

THE ASEITY OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

- “There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity. Other subjects we can compass and grapple with; in them we feel a kind of self-content, and go our way with the thought, ‘Behold I am wise.’ But when we come to this master-science, finding that our plumbline cannot sound its depth, and that our eagle eye cannot see its height, we turn away...and with the solemn exclamation, ‘I am but of yesterday, and know nothing.’ No subject of contemplation will tend to humble the mind, than thoughts of God...But while the subject humbles the mind, it also expands it. He who often thinks of God, will have a larger mind than the man who simply plods around this narrow globe...”¹
- Of God’s many distinct attributes, one of the most difficult for finite human beings to come to terms with is His aseity, or self-existence
- Unlike us, God has neither beginning nor end, and He is not dependent upon anyone or anything
- It is critical to understand the absolute independence of God because at times we are prone to think that God relies on his creation not only for his existence but for his happiness and fulfillment
- The instinct of many Christians is to assume that God is dependent on his creation, that he is a needy God
- In an effort to make God more relational, the Creator is turned into the creature...God becomes just as dependent on us as we are on him
- Sometimes this is communicated in well-intentioned, but misinformed Gospel presentations that picture Christ as pleading with his people to come to him, as if he needs people to accept him and become his friend
- The impression that is often given is that God is somehow incomplete without us...that he is lonely...that he needs our help...that he can’t do anything without us
- But the Scriptures paint a different picture of God as self-existent and self-sufficient
- He looks to no one for life, for he is life in and of himself
- As it turns out, God does not depend on us, but we depend on him, from the air we breathe to the everlasting life we need
- It is one of the attributes of God that distinguishes him most from humanity
- For this reason, a robust understanding of the aseity of God is necessary

UNDERSTANDING THE ASEITY OF GOD

Definition

- The aseity of God means that He has the power of being in and of Himself and that he depends on nothing and no one for His existence
- The word “aseity” comes from two Latin words “a” (from) and “se” (himself)...literally he is “from himself”

<p>ASEITY:</p> <p>From the Latin a (“from”) + se (“self”), meaning “from Himself.”</p>
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¹ Charles Spurgeon, quoted in J.I. Packer, “The Study of God” in *Knowing God*, 17-18.

- He depends on no one outside of himself for his existence...he is entirely independent of his creation
 - He derives nothing of himself – his existence, essence, attributes, activity – from any other being
 - The aseity of God describes the perfect sufficiency he enjoys in Himself for the fullness of his own existence
 - God is the uncaused Cause...the uncreated Creator...the source of all things...the One who originated everything and who sustains everything that exists
 - He is the One in whom all other things find their source, existence, and continuance, the ever-present Power that sustains all life
 - There is no other source of life and none other like him
 - God is the eternally self-existent Being who always was and always will be
 - He has no need because he is complete in and of Himself and has always been
 - Everything that God needs to be God is contained within himself, from everlasting to everlasting
 - He is entirely independent in being...in debt to no one
 - God does not receive anything whatsoever from outside himself
 - He is alone in and unto himself self-sufficient, not standing in need of any creature which he has made
- To speak of God's aseity is to speak of his non-contingency: "If God is independent and self-sufficient, then it is not possible for us to influence God to do what we want. It would mean that God knows all things from all eternity and that He does not look in the future to see who will do what in order for Him to make His decisions based on what He sees. God's independence means that He does not consider what someone might do in a certain place and time and then make His choice based on that foreseen knowledge. That would violate God's non-contingency because it would mean that His choices and resulting actions from those choices are contingent upon the foreseen choices of others. This can't be."²
- This is entirely unlike anything else in creation...which is wholly and entirely dependent on God for its existence and its continuation
 - Everything else that has ever existed or will ever exist owes such existence to God as its source
 - God is always perfectly content in himself and by himself...but everything else comes into being because of him and becomes nothing apart from him
- Think about us as humans...we are dependent on God for our very lives and existence
 - In addition, we are dependent on him for our daily sustenance...we need oxygen to exist...hearts to pump...synapses to fire...white blood cells to defend...warmth...food...shelter...clothes...other people
 - It is similar to a baby's dependence on his mother both within the womb and outside it
 - There is an invisible umbilical cord connecting us to God who sustains us and without it we simply would cease to exist
- Unlike this, God is not dependent on anyone or anything...He is the great unmade Maker, the great self-sustaining Sustainer
- Other terms that have been used to describe this attribute of God include independence, self-existence, self-sufficiency, self-containment, absoluteness, and solitariness
- A. W. Pink explained God's aseity this way: "He is solitary in His majesty, unique in His excellency, peerless in His perfections. He sustains all, but is Himself independent of all. He gives to all, but is enriched by none."³
- Ultimately, this perfection leads to these emphases:⁴

² <https://carm.org/about-doctrine/what-is-the-aseity-of-god/>

³ A.W. Pink, *The Attributes of God*, 11.

⁴ Adapted from <https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/static.gracechurch.org/mens/motw-2022-10-12-no-one-like-him-handout.pdf>

1. God is the only *independent being*. Everything in creation is dependent upon Him for its existence, but He is dependent on no one and nothing. He derives nothing for His fullness from outside Himself.
2. God is the only *being without need*. Everything in creation experiences need for things outside of itself, but God has no need; He is perfectly self-sufficient, supplying all that He needs from Himself.
3. God is the only *free being*. Although everything else is affected by things outside of itself, God is never affected, changed, improved, or degraded by anything. He exists, wills, and acts *as He pleases*.

What Aseity Does Not Mean

- 4 things it doesn't mean:⁵
 1. It does not mean that he is not personal
 - Some might assume that this perfection prevents God from having relationships with anything outside himself
 - Such is not the case, evidenced by the many ways God engages people in making covenants, promising to redeem, sending Christ, making sinners his children, and identifying himself as "Father"
 2. It does not mean that God does not exercise direct control over what he has made
 - Not only has God created all that exists, he also sustains it by the very word of his power
 - He is not the god of deism
 3. It does not mean that God is indifferent to the needs of his creation
 - Some might assume that, if God is totally independent from his creation, then are we important at all? Is there any significance to our existence or to the existence of the rest of creation?
 - Yes, God created us to have a relationship with him
 - He is compassionate, gracious, and abounding in lovingkindness toward his people, being always available to those who call upon him in times of need
 - He invites us to cast our anxieties on him because he cares for us (1 Peter 5:7)
 - It is also true that we are able to bring real joy and delight to God...he delights in his people and rejoices over them...this is the basis for personal significance in the lives of all God's people
 4. It does not preclude the incarnation
 - He is truly "God with us" who sent Christ in human nature in order to secure the redemption of his people
 5. It does not mean that God is self-caused or self-derived
 - Nothing can be properly self-caused since it cannot give itself what it lacks and it cannot receive from itself what it already possesses
- It does mean that God is a being of limitless majesty who has always been in existence, not having a time or place of origin, but having life in himself
- It also means that he is the source of everything and the finite universe owes its existence to the infinite God
- It also means that he is unobligated, unaccountable and responsible only to himself
- It also means that he is free to do as he wants, when he wants, and how he wants

⁵ Ibid.

- “We tend to be disquieted by the thought of one who does not account to us for his being, who is responsible to no one, who is self-existent, self-dependent, and self-sufficient...To admit that there is one who lives 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 God down to our level, or at least down to where we can manage him. Yet how he eludes us!”⁶

Scriptural Support

Old Testament

Genesis 1:1 ~ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- God has always been in existence; in fact, the very first verse in the Bible assumes that he was already present

Genesis 2:7 ~ Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- He is described as the One who creates and gives life and, without him doing so, nothing would exist

Exodus 3:13-14 ~ Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

- This name for God points to His self-existence and eternity and it denotes “I am the One who is/will be”
- “How can we be absolutely sure that God’s covenantal promises and work on our behalf will not fail? Only if He is utterly self-sufficient at the level of His very being. By identifying Himself with His own existence, which is one implication of His revealed name, God declares that He is wholly independent of others and thus that our faith in Him need not be ultimately grounded in some source of reliability that lies outside of or prior to Him. The dependability of God’s ways in redemptive history is rooted in His history-transcending self-sufficient act of existence.”⁷

Deuteronomy 10:17 ~ For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.

Deuteronomy 32:39 ~ See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

Job 35:7-8 ~ If you are righteous, what do you give to Him, Or what does He receive from your hand? 8 Your wickedness is for a man like yourself, And your righteousness is for a son of man.

Job 41:11 ~ Who has given to Me that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.

Psalms 24:1-2 ~ The earth is the LORD’S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it. 2 For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers.

Psalms 36:9 ~ For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

Psalms 50:9-12 ~ I shall take no young bull out of your house Nor male goats out of your folds. 10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine. 12 If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains.

⁶ A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 33.

⁷ James Dolezal, *All That is in God*, 46.

Psalm 90:1-4 ~ Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. 3 You turn man back into dust And say, "Return, O children of men." 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it passes by, Or as a watch in the night.

- God is without beginning or end...he is everlasting...he did not have a beginning...he has always been

Psalm 102:25-27 ~ Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed. 27 But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.

- God is independent of creation because He is its creator

Psalm 115:3 ~ But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

- God's aseity assures us that his autonomy is absolute...he alone decides what to do, and nothing can ever thwart His purpose to keep his promises
- What he promises to do, he will do and what he predicts will come to pass

Isaiah 40:13-20 ~ Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him? 14 With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge And informed Him of the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust. 16 Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering. 17 **All the nations are as nothing before Him**, They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless. 18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him? 19 As for the idol, a craftsman casts it, A goldsmith plates it with gold, And a silversmith fashions chains of silver. 20 He who is too impoverished for such an offering Selects a tree that does not rot; He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman To prepare an idol that will not totter.

Isaiah 40:28-31 ~ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. 29 He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 43:10 ~ "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.

Isaiah 44:6, 12-17 ~ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me...12 The man shapes iron into a cutting tool and does his work over the coals, fashioning it with hammers and working it with his strong arm. He also gets hungry and his strength fails; he drinks no water and becomes weary. 13 Another shapes wood, he extends a measuring line; he outlines it with red chalk. He works it with planes and outlines it with a compass, and makes it like the form of a man, like the beauty of man, so that it may sit in a house. 14 Surely he cuts cedars for himself, and takes a cypress or an oak and raises it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow. 15 Then it becomes something for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself; he also makes a fire to bake bread. He also makes a god and worships it; he makes it a graven image and falls down before it. 16 Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he eats meat as he roasts a roast and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Aha! I am warm, I have seen the fire." 17 But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god."

Isaiah 46:9 ~ Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me,

New Testament

John 1:3-5 ~ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 5:26 ~ For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

- Because He is completely self-existent, He is not caused by or dependent upon anything outside Himself

John 11:25 ~ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

John 14:6 ~ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Acts 17:23-26 ~ For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. 24 **“The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; 26** and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation...28 for **in Him we live and move and exist**, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’

- As His creatures, our physical life, spiritual life, and even eternal life with Him all have God as their source

Romans 11:34-36 ~ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.”

- That all things are “from” God expresses that He is the source of all things
- That all things are “through” God expresses that He is the means of all things
- That all things are “to” God expresses that He is the goal of all things
- God gains nothing from us...He cannot be brought under obligation to his creatures!

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 ~Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, **from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.**

1 Corinthians 11:12 ~ For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God.

Ephesians 4:5-6 ~ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Revelations 4:11 ~ Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed and were created.

WHY THEN DID GOD CREATE?⁸

- In response to the doctrine of God’s aseity, the question is often asked, “If God is self-sufficient and totally content in Himself, why did He create?”
- There are three possibilities to explain His motivation:
 1. **God created out of necessity.** Some believe that God created the universe due to inherent inadequacy. He “needed” creation in order to unfurl his attributes, because he was lonely, because he needed others to love and to love Him in return, or because he needed to be worshiped. Thus, creation completes him like how a wife completes her husband. This, of course, contradicts Scripture’s clear testimony.
 - God did not create man because he was lonely, because he needed to create, or because he needed help
 - This creates the impression that God can’t do anything without us

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- God did not lack anything when he was alone, and he was not under any constraint or obligation to bring anything else into existence
- We know that God was not lonely prior to creation because the triune God existed eternally without anything or anyone else in the universe
- Though alone, God was not lonely...the three persons of the Trinity enjoyed perfect satisfaction, fellowship, and delight in one another

John 17:5, 24 ~ Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was...24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

2. **God created without purpose.** To protect the concept of divine aseity while also coming to terms with the fact of creation, others suggest the Creator actually had no purpose in creating. The existence of created things is meaningless as far as God is concerned. Therefore, creation is subject to impersonal fate; the Creator has set certain laws in place to govern the world but is Himself wholly unconcerned with its outcome. This option also opposes what God has stated about Himself and His work.

- This is a form of deism...as if God was bored, God just threw creation together, put some laws in place and he has stepped back from it and lets it run itself

3. **God created out of the fullness of joy.** This is Scripture's answer. God created out of His fullness of joy and for the joy of what He created. He created out of abundance, not out of need. This is particularly communicated through the phrases referring to God's "good pleasure."

- God created the universe not by necessity but for His own glory

Isaiah 46:10 ~ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

Isaiah 48:14 ~ Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? The LORD loves him; he will carry out His good pleasure on Babylon, And His arm will be against the Chaldeans.

Isaiah 53:10 ~ But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Ephesians 1:3-14 ~ according to the kind intention (lit. "good pleasure") of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace...according to His kind intention (lit. "good pleasure")...to the praise of His glory...

Philippians 2:13 ~ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Colossians 1:19 ~ For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

- "God was under no constraint, no obligation, no necessity to create. That He chose to do so was purely a sovereign act on His part caused by nothing outside of Himself, determined by nothing but His own mere good pleasure...That He did create was simply for His manifestative glory...God is no gainer even from our worship. He was in no need of that external glory of His grace which arises from His redeemed, for He is glorious enough in Himself without that. What was it that moved Him to predestinate His elect to the praise of the glory of His grace? It was, as Eph. 1:5 tells us, "according to the good pleasure of His will."⁹
- "It is perfectly true that God is both honored and dishonored by me; not in His essential being, but in His official character. It is equally true that God has been 'glorified' by creation, by providence, and by redemption. This we do not and dare not dispute for a moment. But all of this has to do with His

⁹ Pink, *The Attributes of God*, 9-10.

manifestative glory and the recognition of it by us. Yet had God so pleased He might have continued alone for all eternity, without making known His glory unto creatures. Whether He should do so or not was determined solely by His own will. He was perfectly blessed in Himself before the first creature was called into being.”¹⁰

IMPLICATIONS OF THE ASEITY OF GOD¹¹

1. **Stop living as if God needs you.** The idea that God needs something from you is the essence of false religion. Nothing of what you confess, think, pray, or feel toward him contributes to His majesty. Indeed, many today find this truth deeply offensive, having been taught to think that God needs something they have to offer. To them, the gospel is an invitation to fill up what is lacking in God. Such an invitation appeals to human pride, for what could make one feel more special than providing what God lacks. But the doctrine of God’s aseity deals a fatal blow to such self-esteem.

Nehemiah 9:5 ~ Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah, said, “Arise, bless the LORD your God forever and ever! O may Your glorious name be blessed And exalted **above all blessing and praise!**”

Psalm 50:10-12 ~ For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine. 12 If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains.

Acts 17:24-25 ~ The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

- “Almighty God, just because He is almighty, needs no support. The picture of a nervous, ingratiating God fawning over men to win their favor is not a pleasant one; yet if we look at the popular conception of God, that is precisely what we see. Twentieth century Christianity has put God on charity. So lofty is our opinion of ourselves that we find it quite easy, not to say enjoyable, to believe that we are necessary to God. But the truth is that God is not greater for our being, nor would He be less if we did not exist. That we do exist is altogether of God’s free determination, not by our desert nor by divine necessity.”¹²

2. **Remember that God owns everything.** The aseity of God means that he is just in giving, distributing, and taking back as he pleases. Again, this concept is exceedingly offensive to many. When God takes something away, or does not give as expected, the common demand is for God to explain himself. Yet everything is his—our families, our work, our possessions, our bank accounts, and our very lives.

Deuteronomy 32:39 ~ See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

Job 1:21 ~ He said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.”

Psalm 24:1 ~ The earth is the LORD’S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

3. **Get in line with God’s agenda.** The aseity of God establishes his absolute worthiness of worship. In fact, it is common to see the biblical writers draw the immediate connection between the truth of God’s self-sufficiency and our proper response of worship. Because God is *a se*, he is the One to be esteemed.

¹⁰ Ibid., 11.

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¹² A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 34.

Isaiah 48:11 ~ For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another.

Romans 11:33-36 ~Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Colossians 1:16 ~ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Revelations 4:11 ~ Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed and were created.

- 4. Marvel at his concern for you.** The aseity of God magnifies the astounding nature of his care for us. That the All-Sufficient One is mindful of us does not seem plausible, but God tells us it is true. The One who possesses heaven and earth *knows our name!* Understood correctly, this ushers us quickly to adoration.

Psalm 8:3-5 ~ When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; 4 What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!

Psalm 144:3-4 ~ O LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You think of him? 4 Man is like a mere breath; His days are like a passing shadow.

- 5. Look to him for your perfect supply.** The aseity of God should not turn us from God, knowing that he needs nothing from us. It should compel us to him, knowing that he can supply exactly what we need.

Psalm 23:1 ~ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Isaiah 40:28-31 ~ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. 29 He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Philippians 4:19 ~ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- Because of the aseity of God, we can depend upon Him as the independent One who is able to deliver, protect, and keep those who trust in Him
- If we understand the biblical doctrine of the aseity of God, we will be kept from the error of thinking that God is finite, that He grows weary, or that He will ever be insufficient to meet our needs
- Because God is all-sufficient, we can know that there is not a need in our lives that He cannot supply
- Though we are insignificant compared to God, he invites us to bring all of our concerns to him and trust him with everything
- We often wonder whether he cares about the small things in our lives or whether He is only concerned with the big things
- However, compared to His greatness and self-sufficiency, all things in our lives are small; yet, He invites us to come to Him anyway