

Paul, His Life and Teachings



Paul's Theology God (Part 4)

Lesson 41

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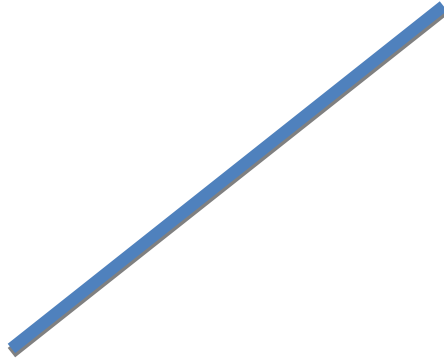
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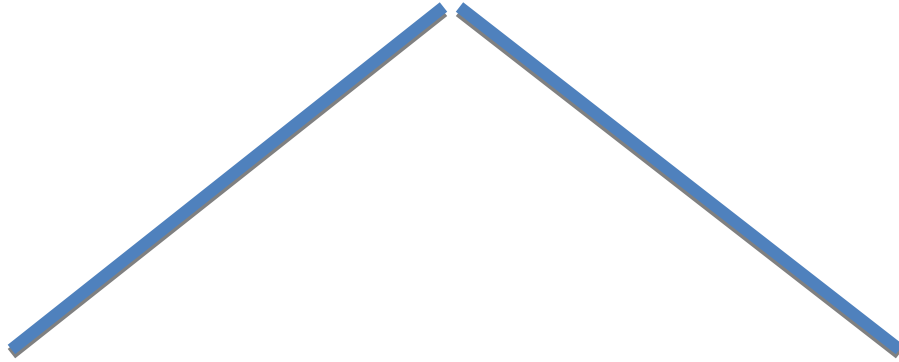


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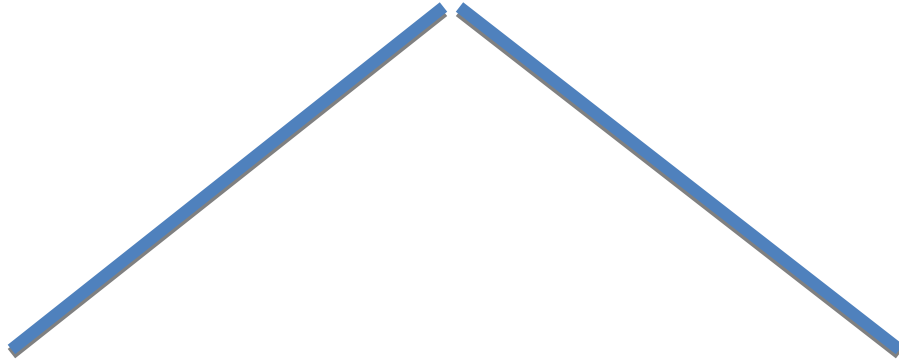


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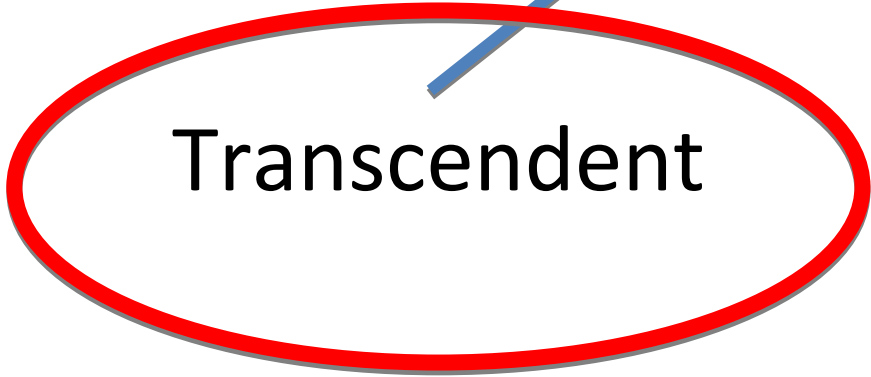
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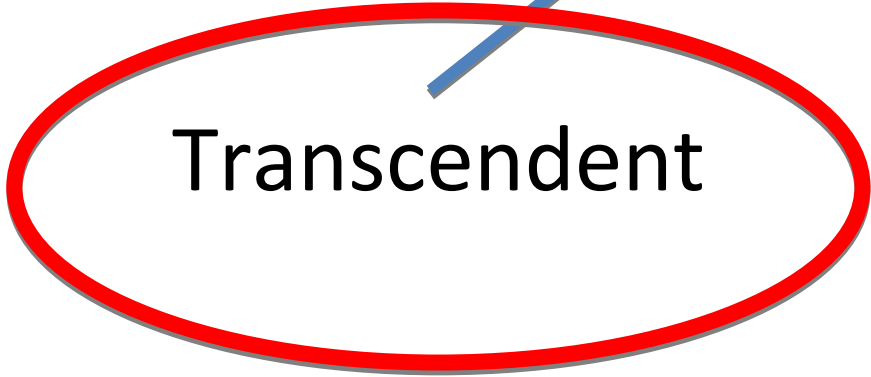
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Where is God in relation to
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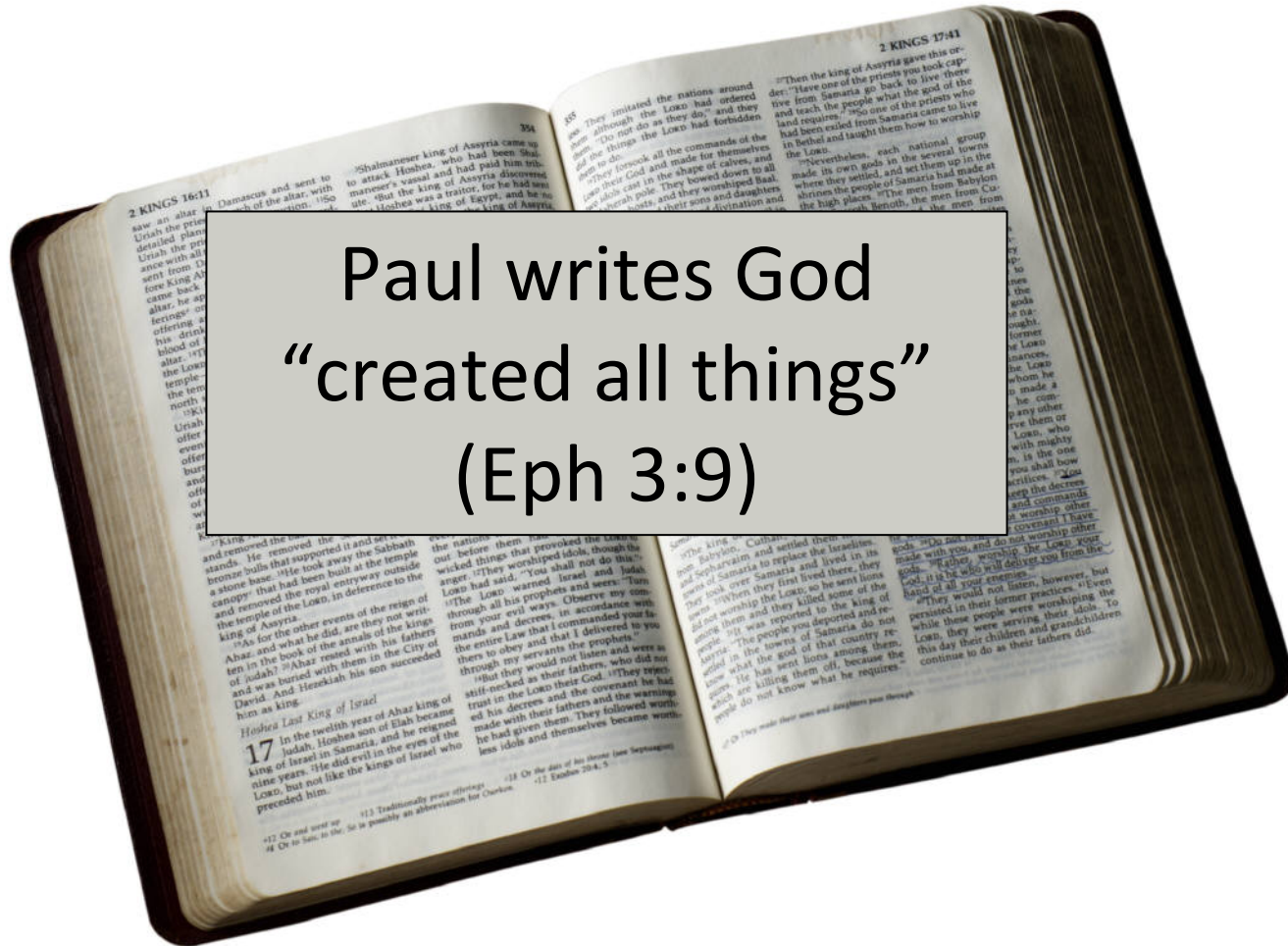
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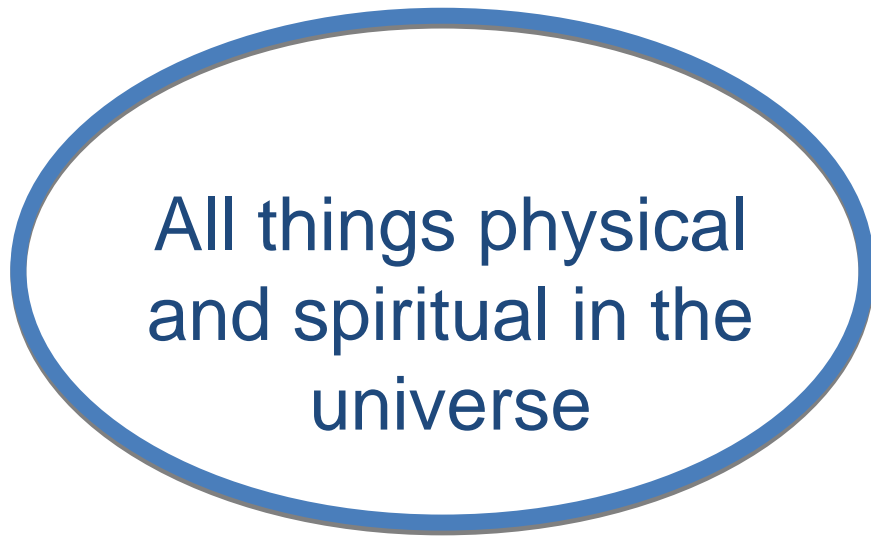
Consider God as “Creator”



Paul writes God
“created all things”
(Eph 3:9)

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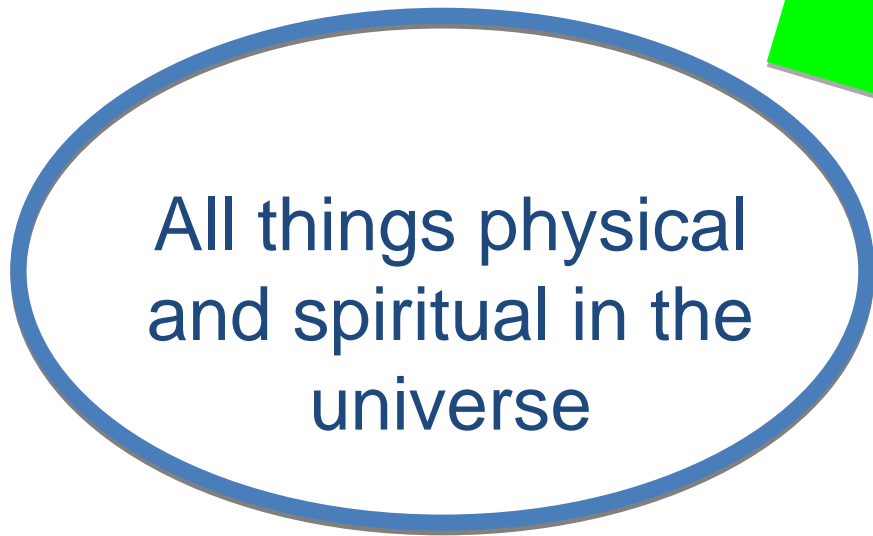
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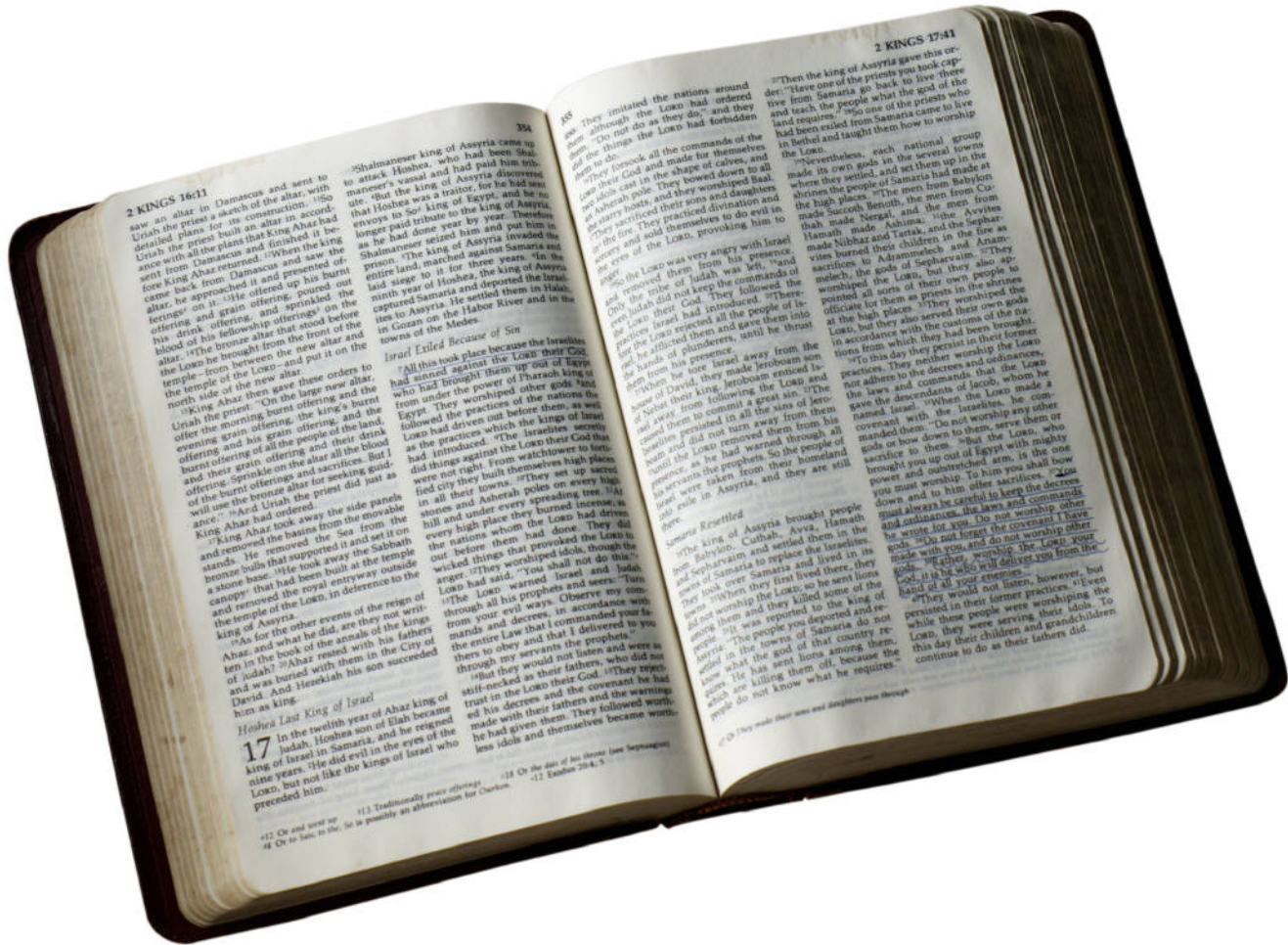
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2 KINGS 16:11

...to attack Hoshéa, who had been Shalmaneser's vassal and had paid him tribute. But the king of Assyria discovered that Hoshéa was a traitor, for he had written to Sargon, king of Assyria, saying, "I am no longer your vassal, for I have rebelled against you. Therefore do not send me tribute, for I have rebelled against you." The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years. In the ninth year of Hoshéa, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habôr River and in the towns of the Medes.

Israel Exiled Because of Sin

All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They followed the practices of the nations of Egypt. The LORD had driven out before them, as well as the practices which the kings of Israel had introduced. The Israelites secretly did things against the LORD their God that were not right. They set up sacred pillars in all their towns, on every high place, on stones and Asherah poles on every hill and under every spreading tree. In every high place whom the LORD had driven out before them had done. They did wicked things that provoked the LORD to anger. "They worshipped idols, though the LORD had said, 'You shall not do this.'"

The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers. "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commandments and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded you to do, so that you may prosper and live long." But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the LORD their God. They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.

Hoshéa Last King of Israel

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshéa son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him.

2 KINGS 17:41

Then the king of Assyria gave this order: "Have one of the priests you took captive from Samaria go back to live there and teach the people what the god of the land requires." So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria came to live in Bethel and taught them how to worship the LORD.

Nevertheless, each national group made its own gods in the several towns where they settled, and set them up in the shrines the people of Samaria had made at the high places. The men from Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men from Cush made Nergal, and the men from Hamath made Ashima. The Assyrians made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire as victims to Adramelech and Ananias. They also appointed for themselves priests to worship the gods of their own people in the high places. They worshipped the officials for them as priests in the shrines in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought. To this day they persist in their former practices. They neither worship the LORD nor adhere to the decrees and ordinances that the LORD gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel. "Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or mandate them." Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or sacrifice to them, as he had warned through all his servants the prophets. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland and were scattered in Assyria, and they are still there.

Samarites Rewitted

The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath and Sepharvaim and settled them in the towns of Samaria to replace the Israelites. When they first lived there, they did not worship the LORD, so he sent lions against them and they killed some of the people. "When they were reported to the king of Assyria, he was reported to the king of Israel, and he sent lions against the towns of Samaria to replace the Israelites. The people you deported and resettled in the towns of that country revere the god of that country because they have sent lions against them, and they are killing them off, because the people do not know what he requires."

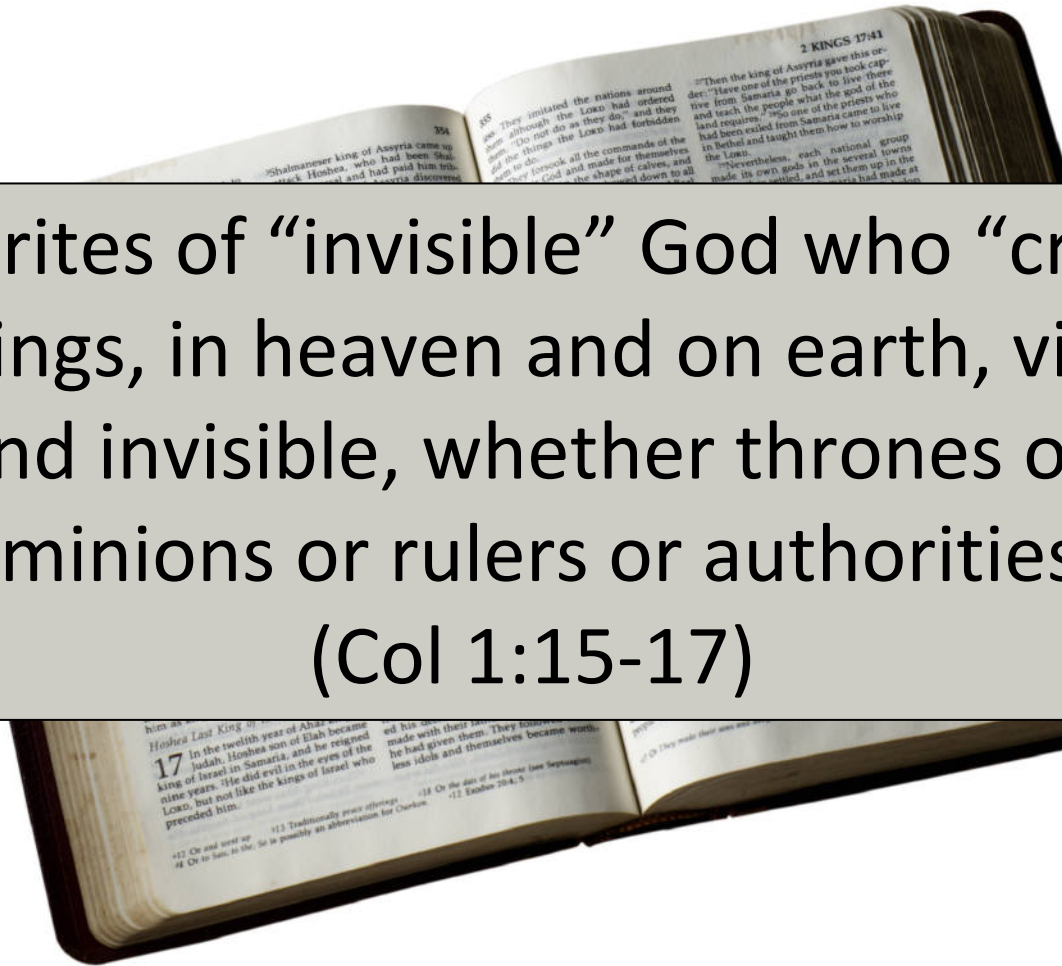
11 Or and send it. 12 Or in Sam, in the, he is possibly an abbreviation for Oshéa.

18 Or the day of his death (see Septuagint). 19 Eusebius 204, 5.

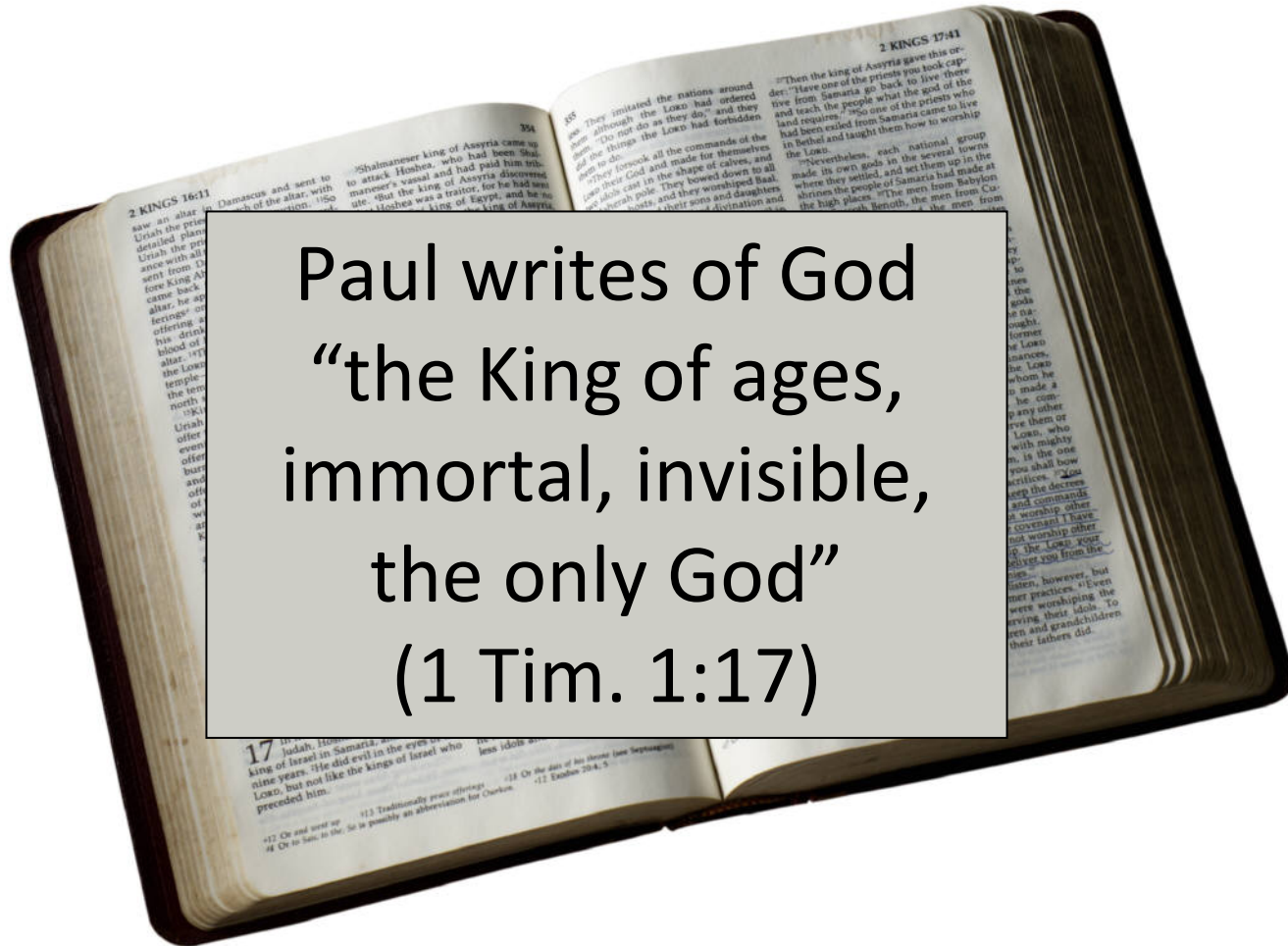
20 Or They made their sons and daughters pass through the fire.

Consider God as “Creator”

Paul writes of “invisible” God who “created all things, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities ”
(Col 1:15-17)

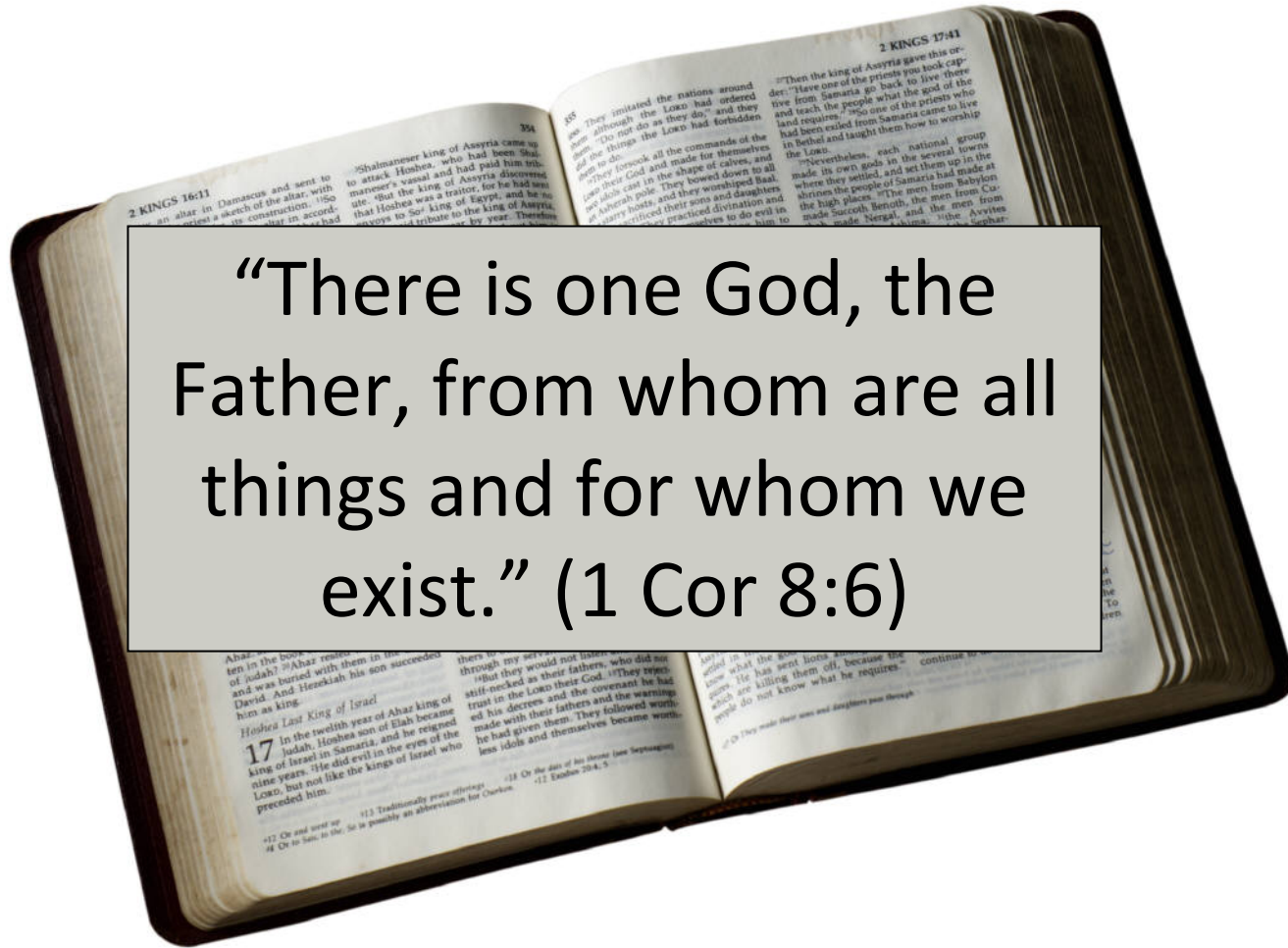


Consider God as “Creator”



Paul writes of God
“the King of ages,
immortal, invisible,
the only God”
(1 Tim. 1:17)

Consider God as “Creator”



“There is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist.” (1 Cor 8:6)

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3. *Creatio ex nihilo*

Creatio ex material:

Did God use existing material to make
the world?



Creatio ex Deo:

Is creation from the essence of God?



Creatio ex nihilo:

Did God create the universe out of nothing?





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God “calls into existence the things that do not exist” (Rom. 4:17)



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God



All things physical
and spiritual in the
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“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!” (1 Kings 8:27)

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Where is God in relation to space/time?

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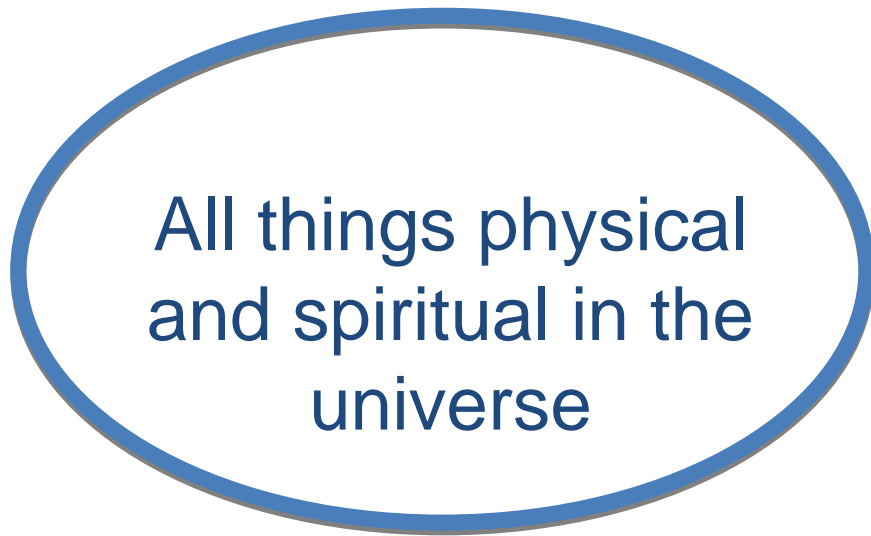
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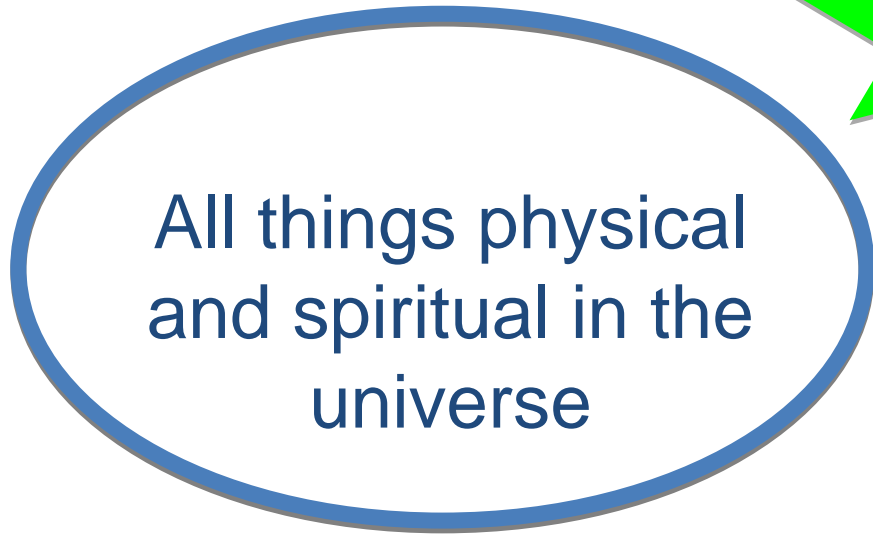
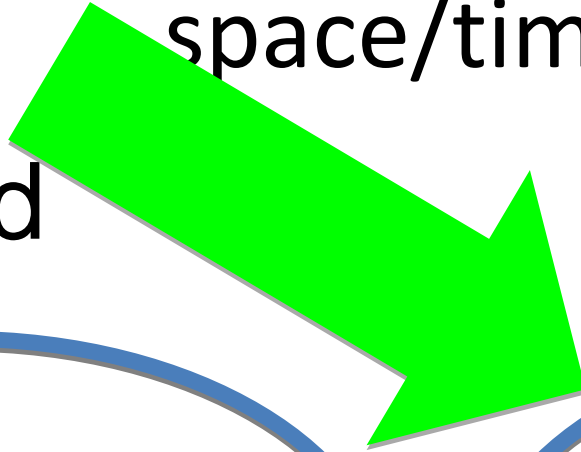
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An “immanent” God is *in* the universe

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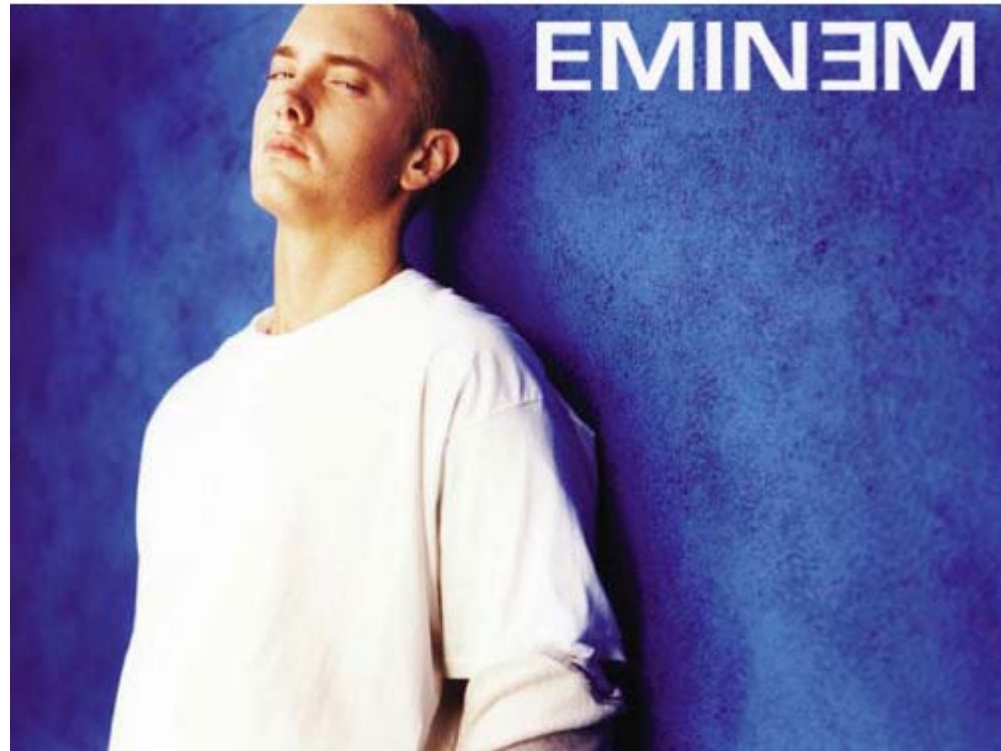
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God is “immanent”

God

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“Immanent” - not this guy!



Not these guys!



Not “imminent” either



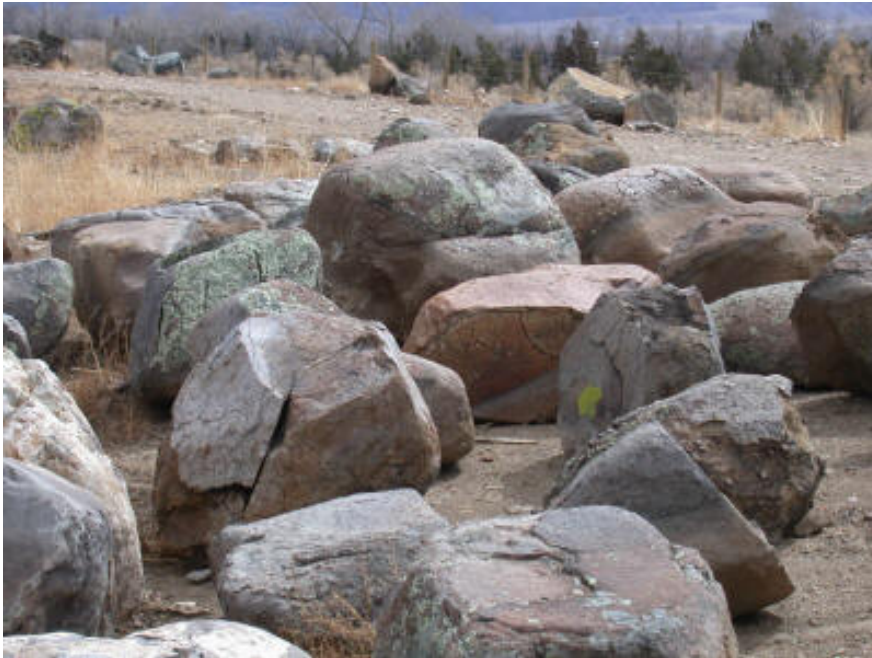
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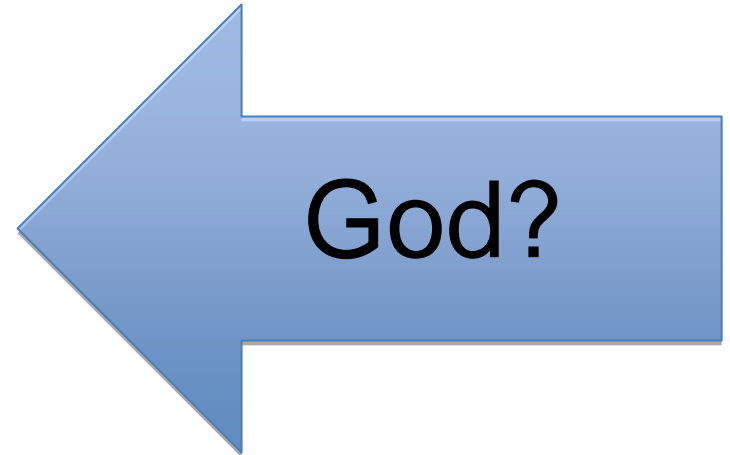
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How / Where is God in the
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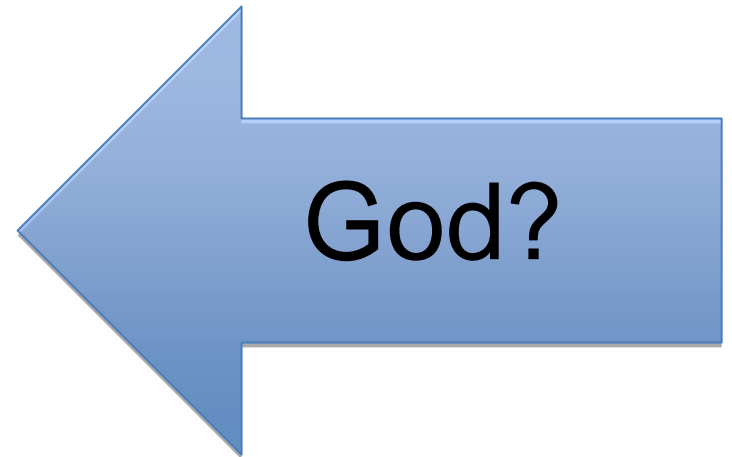
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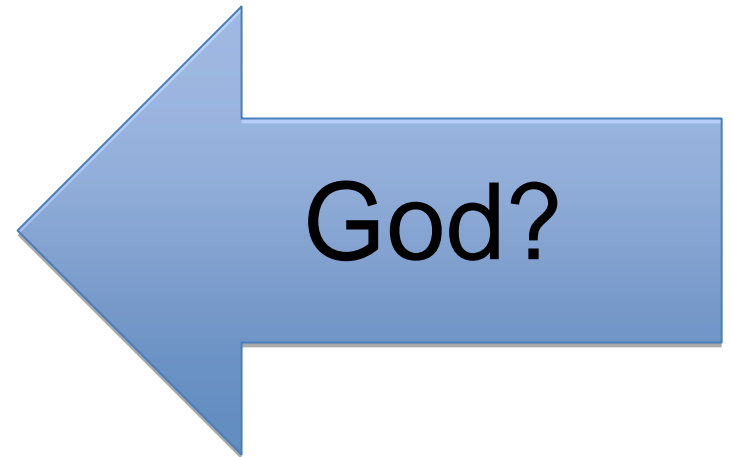
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God is present in his authority



“King of the ages”
(1 Tim 1:17)

God is present in his authority



“King of the ages”
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God reigns and rules over all
matter in the universe

God is present in his power



God is present in his power



God's "invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world" (Rom. 1:20)

God is present by his knowledge

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Paul repeatedly calls on God
as his “witness”

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God fills heaven and earth but is
not mixed with heaven and earth





“God as who “made the world and everything in it” (transcendence).

“He is actually not far from each one of us, for, ‘In him we live and move and have our being’” (Acts 17:24-28)



Paul writes of God the Father “who is over all and through all and in all.” (immanence)
(Eph 4:6)

Among the crowd, some are
“called out”



Among the crowd, some are
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Paul prays the
church is “filled with
all the fullness of
God”
(Eph 3:19).



Among the crowd, some are
“called out”

“In him you also are
being built together
into a dwelling place
for God by the Spirit”
(Eph. 2:21)



Among the crowd, some are
“called out”

“Do you not know
that you are God’s
temple and that
God’s Spirit dwells in
you?”
(1 Cor. 3:16)



God is “immanent”



God

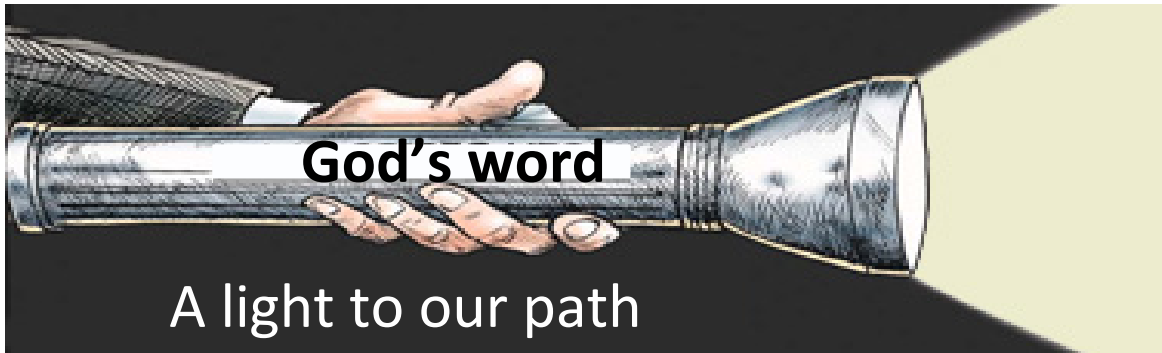
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And “transcendent”

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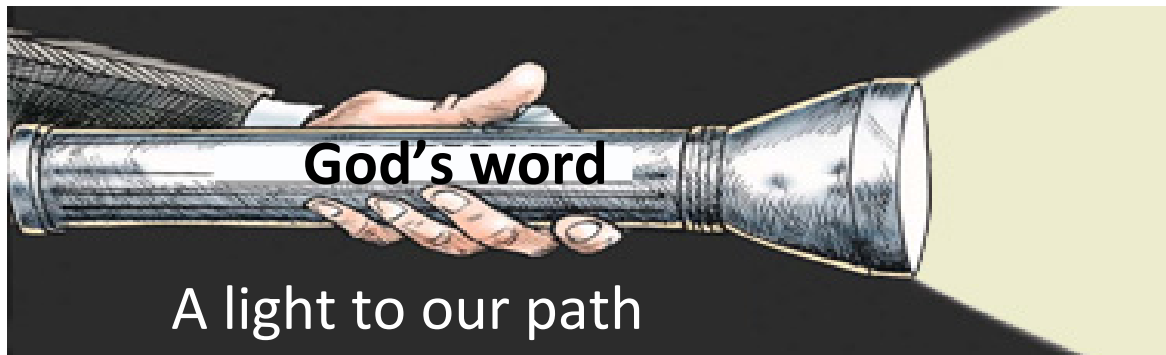
Points for Home

“God chose us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world” (Eph. 1:4)



What we know of
God comes from his
revelation of himself





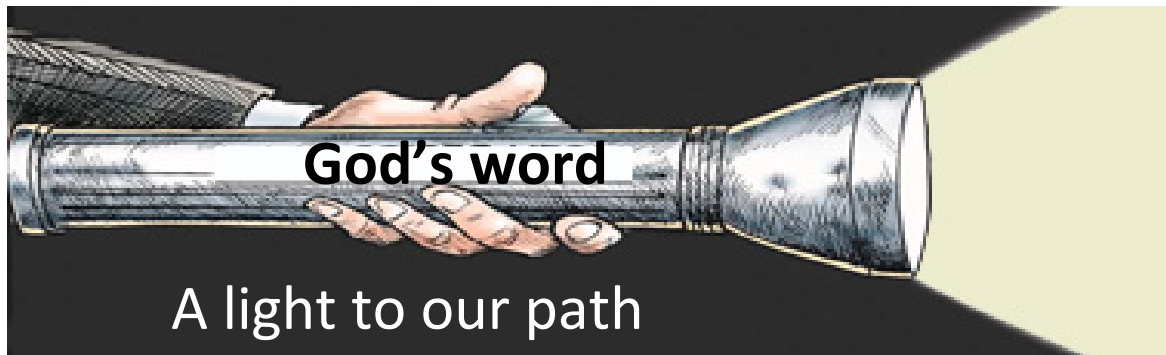
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“Where shall I flee
from your
presence”
(Psalm 139)



A light to our path

Points for Home

God

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All things physical
and spiritual in the
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“You formed my
inward parts”
(Psalm 139)