NRSV When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer.

Loved Ones, seek Him. Seek to please Him. Cooperate with His plan for your life! You’ll be glad you did!

I love you,  
**Pastor Stephen**