

GOD: A Short Autobiography

“GOD is EVERYWHERE... Always!” PT.2 Psalm 139:7-12

Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes

NKJV - "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me, "Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You."

ESP - "¿A dónde podría alejarme de tu Espíritu? ¿A dónde podría huir de tu presencia? Si subiera al cielo, allí estás tú; si tendiera mi lecho en el fondo del abismo, también estás allí. Si me elevara sobre las alas del alba, o me estableciera en los extremos del mar, aun allí tu mano me guiaría, ¡me sostendría tu mano derecha! Y si dijera: «Que me oculten las tinieblas; que la luz se haga noche en torno mío», ni las tinieblas serían oscuras para ti, y aun la noche sería clara como el día. ¡Lo mismo son para ti las tinieblas que la luz!"

MESSAGE - "Is there any place I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight? If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there! If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, You'd find me in a minute - you're already there waiting!"

Top 10 Reasons Eve Was Created

10. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.

9. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.

8. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.

7. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor, dentist or haircut appointment for himself.

6. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.

5. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.

4. As the Keeper of the Garden, since he didn't have metal sheds or greenhouses, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.

3. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.

2. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!"

And the #1 reason why God created Eve:

1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do better than that!"

One day, a child was asked the question: "Why is there but one God?" The child answered with these words: "Because God fills every place, and there's no room for another one."

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 - **"GODISNOWHERE"**
- **Jer 23:24 NLT** - "Can anyone hide from me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" says the Lord."
- **Acts 17:27-28** - "... He is not far from any one of us. For in Him we live and move and exist."

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- **Here David is speaking of his personal application of GOD's OMNIPRESENCE.** It was a constant comfort, and a continual reality for him. As a believer, David had an special relationship to the Presence of God's Spirit - for him it was **RELATIONAL**.
 - **One of the most infamous freethinkers of England was a man by the name of Anthony Collins, who died in 1729. He was author of the well-known "Discourse on Freethinking." This Collins one day met a poor working man on his way to church. "Where are you going," asked Collins. "To church, sir," answered the workingman. "Is your God a great God or a little God," asked Collins in an attempt to confuse the mind of the poor fellow. But the church-goer gave him the perfect answer: "He is so great, sir, that the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him, and so little that He can dwell in my heart." Collins later admitted that this simple but sublime answer of an uneducated man had more effect upon his mind than all the volumes of argument he had read in favor of religion.**
- **Dr. John Baillie made it a practice to open his course on the doctrine of God at Edinburgh University with these words:** "Gentlemen, we must remember that in discussing God we cannot talk about Him without His hearing every word we say. We may be able to talk to our fellows, as it were, behind their backs, but God is everywhere, yes, even in this classroom. Therefore, in all of our discussions we must be aware of His infinite presence and talk about Him, as it were, before His face."
- **Psalm 23:4 NLT** - "Even when I walk through **the darkest valley**, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me."
 - **Once when Lord Moynihan, great British surgeon, had finished operating before a gallery full of distinguished visiting doctors he was asked how he could work with such a crowd present. He replied: "You see, there are just three people in the operating room where I operate—the patient and myself." "But that is only two!" his questioner commented; "Who is the third?" Moynihan responded, "The third is God."**

- **Psalm 16:7-9 NLT** - "I will bless *the Lord who guides me*; even at night my heart instructs me. I know *the Lord is always with me*. I will not be shaken, for *he is right beside me*. No wonder **my heart** is glad, and I rejoice. **My body** rests in safety."
 - **In 2009 a Dutch artist set up a local telephone number in the Netherlands and urged people to call and leave a message for God.** Johan van der Dong said he set up a phone number with voicemail to give people an opportunity to pause and contemplate life. Callers who use the number will hear "Hi, you are speaking to God. I'm not in right now, so leave a message after the beep."

- **Isaiah 41:8-10 NLT** - "But as for you, Israel my servant, Jacob my *chosen* one, descended from Abraham my friend, I have *called you* back from the ends of the earth, saying, '*You* are my servant.' For I have chosen *you* and will not throw you away. Don't be afraid, for *I am with you*. Don't be discouraged, for *I am your God*. I will *strengthen you* and *help you*. I will *hold you up* with my victorious right hand."

- **Matt 28:18-20** - "Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given **all authority** in heaven and on earth. Therefore, **go and make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Teach these new disciples** to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: *I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*"
 - **A Japanese town believes divine help played a role in getting rid of litter in parking lots and on roadsides.** The town of Nagato, in Japan's Nagano region, wanted a way to control the garbage dropped by tourists passing through on their way to nearby ski areas. The city decided to place statues of a Buddhist figure at parking spots on the main road through town. In the four months following the appearance of the statues, which were carved by local residents, litter almost disappeared. The Japanese news agency NHK interviewed drivers and found that the religious statues had a unique influence. One driver who was interviewed said, "I can't drop litter now, not with the statue looking at me."

- **Deut 31:7-8 NLT** - "Moses called for Joshua, and as all Israel watched, he said to him, "**Be strong and courageous!** For you will lead these people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors he would give them. You are the one who will divide it among them as their grants of land. **8 Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you.** He *will be with you*; he *will neither fail you nor abandon you.*"

- **Saint Patrick's Breastplate (4th century AD)** -
 - I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me,
 - God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
 - God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
 - God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
 - God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me
 - From snares of devils, From temptation of vices,
 - From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.
 - Against every cruel and merciless power, that may oppose my body and soul,
 - Against incantations of false prophets, Against black laws of pagandom,
 - Against false laws of heretics, Against craft of idolatry,
 - Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,
 - Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul;
 - Christ to shield me today Against poison, against burning,
 - Against drowning, against wounding,
 - So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.
 - Christ with me, Christ before me,
 - Christ behind me, Christ in me,
 - Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 - Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
 - Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,

- Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
- Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
- Christ in every eye that sees me,
- Christ in every ear that hears me.

III. GOD's Presence is **SUPERNATURAL**.

- The New Testament reveals to us a third and final dimension that is available to the believer in Jesus Christ. Through the New Covenant, the Spirit of God is able to empower and strengthen disciples in a **SUPERNATURAL** way:
- **Acts 1:8 NLT** - "But you will *receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you*. And you **will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere**—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- **Eph 5:18 NLT** - "Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, *be filled with the Holy Spirit..*"
 - *Standing on the deck of a ship in mid-ocean, you see the sun reflected from its depths. From a little boat on a mountain lake you see the sun reflected from its shallow waters. Looking into the mountain spring not more than six inches in diameter, you see the same great sun. Look into the dew drop of the morning, and there it is again. The sun has a way of adapting itself to its reflections. The ocean is not too large to hold it, nor the dewdrop too small. So God can fill any man, whether his capacity be like the ocean, like the mountain lake, like the spring, or like the dewdrop. Whatever, therefore, be the capacity, there is opened up the possibility of being "filled with the fullness of God."*