

**The Other Side**  
**Numbers 16:41-45**  
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Thesis: I want to show how God is treated by man, and the lessons we can learn from His point of view.

Intro: 1. Throughout the life of a Christian we are constantly calling upon God for help.  
2. Have you ever wondered what your life and your treatment of God looks like from His point of view?

I. Man's treatment of God

A. Panic button treatment (**Pro 1:24-31**)

1. Throughout our lives we will have hardships (**2 Tim 3:12**).
2. Hard times should not be the ONLY time we communicate with God (**1 Thess 5:17-18**)

B. "I deserve better" treatment

1. What the people wanted (**Numbers 11:1-9**)
2. What the people gave God in return (**Numbers 11:31-33**)

C. Unfaithful treatment

1. "*again did evil in the sight of the Lord*" – this phrase is seen several times in the Bible and sadly is seen played out in the lives of many people still today.
2. For all that God has given us (**Ps 105:1-5**), many times He receives unfaithfulness and complaining about His commands (**1 John 5:3**).

II. What are actions say to God.

A. You are not important in our lives.

1. However, we are the most important being in the eyes of God (**Gen 1:27**).
2. He sacrificed for us (**John 3:16**), but we SO MANY TIMES refuse to sacrifice ANYTHING for Him (**John 12:42-43**).

B. You cannot be trusted with my life.

1. Many today believe they know what is best for themselves (**Pro 14:12**).
2. They do not believe God will take care of them (**Matt 6:33**).

III. What happens to those who mistreat God.

A. They will be punished for their ways and attitudes.

1. Those that mistreat God in such ways will pay the price (**Rev 21:8**).
2. Those that have this style of "faith" will not be in heaven.

IV. What can we learn from this type of treatment of God?

1. God is not mocked (**Gal 6:7**).
2. God demands better from us (**Mark 12:30**)

Conc: 1. If we are to give God what He deserves we must stick with Him-ALWAYS  
(Deut 30:19-20a)

3. We have seen the other side, we have seen a glimpse of how God views our treatment of Him. How are you treating God?
3. Full Invitation