

Eternality

Sovereignty

THE PERFECTIONS OF GOD

Transcendence

Immutability



THE PERFECTIONS OF GOD
HIS TRANSCENDENCE
PSALM 93

*...one God and Father of all, **who is over all**
and through all and in all.*

Ephesians 4:6

HIS TRANSCENDENCE

The GLORY of God's transcendence

The WONDER of God's transcendence

The WORSHIP of God's transcendence

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THE GLORY OF GOD'S TRANSCENDENCE

- a. The MEANING of transcendence**
- b. The TRUTH of God's transcendence**

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Timeless Eternity

God (ontos)

Transcendence

Creation ex nihilo

Time-bound Eternity

God

Immanence

Heaven

New Heaven and New Earth

Every Created Thing

Man

Angels

HIS TRANSCENDENCE

THE GLORY OF GOD'S TRANSCENDENCE

- a. The MEANING of transcendence**
- b. The TRUTH of God's transcendence**

*¹The Lord reigns, he is **robed in majesty**. The Lord is **robed in majesty** and is armed with strength. The world is firmly established. It cannot be moved. ²Your throne is established from of old; **you are from everlasting**.*

Psalm 93:1-2

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,"
Psalm 48.1

*²And he was **transfigured** before them, and his **face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.** ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ...⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”*

Matthew 17:2–3, 5

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace,

and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

Revelation 1:12-17

**THE TRANSCENDENCE, GLORY, AND MAJESTY
OF GOD CANNOT BE DENIED WITHOUT
DENYING THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNTS OF GOD.**

HIS TRANSCENDENCE

The WONDER of God's transcendence

a. The MARVEL of God's transcendence

b. The SPLENDOR of God's transcendence

HIS TRANSCENDENCE

The WONDER of God's transcendence

a. The MARVEL of God's transcendence

**IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO FULLY
COMPREHEND THE TRANSCENDENCE AND
THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN GOD IN HIS BEING AND
OURSELVES.**

"We must not think of God as highest in an ascending order of beings starting with the single cell and going on up from the fish to the bird to the animal to man to angel to cherubim to God. This would be to grant God imminence, even preeminence but that is not enough. We must grant him transcendence in the fullest meaning of that word. Forever God stands apart in

He is as high above an archangel as above a caterpillar for the gulf that separates the archangel from the caterpillar is but finite while the gulf between God and the archangel is infinite. The caterpillar and the archangel though far removed from each other in the scale of created things are never the less one in that they are ALIKE CREATED.

They both belong to the category of that which is not God and are separated from God by infinitude itself."

A. W. Tozer in his book, The Knowledge Of The Holy.

HIS TRANSCENDENCE

The WONDER of God's transcendence

a. The MARVEL of God's transcendence

b. The SPLENDOR of God's transcendence

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- Comparisons with EARTH**
- Comparisons with KNOWLEDGE**
- Comparisons with NATIONS**
- Comparisons with IDOLS**
- Comparisons with PEOPLE**
- Comparisons with RULERS**
- Comparisons with CREATION**

--Comparisons with EARTH

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Isaiah 40:12

--Comparisons with KNOWLEDGE

¹³Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? ¹⁴Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Isaiah 40:13–14

*From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, **no eye has seen a God besides you**, who acts for those who wait for him.*

Isaiah 64:4

--Comparisons with NATIONS

¹⁵Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust. ¹⁶Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering. ¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Isaiah 40:15–17

--Comparisons with IDOLS

¹⁸To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? ¹⁹An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. ²⁰He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.

Isaiah 40:18–20

--Comparisons with PEOPLE

²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

Isaiah 40:21–22

--Comparisons with RULERS

²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

Isaiah 40:23-24

--Comparisons with CREATION

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Isaiah 40:25-26

**GOD CANNOT BE COMPARED TO ANYONE OR
ANYTHING. HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT ALL OF
CREATION AND HE SUSTAINS IT IN HIS STRENGTH
AND IN HIS MIGHT. THE VASTNESS OF THE
STARRY UNIVERSE OF WHICH OUR EARTH IS BUT
A SPECK IS UPHELD BY GOD AND HE KNOWS
EACH STAR BY NAME. IN THAT HE IS THE
CREATOR AND MAKER OF ALL HE IS INDEED
OVERALL.**

HIS TRANSCENDENCE

The WORSHIP of God's transcendence

a. God is OVERALL

b. God is TRANSCENDENT

c. God is WORTHY

GOD IS OVERALL

***"He sits enthroned above the circle of the
earth."***

Isaiah 40:22

...who is overall.

Ephesians 4:6

GOD IS TRANSCENDENT

*To whom then will you compare me, that I
should be like him? says the Holy One.*

Isaiah 40:25

GOD IS WORTHY

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Revelation 4:11

**OUR WORSHIP IN THIS LIFE WILL SEEM
PITIFUL COMPARED TO WORSHIPING IN HIS
PRESENCE WHEN WE ARE GLORIFIED AND
LIFTED UP AND WE HUMBLY COME BEFORE
HIM IN THE FULL REALIZATION OF HIS
GLORIOUS TRANSCENDENCE.**