

The Greatness of God

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I. Introduction.

- A. Although futile to cover the greatness of God, the surface will be touched. (Psalm 145)
- B. The subject is the Greatness of God in His Person and His interest in you.
- C. That which is symbolized is always greater than the symbol, so the truths symbolized will always be more significant.

II. The greatness of God in His Person and His interest in you.

- A. God knows the number of the stars. (Psalm 147:4)
- B. Although a sparrow is not very valuable, not a one falls to the ground without God knowing about it. Man is of more value than many sparrows—God knows the number of hairs on your head as well as the classification. (Matthew 10:29; Luke 12:6)
- C. God knows the names of the stars, and He knows your names. (Psalm 147)
 - 1. God consistently calls people by their name in Scripture. (Judges 7:10)
 - 2. God has given to every believer a secret name that is only known between He and you. If you hear the name you will know that you are in God's presence and that no one else is around. (Revelation 2:17)
- D. God has a purpose for every star—the stars sing together to produce a symphony. We too have a purpose to sing in harmony together to produce a great symphony through each of our unique personalities and gifts. (1 Corinthians 15:41; Job 38:7; Psalm 19:2-4)
- E. God's personality factory. Each person is entirely unique. (Psalm 139:14)
 - 1. God's thoughts towards us are more in number than the sands—the greatest number in Scripture. One astronomer has estimated the number of stars to be 10^{28} . A geologist has estimated the number of sands to be 10^{28} . God's thoughts toward us are greater. (Genesis 22:17)
 - 2. God put a lot of thought into your career plan throughout all eternity.
 - 3. Everyone has a unique purpose and is uniquely put together.
 - 4. Discovering God's purpose. (Psalm 34:4)
 - a. God has promised total unqualified fulfillment to every person that belongs to Him.
 - b. Finding God's purpose and getting involved in it results in this fulfillment.

c. Find what you have always desired to do and ask yourself which of those you have been successful and those things that you enjoy. This is a clue about the purpose for which God has created us.

d. We should make every attempt to find our gift. We discover it, dedicate it, and finally we devote it.

F. The human brain and the resurrected body.

1. We cannot gratify the desires of the eternal soul through our dying bodies—eternity is not floating around on a cloud with a halo. It is experiencing every emotion and aspect of an eternal brain and body.

2. An experiment testing what happens to brain energy showed the Christian to have energy that went off the charts compared to the non-Christian whose energy disappeared. What was measured was the energy in the Christian's new brain in her new body.

3. In the glorified body, the speaker's theory is that the brain is capable of producing a great amount of electricity that enables the believer to explore almost any answer.

4. No brain has been used more than 2%. The brain is not very efficient in this life—only 10^{23} bits of information.

5. The emotions in the eternal self are intensified. The knowledge of that body will be exponentially greater.

6. The body in the eternal state will be able to travel at the speed of thought to any desired location.

G. Why God does not show Himself?

1. It is possible that hundreds of thousands of worlds could occupy the same space at the same time and not be conscious of each other. (Ephesians 2:6)

2. God does not show Himself because He operates on frequency holiness and it is His grace that prevents us from seeing Him since we presently operate on frequency sinfulness. (Hebrews 10:31; 12:31)

3. We can experience God's response to His communication even though we cannot see Him. God guides us toward the career plan he made for us long ago. This plan extends throughout all eternity.

Application questions.

1. How is God's greatness demonstrated in His interest in you? What data was given to illustrate this?

2. Describe the resurrected body and its abilities according to the speaker. What stands out to you?

3. How does knowing God's greatness relate to knowing your purpose as an individual? What were the hints the speaker gave to discovering your gift? How can you put these into practice?
