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Under what circumstances in your life have you felt that you were being judged by God?

Isaiah 14

Isaiah 34

Zephaniah 2

Jeremiah 50

My heart is blighted and withered like grass; I forget to eat my food. In my distress I groan aloud and am reduced to skin and bones. I am like a desert owl, like an owl among the ruins. I lie awake; I have become like a bird alone on a roof. (Psalm 102:4-7)

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Both love and justice characterize God. How do you reconcile in your heart these two vastly different traits?

And the streams shall be turned into pitch, and the dust into brimstone, and the land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness. (Isaiah 34:9-11)