



"God Is And Is Not Silent"

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A. God Is

1. Nothing Begets Nothing

2. What Is, Is.

3. Aseity – "God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify Him and bring Him joy."¹

Psalm 50:1 – "The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting."

Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

John 1:1-4 – "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

Exodus 3:14 – "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.'"

B. He Is Not Silent Towards THE WICKED

Psalm 50:16-22 – "But to the wicked God says: 'What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!'"

C. He Is Not Silent Towards His COVENANTAL PEOPLE

Psalm 50:3-6 – "Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!' The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah"

1. He Does Not Need YOUR RELIGION

Psalm 50:7-11 – "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine."

Acts 17:24-25 – "The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything."

2. He Desires AUTHENTIC WORSHIP

Psalm 50:14-15 – "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

¹Grudem, W. A. (2020). Systematic Theology, second edition: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine.



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Exodus 20:18-21 "Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not fear, for God has come to aetest you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.' The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was."

Big Idea: His omnipotence is for your good, because through it he rescues his people from their enemy.

1. _____ to God for His Omnipotence

(Psalm 18:1-7)

Psalm 18:1 "I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the thorn of my salvation, my stronghold."

Psalm 18:6 "In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears."

Psalm 18:4-5 "The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me."

2. The _____ of God's Omnipotence

(Psalm 18:8-15)

Psalm 18:7 "Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry."

Psalm 18:8 "Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him."

3. The _____ of God's Omnipotence

(Psalm 18:16-20)

Psalm 18:16-17 "He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me."

Psalm 18:18-19 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me."

1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

Colossians 1:14 "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."

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