God IS Great:

Hebrews 11:6

Creator

God Is:

Psalm 33:6-9:

"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deep in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast."

"God" [Hebrew, Elohim] Genesis 1:1

Sustainer

Acts 14:15-18:

"'Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God,

[1] who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

[2] who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.

[3] Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.'

And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them."

"I AM" [Hebrew, Jehovah] Exodus 3:4-6; 6:3

Because of the Great Things He Has Done

Ecclesiastes 3:14:

"I know that whatever God does,
It shall be forever.
Nothing can be added to it,
And nothing taken from it.
God does it that men should fear before Him."

NOT because of the quality of the people who follow Him Deuteronomy 7:6-8:

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house or bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."

Deuteronomy 9:4-6:

"Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land'; but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out from before you...Therefore understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people."

1 Corinthians 1:26-29:

"For you see your calling, brethren, that not many **wise** according to the flesh, not many **mighty**, not many **noble**, are called. But God has chosen the **foolish things** of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the **weak things** of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the **base things** of the world and the things **which are despised** God has chosen, and the things **which are not**, to bring to nothing the things that are, **that no flesh should glory in His presence**." CF **Luke 18:9-14**

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BUT because of the quality He puts IN the people who follow Him!

1 Timothy 1:12-16:

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life."

Galatians 2:20:

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

God Rewards Diligent Servants:

Galatians 3:26-29:

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."