

## Reflection Monday Week 28 – 2923

A writer, J.B. Phillips, believes we have far too small an image of God when, in fact, our conception of God can never be too big. In the Gospel Jesus says much the same thing, that the people were thinking much too small in believing Solomon's wisdom and Jonah's preaching could never be surpassed. This is why they were unable to recognise Jesus as the Son of God and the promised messiah. Many of them did not realize that someone greater than King David had come and that he would overcome a greater foe than the Roman Empire.

Whether we believe or not, our knowledge and understanding of God will never be exhaustive. Even the most brilliant among us do not know why or how or when God does what God does. The Messiah, who came not to condemn but to save (John 3:17), can turn even the most zealous adversaries into vigorous advocates, just as He did with the Apostle Paul. God can and does redeem even those we judge to be most sinful. Our call, then, is to think big. God may not do what we thought should or ought to be done because God too often exceeds our expectations.

An openness to God allows us to paint an image of God that can and will always be enriched in the knowledge that there will always be more and that there are ever deeper understandings of God yet to be discovered. That is why God is able to work the impossible through us despite all our failings and misunderstandings.

How Great is our God! How Great is his name!