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### ***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!***

*Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord GOD; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?"*

**2 Samuel 7**

How amazing is our God! When we think of the fulfillment of His promises to us, we rise up to applaud Him! We stand in awe of God ... that He is mindful of us is too wonderful to comprehend!

We are as a speck on the window of time and yet God's desire is towards us! He cares about our welfare! He has a determined plan and purpose for each of us—giving us hope towards future success.

In the expanse of the entire universe we may seem as insignificant as the sand on the seashore—yet with a blast of breath from God's nostrils waters heap and a way is laid bare for us to move forward! Nothing withstands the power of God! His eye is so keen that He not only sees what we do—He knows our intention for doing it!

### **= GOD'S DESIRE FOR US**

We are in awe of God—His Ability, His Strength, His Power, His Faithfulness, but most of all His Desire for us. He is a jealous God Who desires relationship with us! *"As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you!"*

Does it seem incredible that God would be so joyous towards us—that *"I am my Beloved's and His desire is towards me?"* Is it too wonderful to comprehend? Why should God be so passionate for us?

God spoke of intricate details from the first days of earth's life ... how he entered the treasury of hail and snow ... and the doors of the shadow of death. God spoke details Job never knew existed—it was beyond anything he could even question.

## **= HIS MIGHTY WORKS**

*...The whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the MIGHTY WORKS they had seen saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." But He answered and said to them, "I tell you if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out. LUKE*

There are three hundred questions asked in the Book of Job. Seventy-five of those questions God specifically asked Job, such as "to what were its foundations fastened ...who laid its cornerstone ... Or who shut in the sea with doors ... or commanded the dawn to know its place?" The poetic beauty of creation is majestically detailed in God's incredible narration to Job.

We're amazed at nature's uniqueness. There are innumerable types and variations. Nature has its own unfolding distinctiveness.

Goethe said, "Nature is the living, visible garment of God." God's details in nature far surpass anything we can design. Jesus spoke of the lilies of the field—wild flowers among the weeds. Solomon dressed in all the exquisite finery of king couldn't even compare to the intricate details of one wild flower!

## **= FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE**

*For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. PSALMS 139*

At two months in the womb we already have our own distinct fingerprints! God never made another set like ours—we're the one and only. No two brain imaging's are alike either—our thoughts create an image that's as unique as our fingerprints. So are our ears! Ear convolutions and dental records are so individual that they're used by police for positive identification!

God's thoughts towards us separate us by the littlest details. Something as insignificant as the ends of our fingers and toes, or our teeth, thoughts or ears make us different—in the entire universe there'll never be another you? Who could ever make up that many different details—yet God knows the numbers of hair on our head at this very moment! He knows every one of our thoughts and our intention behind them!

David said, "*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.*" How unfathomable are the riches of His glory—who can know it?

## **= GOD'S HANDIWORK**

*The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language, Where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.*

**PSALMS 19**

Albert Barnes says that there are as many lessons conveyed to man about the greatness and majesty of God by the silent movements of each night as there are by the light of the successive days. There are as many lessons conveyed to the soul about God in the dark night of affliction and adversity as there are when the sun of prosperity shines upon us.

Science declares the glory of God! Current DNA testing reveals that all mankind can be traced back to the same mother. God's LINE is drawn throughout the ages. He aligned us back to the beginning of days—to His perfect creation.

Job wanted to know where to find God in the midst of a devastating trial. God traced a line from the beginning that reached all the way to Job. Verse after verse He paints the grandest picture of His Majesty using words that speak of science, struggle, relationship, and integrates it all with Divine Wisdom that we can live by.

### **= TOUCH BASE**

*And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it... Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"*

**GENESIS 28:10-17**

Jacob found a door in his dream and it connected him to the House of God. His head TOUCHED BASE with heaven. God prophesied over him and he started his destiny from that 'home base.'

A 'home base' is important. In baseball if a batter hits a foul ball, any runner on base can advance but only after being in contact with his current base. He can't move on unless he first touched base. Without touching base it's impossible to win. TOUCHING BASES is a necessary process to winning.

When Simeon and Levi killed all the men because of what Shechem did to their sister Dinah, Jacob didn't know what to do. He feared for their lives! God told Jacob to return or TOUCH BASE with Him at Bethel. It was like COMING HOME. God appeared to him again a second time in a dream to reaffirm His promise. After touching base at Bethel, Jacob felt reconnected with God—that he was safe to go on.

### **= WHAT IF YOU FEEL DISCONNECTED?**

*Look, I go forward, but He is not there, And backward, but I cannot perceive Him; When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him; When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see*

*Him. But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold ... whatever His soul desires, that He does. For He performs what is appointed for me. ... I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You...*

**JOB**

Whenever we are hitting against obstacles, something is out of alignment in our life. Unless we can see where we are out of alignment, we'll continue to feel disconnected and disheartened. But if we COME HOME by finding our way back to Bethel as Jacob did or into God's throne room as Job—we'll reconnect to God's promise for our life. There we'll feel safe and energized to move on and witness the awesome unfolding of God's greatness in our life.

God always knows where we are and how to reach us! NOTHING can stop God's love from reaching you! David said, *"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? How precious also are Your thoughts towards me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"*

Praying in the Spirit or Meditating is like COMING HOME or touching base—it's the realization that God is Spirit within us that animates and sustains us. When we grasp the fact that the Power that moves the world is moving on our behalf, our confidence and assurance grows. We're not striving or forcing something to happen—we're simply aligned with the Only Power that cannot be stopped!

### = COMING HOME

*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

**MATTHEW 11:28-30**

There comes a time when our life experiences culminate into a "point of readiness." We are ready for something better. We want to breakthrough—the quickening of great expectation! At this point we feel the urgency to touch base with God—we want to COME HOME!

Whenever we forget who we are or what we're meant to be or do—it's time to find our way back to Bethel. Touching base recalibrates our original intention in Him so we can live our purpose in much bigger and bolder ways.

Placing ourselves back in the familiar surroundings of a Bethel place allows the grace of God to flow unfettered. We reactivate the promise when we come home in Him—it's like touching base with the profound. The alignment opens us up to the stillness wherein we come face to face with God!

How great is our God! *"Jesus said "I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also."* His Spirit dwells within us—guiding us home!

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