

GOD: A Short Autobiography

"GOD is Great & Awesome"

Psalms 139:13-18

Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes

NKJV - "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You."

- To wrap our minds around the concept of God's greatness is not so easy, for an adult or for a child. Although I sometimes think children do a better job of articulating how great God is:
 - One child writes, "Dear God, Are you really invisible? Or is that just a trick?"
 - Norma writes, "Dear God, did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was that an accident?"
 - Susan said, "Dear God, I know all about where babies come from I think. From inside mommies, and daddies put them there. Where are they before that? Do you have them up in heaven? How do they get down here? Do you have to take care of them all first? Please answer all my questions."
 - Dawn said, "Dear God, We read that Thomas Edison made light, but in Sunday School they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea."
 - Jonathan said, "Dear God, If you would have let the dinosaurs not be extinct, we would not have a country. You did the right thing."
 - One small boy told his buddies about how powerful God is, he said, "He's greater than Superman and Batman and the Power Rangers all put together."
- Certain things you **MUST** know, to be healthy and grow strong spiritually as a Christian....
 - God's **Goodness...is our Anchor!**
 - God's **Word...is our Authority!**
 - God's **Greatness...is Awesome!**

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- **Definition of GOD's OMNIPOTENCE:** "GOD possesses infinite strength and unlimited power, and is able to do anything that is actually possible, and in harmony with His character."
 - **Job 42:2 NKJV** - "I know that *You can do everything*, and that *no purpose of Yours can be withheld* from You."
 - **Jer 32:26 NKJV** - "Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. *Is there anything too hard for Me?*"
 - **Mark 10:27 NKJV** - "Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for *with God all things are possible.*"
 - **Gen 1:1; Moses; Joshua; David; the 12 apostles...**

- **QUESTION: Is there anything that GOD cannot do??**
 1. It's impossible for GOD **to Lie** - Heb 6:18
 2. It's impossible for GOD **to do Evil** - 1 Jn 1:5
 3. It's impossible for GOD **to be Faithless** - 2Tim 2:13
 4. It's impossible for GOD **to do Absurdities** - Jn 14:6
 5. It's impossible for GOD **to Fail** - Mark 10:27

- **How should GOD's OMNIPOTENCE affect you??**
 - **It should give us BOLDNESS: Rom 8:31,37 NKJV** - "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."
 - **It should give us PEACE: Eph 1:11 NKJV** - "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.."
 - **It should give us CONFIDENCE: Eph 3:20 NKJV** - "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.."

- **"I don't have to worry.." - David Dunn**
 - *I know that You split the sea, and You held it there; for the world to see*
 - *I know that deadly flames Were made powerless; when they heard Your Name*
 - **So what am I so afraid of?**
 - **'Cause You hold the world within Your hands, and that includes my circumstances**
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 - **Because nothing is impossible, No matter how improbable, it seems**
 - **I don't have to worry, I don't have to worry, I don't have to worry anymore;**
 - *I know; a giant man, He fought a boy; and then he met his end*
 - *I know; the lion's den, Was the safest place; for the man within*
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 - **You're working all things together for good,**
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- **Matt 6:31-33 NKJV** - "Therefore **do not worry**, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For **your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things**. But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you."

II. God's PRODUCTS are matchless! - "My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."

- **"My frame was not hidden from you."** This could be describing the bones, the skeletal system of the developing child.
 - **"..I was skillfully wrought..."** Did you know that the term skillfully wrought literally is embroidered or knit together. This could be describing, with poetic language, the network of veins and arteries that develops very rapidly in the placenta that surrounds that child and gives it that blood flow to life.
 - **"..the lowest parts of the earth."** This could be describing the darkness of the womb.
 - **"Your eyes saw my substance being yet unformed."** That means rolled up, being yet rolled up or wrapped together. This could be describing the embryonic and especially the fetal stage, when the body parts are folded up, scrunched together, lacking distinct proportions.
- **If David were alive today, he would understand greater than ever, that the human body is incredibly designed and wonderfully engineered:**
 - **The Amazing Human BRAIN...**
 - Our brains contain roughly 86 billion brain cells, or neurons.
 - A piece of brain tissue the size of a grain of sand contains about 100,000 brain cells, and 1 billion connections.
 - All brain cells are not alike. There are as many as 10,000 different types of neurons in the brain.
 - The average brain is believed to generate up to 50,000 thoughts per day. This brain information travels up to an impressive 268 miles per hour...faster than Formula 1 race cars!
 - Each brain cell can transmit 1,000 nerve signals per second and forms tens of thousands of contacts with other neurons.

- Your brain generates about 12-25 watts of electricity, enough to power an LED light.

- **The Incredible Human CELL...**

- Imagine an enormous spaceship, the size of all of New York City. Imagine that inside this ship there were millions of fully automated machines and automated robots, doing every task imaginable. Machines transporting items, building structures, destroying structures, bringing materials from outside the ship inside for fuel, and ejecting the waste materials on the other side. Imagine of this enormous automated spaceship could multiply and reproduce itself automatically in a matter of minutes....and then shrink that ship down to a microscopic size, and you would have a human cell.

- **The Breathtaking DNA molecule...**

- Deoxyribonucleic acid - It is the most complex molecule in the human body, but also in the known universe. It is composed of four simple chemical letters: A - C - T - G, and it is made up of 3 billion pairs of these letters, on a sugar phosphate backbone. The molecule has the shape of a double-spiral helix
- The information in your DNA is so detailed and so complex that if you were to decode one cell's worth of information in the DNA into written form it would fill a library with four thousand volumes, that's one cell. According to Dr. Frances Collins, the author of that book, "A live reading of that code at the rate of three letters per second would take thirty-one years reading nonstop day and night. That's one cell. You've got a 100 trillion of them.
- If you were to take all DNA information, not in just one cell, but all 100 trillion cells and put them into written information you'd have enough books to fill the Grand Canyon seventy-eight times. And that's just one human being. So the Grand Canyon, two hundred miles long, three to twenty miles wide, you fill it seventy-eight times

- **We also see from this Psalm some basic and fundamental truths about the value and the importance of all human life:**

- **LIFE is a special gift and comes from God.**
- **LIFE begins at conception.**
- **LIFE is sacred.**
 - What about **ABORTION**?? Since 1973: >50 mill in the US alone!!
 - *A college professor was talking about abortion with her ethics class and she posed a problem to her class. "How would you advise a mother, pregnant with her fifth child, based upon the following family medical history. The husband had syphilis, she has tuberculosis, the first child was born blind, second child died, the third child was born deaf and the fourth child had tuberculosis. The mother is now considering an abortion, would you advise her to have one? Almost everybody in the class answered, "Yes, based upon her medical history, absolutely." The professor answered, "Congratulations, you have just killed one of the greatest composers ever, Ludwig von Beethoven."*
 - *You are made in the image of God, you are a special creation, you are God's crowning creation. Therefore, if you meet someone who says, "Well I think life is accidental, humans aren't special, and abortions of defenseless infants is ok." Then you can lovingly, but unashamedly, say to them, "Well, my GOD is much bigger, and much greater than your god," because my GOD considers human life sacred from the very earliest stages, for every race of people, onward up until old age. Life is a special gift from Him, and is very sacred to Him!"*

III. God's **PLANS** are meticulous! - "How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You."

- His thoughts & plans for you are *wise*, *good*, and *perfect*.
 - **Jer 29:11 NLT** - "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."
 - **Gen 50:20** - "...you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good.."
 - **Rom 8:28** - "...we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."
 - *Donald Gray Barnhouse is a wonderful Christian author, and has written many outstanding books. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary, graduated, went back to Princeton 12 years after graduation to speak to the class at the Chapel at Princeton. And as he was speaking, in the front row was his old Hebrew professor, Dr. Robert Dick Wilson. Donald Gray Barnhouse gave his message, and afterwards the old professor went up, put his hand out, shook it and said to Dr. Barnhouse, "If you come back again I will not come and hear you preach. I only come once. But I am very glad that you have become a "big-Godder". You see, when my students return, I come to see if they've become "big-Godders" or "little-Godders" and then I'll know what their ministry will be like." Barnhouse asked him to explain further. Old Dr. Wilson said, "Well some men only have a puny, weak, little God and they're always in trouble with him. He can't do any miracles; He can't control the events of history; and He doesn't even intervene to help his people. They have created a little god, so I call them "little-Godders." But then there are saints who have a great and awesome God; He speaks and it's done; He commands and it stands fast; He loves to show himself strong on behalf of them that serve Him. You Donald have a great GOD."*
- **APPLICATIONAL QUESTIONS:**
 - How **BIG** is your God?
 - How **GREAT** is the God that you worship today?
 - Are you a "**BIG-GODDER**" or a "little-godder"?
 - Do you worship a **puny, tiny, weak god** who **isn't in control** of the world, has **trouble providing** for you, and **can't be trusted**?
 - Or do you worship the **ALL-POWERFUL & INFINITE GOD** who has revealed Himself to us in the Scriptures? The One who can **do anything He desires**, has **no limits to his power**...the Great GOD and King for whom **all things are possible**?