

May 27, 2018

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things... For in him we live, and move, and have our being. **Acts 17:24-25, 28**

Daily Readings Bible Readings for this Week

Sun.	Nehemiah 3-5	Thurs.	Nehemiah 13-Esther 1
Mon.	Nehemiah 6-7	Fri.	Esther 2-4
Tues.	Nehemiah 8-10	Sat.	Esther 5-8
Wed.	Nehemiah 11-12	Sun.	Esther 9-Job 2

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- Happy Memorial Day Weekend! We give thanks to God for those soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who have given their lives in service to our country.

Nursery This Week:

AM Connie Knodel/Louise Puckett PM – Patty Baker/Michaela Baker
WED – Heather Miller

Cleaning This Week: Faye Gabbard

The Self-Existent One

Aaron Miller

What is it that makes God different from people, from the stars, from earthquakes, and from any other creaturely thing? It is the fact that God – and God alone – is *self-existent*. When God revealed His name as "I AM" to Moses at the burning bush, He was saying something very important about Himself, namely, that He is self-existent.

God has always been in existence. He has no time or place of origin. He has the power of being in and of Himself. This is not to say that God is self-created [a logical impossibility], but rather that God simply *is*. In Genesis 1:1, God was already in existence in the beginning.

Self-Existent, Therefore Self-Sufficient

The finite universe owes its existence to the infinite God. Before the creation of time and space, the triune God existed in perfect self-satisfaction without anyone or anything else. God was alone, but He was certainly not lonely.

When God spoke the universe and all that is in it into existence, it was not out of necessity, but purely to reveal His glory in the created cosmos. God did not lack anything when He was alone, and He was not under constraint or obligation to bring anything into existence. AW Pink says it this way: *God was under no constraint, no obligation, no necessity to create. That He chose to do so was purely a sovereign act on His part caused by nothing outside of Himself, determined by nothing but His own mere good pleasure.*

The Source of All Life

Romans 11:36 expresses this concept well - *For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

Because God is the source of all life, He Himself is dependent on nothing for His existence. We neither add nor detract anything from God. As His creatures, our physical life, spiritual life, and for God's elect, even our eternal life with Him all have God as their source (Acts 17:26).

The fact that all things are "from Him" expresses that He is the source of all things. The fact that all things are "through Him" expresses that He is the means of all things. The fact that all things are "to Him" expresses that He is the goal of all things.

Finite Children of an Infinite Father

Because God is the source of all life, we were made to live in fellowship with Him. The greater our understanding of God, as revealed in His Word, grows, the greater our wonder and love of Him will be in our worship. God is not like us, but He loves us!

As CH Spurgeon says, *There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity. Other subjects we can compass and grapple with; in them we feel a kind of self-content, and go our way with the thought, "Behold I am wise." But when we come to this master-science, finding that our plumb-line cannot sound its depth, and that our eagle eye cannot see its height, we turn away . . . with the solemn exclamation, "I am but of yesterday, and know nothing."*

Though we are insignificant compared to God, He invites us to bring our concerns and cares before Him in prayer. Sometimes Christians wrongly assume that God is only concerned about the "big things" in our lives and not the small things. But since God is self-existent, infinite, and eternal, *there are no "big things" as far as God is concerned.* Every matter may be brought to God in prayer because everything is insignificant in comparison to His awesome power and person. Because God is all sufficient, we know that there is not a need in our lives that He cannot supply!

Theological Term of the Week – Preservation

The work of God whereby He, by grace, controls and guides all circumstances around and within His elect, which results in their being unquestionably, and without exception, delivered unblamable into His everlasting kingdom. This work is totally of God, always perfect, and never enhanced by human cooperation.

Celebrating Two Years

Patty Baker

In the spring of 2015, Aaron Miller, with his wife Heather and children Sophia and Leland, was led by the Lord to this church. A year later Owen was added to their family.

We prayed and waited on the Lord and as always, God answered our prayer. On May 1, 2016, Twinbrook Hills Baptist Church called Aaron Miller to be our Pastor.

We have been blessed to be led and fed by Pastor Miller for the past 2 years. We are so thankful for him and his family and we praise God for the Shepherd He sent us.

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Morning Worship
	6:00PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	7:00PM	Midweek Bible Study

Sermons from the pulpit of Twinbrook Hills Baptist Church are available at sermonaudio.com or you can request a free CD from the sound booth.

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