

2. Because God is present and active in his creation we can \_\_\_\_\_

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*Romans 1:20 — For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*

*Psalms 19: 1 – 4 — <sup>1</sup> The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. <sup>2</sup> Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. <sup>3</sup> They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. <sup>4</sup> Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.*

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*Romans 1: 18 – 20 — <sup>18</sup> But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. <sup>19</sup> They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. <sup>20</sup> For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.*

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*Hebrews 4: 14 – 16 — <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

## WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE TRANSCENDENCE OF GOD MAKE TO ME?

1. There is something \_\_\_\_\_.

*Isaiah 6:1 – 3 — <sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

2. Because God is transcendent \_\_\_\_\_

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*Isaiah 55:8 — “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.*

3. Because God is transcendent \_\_\_\_\_

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*Romans 3:23 — . . . all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God . . .*

4. Because God is transcendent \_\_\_\_\_

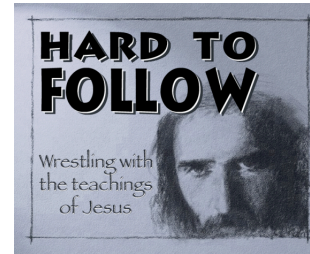
5. Because God is transcendent we \_\_\_\_\_

*Compare Job 1 & 2 with Job 38 – 41.*

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Part 12

## The Immanence and Transcendence of God

John 8:23

*“ . . . You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.” John 8:23*

**THE IMMANENCE OF GOD:** God is present and active within his creation . . . including human beings, whether they believe in or obey him or not.

*Psalms 139:5*

**THE TRANSCENDENCE OF GOD:** God is independent of and superior to the rest of the universe, including nature and humanity.

*Jeremiah 23:23 – 24*

## WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE IMMANENCE OF GOD MAKE TO ME?

1. Since the creation is God’s and he is present and active in it  
we \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 2:15 — The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*

*Matthew 25:14 – 30*