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Let's look at:

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“Twisted” = to distort - twisting God meaning both our perception of God & thus our interaction with God into something both He & it is not



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Phil. 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or questioning, [15] that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted (same word) generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world



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Math. 10:1 And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

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Even though:

- God never promised us so much of what we are expecting
 - God has made it clear life is dark & broken, Satan runs this world for now, & everyone has free choice & with all of that placed in a blender we have the mayhem of life that we experience
 - This works both ways
 - Thinking God isn't coming thru with blessing because He is wrathful
 - Thinking when we fail or sin & then we expect bad Christian karma
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- Rather than some THING, we should be seeking for some ONE!

1 Cor. 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

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II Sam. 12:20 Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped.

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II Cor. 12:8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9] But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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