



Knowledge of the Holy

Chapter 6: The Self-Sufficiency of God

To admit the existence of a need in God is to admit incompleteness in the divine Being. "Need" is a creature-word and cannot be spoken of the Creator. God has a voluntary relation to everything He has made, but He has no necessary relation to anything outside Himself...The word "necessary" is wholly foreign to God. (page 32,33)

Too many missionary appeals are based upon this fancied frustration of Almighty God...I fear that thousands of younger persons enter Christian service from no higher motive than to help deliver God from the embarrassing situation His love has gotten Him into and His limited abilities seem unable to get Him out of. (page 34)

Unbelief is actually perverted faith, for it puts its trust not in the living God but in dying men. The unbeliever denies the self-sufficiency of God and usurps attributes that are not his. This dual sin dishonors God and ultimately destroys the soul of the man. (page 35)

Our inner fulfillment lies in loving obedience to the commandments of Christ and the inspired admonitions of His apostles. "It is God which worketh in you." He needs no one, but when faith is present He works through anyone." (page 36)

Many of our relationships are conditioned upon us meeting the mutual need of others around us. As humans our whole existence is dependant upon God. Yet God does not need us. How have you experienced a dependance on God that is not conditioned upon God needing you?

When you have responded to the need to serve the efforts of the Kingdom has it been to "rescue God from His embarrassing situation" or has it been because of the raw need to express love and be obedient?

Read Hebrews 3:7-13. Why are we tempted to practice unbelief? How have other believers been a source of encouragement or correction that has kept you from practicing unbelief?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-31. How has God worked in you to evoke confidence in His power and faithfulness? What can you "brag on God" about?

