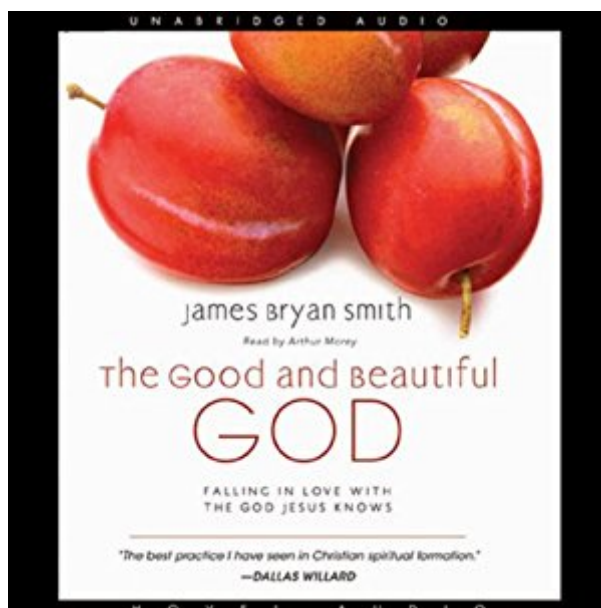


The book was found

The Good And Beautiful God: Falling In Love With The God Jesus Knows



Synopsis

"God wants me to try harder." "God blesses me when I'm good and punishes me when I'm bad."

"God is angry with me." We all have ideas that we tell ourselves about God and how he works in our lives. Some are true--but many are false. James Bryan Smith believes those thoughts determine not only who we are, but how we live. In fact, Smith declares, the most important thing about a person is what they think about God. The path to spiritual transformation begins here. Turning to the Gospels, Smith invites you to put your ideas to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. Once you've discovered the truth in Scripture, Smith leads you through a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind. At the end of each chapter you'll find an opportunity for soul training, engaging in spiritual practices that reinforce the biblical messages on your mind and heart. Because the best way to make a complete and lasting change is to go through the material in community, small group discussion questions also accompany each chapter. Those who are leading apprentice groups will also find additional help and opportunities to interact with other leaders at the Apprentice website, www.apprenticeofjesus.com. This deep, loving and transformative book will help you discover the narratives that Jesus lived by--to know the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaimed--and to practice spiritual exercises that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Book Information

Audible Audio Edition

Listening Length: 6 hours

Program Type: Audiobook

Version: Unabridged

Publisher: christianaudio.com

Audible.com Release Date: April 8, 2010

Language: English

ASIN: B003GDYISI

Best Sellers Rank: #177 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Bible Study & Reference > Meditations](#) #217 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Bible Study & Reference > New Testament > Jesus, the Gospels & Acts](#) #515 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Bible Study & Reference > Bible Study > Guides](#)

Customer Reviews

This is a must read for any Christian wanting to progress. It paints a picture of the God we need to know and points towards growing our relationship with Him. Christianity is all about relationship, not religion.

One great book! Wish I had read this 30 years ago. I am for sure recommending it to all the young professional I mentor.

This book has been a great beginning for me. Getting the story right--and the right story--is essential to living life right (and the right life? Maybe I'm just trying to be clever there...) Anyway, this book has really refocused me on a disciplined life, a spiritual life, once again. Not new material for me, but a new presentation, and a compelling one. Thank you, Dr. Smith!

This book is a great way to show you the real perception of God through Jesus's eyes rather than the world perception of God that most of us have. This book is great for anyone at any point in their relationship with God. I will definitely be reading it again!

Simple - straightforward- practical - easy to read - extremely Impactful if you can slow down and read it with the Spirit's guidance.

Wonderfully written with great biblical examples of who God really is compared to the false narratives of how society describes Him. A theological book that is easy to understand, but challenges you to think, while providing how to apply what the author is teaching. Loved it so much, I've purchased the 2nd book of the series.

"The Good and Beautiful God," along with the rest of the Apprentice Series, has quickly become one of my favorite series to recommend to people of all ages. James Bryan Smith uses language that allows anyone along the spectrum of the life-long Christian to an individual who does not believe in Jesus to better understand the heart and love of God Himself. Through Smith's articulation of people's development of "false narratives," the reader will better understand why God has been attributed such characteristics as "wrath," and how Jesus (what He says, the love He shows, and what He has done) rewrites these lies each of us have come to believe. The "Soul Training Exercises" (really, just disciplined practices) at the end of each chapter challenge the reader to continue to pursue the Lord throughout the week as he/she reflects on the teachings and

love that God has for each of us. The best setting for reading this series is within a smaller group. I've studied "The Good and Beautiful God" in a group of three, and gone through "The Good and Beautiful Life" with one other person. A smaller setting allows for a greater chance of accountability and honest discussion of the text, the Scripture passages that accompany each chapter, and of its application in our daily lives. Overall, I highly recommend this series to anyone that is seeking to better understand the love of God, how that applies, fuels, and compels us in our daily life, and how that translates to the community around us.

One of the best practical guides to spiritual formation I've ever read. Smith condenses dozens of teachings and practices used for centuries and makes them accessible to our current time and space.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows (The Apprentice Series)
The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love With the God Jesus Knows The Good and Beautiful
God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows (The Apprentice Series Book 1) Falling Kingdoms:
Falling Kingdoms, Book 1 Coloreando con Jesus: Dios es... (Coloring with Jesus: God Is...)
(Coloreando Con Jesus (Numbered)) (Spanish Edition) Miraculous Movements: How Hundreds of
Thousands of Muslims Are Falling in Love with Jesus Words Of Jesus - Complete Words Of Jesus
only - KJV: New Testament - Only The Words Of Jesus Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood
for Jesus, the Ultimate Jesus Freaks Reflecting on the Names of Jesus: Jesus-Centered Coloring
Book for Adults (Jesus-Centered Devotions) Aloha: Love, Suite Love/Fixed by Love/Game of Love/It
All Adds Up to Love (Inspirational Romance Collection) Brother Francis - Forgiven - The Parables of
Jesus - Parables - Forgiven and Set Free - I am Set Free - God the Father - How to Make a Good
Confession - Mercy of God - Soft Cover And God Knows the Soldiers: The Authoritative and
Authoritarian in Islamic Discourses House Beautiful The Home Book: Creating a Beautiful Home of
Your Own (House Beautiful Series) Good Morning, This Is God!: I will be Handling all Your
Problems Today. I Will Not Need Your Help -- So Have a Good Day. I Love You! Good Night Baby
Jesus (Good Night Our World) The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Cincinnati Reds: Heart-Pounding,
Jaw-Dropping, and Gut-Wrenching Moments from Cincinnati Reds History (The Good, the Bad, and
the Ugly) (The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly) The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Cleveland Indians:
Heart-pounding, Jaw-dropping, and Gut-Wrenching Moments from Cleveland Indians History (The
Good, ... and the Ugly) (The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly) The Good, the Bad & the Ugly Philadelphia
Flyers: Heart-pounding, Jaw-dropping, and Gut-wrenching Moments from Philadelphia Flyers

History (Good, the Bad, & the Ugly) (Good, the Bad, & the Ugly) Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World (Encountering Jesus) Bible: Master the Prayers: Understand Christianity, Judaism, the Old & New Testament, Bible Verses & Jesus Christ (Bible Study, Gospel, Christianity, Evangelism, ... Religion, Spirituality, Christ, Jesus, God)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)