

The One God Needs

1) God Doesn't Need Us - The doctrine of "Aseity"

As Lord, God owns all things.

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Everything possessed by creatures comes from God.

Nehemiah 9:6 "You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.

When we give something back to God, we give him only what *he* has *first* given/lent to us.

Luke 12:42 And the Lord replied, "A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can rely on/give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.

When we give something back to God, he is not obligated to recompense/reward us.

Luke 17:10 In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.'

God owes nothing to any creature.

Job 41: 11 "Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me."

Romans 11:35 "'Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever! "

God has no needs for us to meet.

Psalm 50:10 For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it.

2) But God has *CHOSEN to need us* in fulfilling His divine plans here on earth; to partner with man:

God chooses every believer:

1 Peter 2:9 for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.....

Ephesians 1:3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. 4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and **chose us** in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

God chooses us to be His children and His servants by His GRACE, not our qualifications:

Ephesians 4:4 For there is **one body** and one Spirit, just as you (each/all) have been **called** to one glorious hope for the future. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all

Know that God only needs a very few people to *do* the very few big things.....

BUT He needs EVERYONE to be obedient/available/wiling to do the *many small* things

1 Samuel 14:6 “Let’s go across to the outpost of those pagans,” Jonathan said to his armor bearer. “Perhaps the Lord will help us, for nothing can hinder the Lord. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!”

3) You’re never too old:

Abraham,

Moses (80),

Elijah,

Noah..500 years old when he begat his sons..older than that when the ark building was begun

.... but you’re never too young:

Samuel ... 12 years old when the Lord called him to be a prophet

David...somewhere between 12 and 25 years old.

The Apostles were young...maybe as young as 18 when Jesus called them

Paul told Timothy....don’t let anyone look down on your youth

4) You’re never too unqualified:

James 5:17 Elijah was as human as we are/a man with a nature like ours, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years!

5) It’s not about you, it’s about God:

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Joel 2:28 (And quoted in Acts 2:17)“Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit - **even on servants**—men and women alike.

All it takes is:

WILLINGNESS (here am I, send me) ,

OBEDIENCE (Jonah),

AVAILABILITY:

Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.