
God is Independent

Main Idea

To be able to understand God at all we must recognize the fact that he is completely independent of anything he has created. God's independence refers to his self-existence and self-sufficiency. Equally important is the contrasting fact that we, his creation, are utterly and completely dependent on him for everything.

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to be independent? Why is this such a desire for us as human beings?
2. In what ways is God independent? How does it make you feel that God doesn't need you?
3. Read Acts 17:22-29. Looking specifically at verses 24 and 25, in what ways does Paul speak about the independence of God? Given his audience, why is this important?
4. Read Job 41:11 and Psalm 50:10-12. What do these texts tell us about God's independence? What does it say about his character?
5. What are some implications of this biblical truth about God being independent?
6. Explain how each aspect of God's independence makes you feel emotionally. Does this doctrine have a positive or negative effect on your spiritual life? Explain why.
7. The bible teaches that while God is independent of us, we are completely dependent on God. In what ways does this reality impact us as believers? (See Psalm 36:7-9; Phil 4:19).
8. Read Romans 11:33-36. How is this text both a glorious exaltation of the independence of our God and a precious encouragement to the believer?
9. In what ways might this attribute of God help you in your prayer life?