

Big God

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Isaiah 40:13 (NIV) O/H

Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD,
or instruct the LORD as HIS counselor?

If we think we can comprehend the greatness of God, we have a weak limited God that cannot be fully trusted. However:

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to HIM be glory in the church!

Our mind is finite! Therefore, the infinite glory of God is beyond our comprehension. Therefore, we must see God as infinitely greater than our finite mind. When we see God as able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, we can live in absolute security and trust. We also will recognize that we are in no place to question God or give HIM counsel.

Job may have been one of the most godly men that ever lived. However, under tremendous distress, Job began to question God's actions or lack of action in his life. When God finally spoke to Job, HE did not address Job's sufferings. God only addressed Job's lack of understanding how Big God was.

Job 38:2 (NIV)

Who is this that obscures MY PLANS
with words without knowledge?

God told Job that he was not even close to comprehending the mind of God. God even said that Job was obscuring God's plans. Not only was Job obscuring God's plans, but Job's actions were also becoming part of the problem. Jesus made a similar statement in the NT:

Matthew 22:29 (NIV)

You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

To point out Job's lack of knowledge and lack of perspective, God asks Job a question:

Job 38:4 (NIV)

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?

Tell me!

Back to Isaiah, we see that with a Big God, we should look at the world with a different perspective.

Isaiah 40:17 (NIV)

Before God all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by HIM as worthless and less than nothing.

We have a Big God who is enthroned over the earth. God is not in the earth subject to the earth's limitations.

Isaiah 40:22 (NIV) O/H

God sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers.

As a side note, God is also telling us 800 years before Christ that the earth is round. Only non-believers would think the earth was flat. Back to Job who lived several hundred years before Isaiah, God tells us the earth is suspended in space.

Job 26:7 (NIV) O/H

He spreads out the northern skies over empty space;
HE suspends the earth over nothing.

God is even bigger than being enthroned above the earth:

Isaiah 40:25-26 (NIV) O/H

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?

HE who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of HIS great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

Look at the heavens (see picture)! God “placed” the stars one by one and “named” them. All the stars are where they should be and not one star is missing. With this infinite view of God, we can see how “small” a thing it was for Jesus to tell us that we could move mountains.

Mark 11:22-24 (NIV)

Have faith in God (who created and named each star). Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.” Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.



With our Big God who “places” the stars where they should be and “names” them, would moving a mountain be that hard? Of course, Jesus is not focusing on moving dirt, but HIS Words are encompassing all obstacles confronting a believer. As a believer in Christ, we know God created all things and all things are under HIS authority and power. As a note, this reveals the demonic element of the world’s wisdom like of evolution. Evolution says God is not the creator and therefore limited in HIS power. However, our God is a Big God, the only God, who is all-powerful in charge of HIS world down to the smallest detail. HE has everything is in its place, nothing overlooked, nothing lost. **We exist because of our Big God.**

Remove our Big God and all things dissolve into nothing.

Colossians 1:17 (NIV)

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Taking all things into consideration, with our Big God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, we live in strength and gain strength soaring like eagles. Therefore, we confidently proclaim Christ.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

With every situation, we spread our wings like an eagle and are lifted above the problems by the Holy Spirit. In fact, soaring on the wings of God, our problems only provide the air current that lifts us above our problems and empowers us.

Therefore, we rejoice always.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

All this begins with Jesus and HIM crucified! Because we know the truth, we proclaim HIS NAME!