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How Do You Spell Awesome?

Did it ever occur to you that nothing ever occurs to God? Not hard to understand when you realize that God is Infinite, Perfect, Simple, and a Unity. These are ways of describing the essence of God. We call them attributes. God is also the One and Only Sovereign, Self- Existing Spirit who is the creator of all things!

Let's go a step deeper, as if we are not already over our heads. Our Lord is Omnipotent. That is a theological way of saying He is All Powerful. He has no rivals. Also, He is Omniscient, meaning that He knows all things. Finally, He is Omnipresent. He is everywhere...always.

These attributes of His essence are declared or implied to us in Psalm 139.

Oh Lord Thou has searched me and known me. Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up; Thou dost understand my thought from afar. Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down, And art intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, Thou dost know it all.

Thou hast enclosed me behind and before, And laid Thy hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it. Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence?

If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Thy hand will lead me, And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night," Even the darkness is not dark to Thee, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to Thee. (Ps. 139:1-12)

Our Lord exists with total sovereignty. All of His thoughts are simultaneous, not sequential. He operates in the Eternal Now for He is the Eternal One. These truths should cause us to have a reverential fear at the awesomeness of our great and glorious God. (1 Peter 1:17)

Many people who do not have faith in the Lord look for a "stiff drink" to give them courage and steady them when faced with difficulties in life. We who believe in our Lord have already had a drink of the living waters of eternal life (John 4:13-14) and we are at peace with God because we are justified by faith. (Rom. 5:1) And, since He understands our weaknesses and temptations, we can come boldly before the throne of grace to find grace and mercy in time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16) Now that is awesome!

Serving Him with you
Until He comes for us,
Fred

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