

GOD

SELF-EXISTENT

Uncreated yet Infinitely Creative

“Depending on nothing or no one to imbue Him with breath”

Read Genesis, chapters 1 and 2.

- Ask God to open your eyes and reveal new and deeper truths regarding His creativity and generosity.
- Notice the stewardship the Creator and Owner of all things entrusts to His people.

Reflection Question:

What steps can I take to grow in stewarding the gifts, responsibilities, and creativity God has given me?

Read Exodus 3.

The Self-Existent One is Yahweh, our covenant keeping God.

The ESV Study Bible provides a rich explanation of this divine name, Yahweh.

Notice the many incommunicable attributes of God contained in this one name, Yahweh:

- 1) “God is self-existent and therefore not dependent on anything else for His own existence.
- 2) God is the creator and sustainer of all that exists.
- 3) God is immutable in His being and character and thus is not in the process of becoming something different from what He is.
- 4) God is eternal in His existence.....

The name of Yahweh is also a clear reminder of God’s promises to His people and of His help for them to fulfill their calling.” *ESV Study Bible*, page 149

“Lord of all being!

Thou alone canst affirm I AM THAT I AM;

yet we who are made in Thine image may each one repeat “I am,”

so confessing that we derive from Thee

and that our words are but an echo of Thine own.

We acknowledge Thee to be the great Original

of which we through Thy goodness are grateful if imperfect copies.

We worship Thee, O Father Everlasting. Amen.”

The Knowledge of the Holy One, page 25 A.W. Tozer

“Everything created owes its existence to God.” p.46 “Because we have created nothing and own nothing, we have no rights before our Maker, nor is there any way we can obligate Him to us.” page 47

- Is there some “thing” or some “one” I have not yet surrendered to Yahweh?
- Do my thoughts or actions reveal I am believing the lie that I am the owner of this person or thing?
- If God is the owner of _____, and I am the steward, how does that change the way I am thinking/acting?
- Do I find myself thinking I am entitled to certain things from God? (Since I have done this, God, _____ You need to do this _____.)

Read John 5:19-26

What is to be our response, as we see the many great works God does through His beloved Son, Jesus? (v. 20)

“Meditate on Psalm 139 and Look Upward!

- Do you have new insights from this psalm, in light of Jen’s thoughts on page 51/52?
- Marvel and worship the “Origin of all things”, page 52.

“How should the knowledge that God is self-existent change the way I live”?

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Sing

“I Want to Know You”

“Only a Holy God”

City Alight

1 All-powerful, self-existent God,
Who all creation dost sustain!
Thou wast, and art, and art to come;
And everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Fix'd and eternal as Thy days,
Each glorious attribute divine,
Thro' ages infinite, shall still

With undiminish'd lustre shine.

3 Fountain of being! Source of good!
Immutable dost Thou remain;
Nor can the shadow of a change
Obscure the glories of Thy reign.

4 Earth may with all her powers dissolve,
If such the great Creator's will;
But Thou for ever art the same;
"I Am" is Thy memorial still.

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