



Knowledge of the Holy

Chapter 5: The Self-Existence of God

The child by his question, "Where did God come from?" is unwittingly acknowledging his creaturehood. (page 25)

Share with the group when you began to think about God, who He is, and where He comes from.

To admit there is One who lies beyond us, who exists outside of all our categories, who will not be dismissed with a name, who will not appear before the bar of our reason, nor submit to our curious inquiries: this requires a great deal of humility, more than most of us possess, so we save face by thinking of God down to our level, or at least down to where we can manage Him. (page 26)

How has God taught you humility as you have drawn closer to Him? What areas of pride in your heart have resisted being humbled by God?

"What possible meaning can the self-existence of God have for me and others like me in a world such as this and in times such as this?" To this I reply, that because we are the handiwork of God, it follows that all our problems and their solutions are theological. Some knowledge of what kind of God it is that operates the universe is indispensable to a sound philosophy of life and a sane outlook on the world scene. (page 27)

What do you think of Tozer's statement, "all our problems and their solutions are theological"? Why do you agree or disagree with this? How has theology helped you navigate life's choices through problems and towards solutions?

The natural man is a sinner because and only because he challenges God's selfhood in relation to his own. In all else he may willingly accept the sovereignty of God; in his own life he rejects it. For him, God's dominion ends where his begins. For him, self becomes Self, and in this he unconsciously imitates Lucifer... (page 29)

Read Isaiah 53:6. How had your life "gone astray"? When did you realize that you had to recognize Christ as your Lord, not just Christ as Lord? How are you surrendering to God's sovereignty today?

