

Lesson 4: God Alone, pt. 2 bitesize: The God who is in Total Control.

A. God is Sovereign

The prophets in the Bible present God as a God who SOVEREIGN, who is so powerful that he is in TOTAL CONTROL of both nature and history. I have a slide here with the dictionary definition of sovereign: one possessing or held to possess supreme political power or [sovereignty](#); a supreme ruler, especially a monarch, possessing supreme or ultimate power.

Therefore he can make miracles happen in nature and he can cause movements to happen in history. In our 21st century, scientific age, most people think that history is the result of economic forces, but God is in total control of both nature and history. There is NOTHING going on in the world that God doesn't know about. There is NO scientific discovery being made that God doesn't know about. He is complete wisdom and knowledge and the source of truth.

Isaiah 40:28 (NLT)

²⁸ Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

How long could we live without food, water or oxygen?

How many days could we function without sleep?

We are totally dependent in these areas, but God does not need anything or any person.

God doesn't need the air to breathe

He doesn't need food to eat or water to drink.

He doesn't need the sun.

He can see perfectly without any light.

He doesn't need sleep. He has no need of day or night.

He never gets tired, thirsty, or hungry.

B. God is Spirit.

John 4:24 (NLT)

²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

We cannot comprehend one who has such ability, yet has no material body.

God does not have flesh and bones like humans, animals, birds, or reptiles.

Because He does not have a material body, He does not have bodily needs.

God is not just a "force" as some would describe Him. No, God is Spirit, a Trinity of three persons—all with mind, personality and will.

C. God is in all places at the same time.

Where is God? Where was He before everything existed?

Through our study of the Bible, you will see repeatedly that God is everywhere.

- God made everything, and He is present everywhere.
- He is NOT “in everything.”
- He is the Creator—distinct from His creation.
 - God is higher than all
 - God is greater than all He has made.
 - God fills the universe.

Jeremiah 23:23-24 (GW)

²³ “I am a God who is near. I am also a God who is far away,” declares the LORD.

²⁴ “No one can hide so that I can't see him,” declares the LORD. “I fill heaven and earth!” declares the LORD.

When the Bible says that God is everywhere, does that mean that He is divided up into billions and trillions of pieces and that a part of Him is found at every location?

When we say that God is equally everywhere—there is nowhere that God isn't. This also speaks of God in the fullness of His presence. God is NOT only everywhere, **but He is everywhere in the fullness of His being.**

You've all heard the story of the blind men who ran into an elephant and they were trying to figure out what this creature was. One man grabbed hold of the elephant's tail and said “It's a snake.” Another man grabbed hold of its leg and said “It's a tree.” And they were each touching a different part of this huge animal and their perspective on what it was was radically conditioned by what part or aspect of the creature they were feeling. If we looked at a map of the United States with Seattle in the northwest, we could say that the tail is in Miami, and the trunk is in Seattle.

Namely, that God in His infiniteness is so big, so huge that He is able to be everywhere. But when we think like that, we're still thinking in human terms, and **we're making God a composite being who's made up of several parts.** You and I are composite beings made up of a head, with eyes, ears, feet, and so on. **But God is not a composite being.** His being is pure and its simple—simple not in the sense of easy, but in the sense of being made up of several parts.

We even think of God as made up of composite parts: One part holy, one part just, one part immutable, one part mercy, one part loving, one part justice, one part spirit, and so on. And we think that He is made up of all these parts. When in reality, God's sovereignty is always a sovereign holiness. His characteristics cannot be thought of as bits and pieces of Him. When we say that God is everywhere at the same time, it's not like there's a little bit of God with me right now, and a little bit of God with you, and a part of God with someone down in South Africa and another part of God with someone in Hawaii. God is here with me fully, all of Him—not a part of Him, but all of Him, and God is with believers in London, and He's fully present in Iraq, Russia, China, Nigeria, all over the earth. He isn't disseminating or diffusing himself into all these places. They don't get just a tiny part of God because He has to spread himself out over all the whole world so each one of us only gets a tiny particle of God—NO. God is fully present, all of Him, all 100% of Him with everyone on earth. Think about that!!

Is there any place you can hide from God?

God alone was before all things; He alone is greater than all; God is SOVEREIGN.

Isaiah 45:5, God says, "I am the Lord and there is no one else, there is no God beside me..."

Let's just face it...God is beyond our comprehension:

- a. He is truly greater than all.
- b. He alone had no beginning
- c. He will have no end.
- d. He has need of nothing
- e. He has no bodily needs because He is Spirit
- f. He is in all places at the same time.
- g. God is greater than all and more important than all. He is the Most High: He is Sovereign.
- h. He alone can tell us about the beginning which we will study in the weeks ahead.

In our next bitesize lesson #5, we'll look at the creation of angels, Satan and demons. If you want to explore today's lesson in greater detail, go to: foundationstudy.weebly.com