



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Series- None Greater Part 3

### **Does God Depend on You!**

*24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. Acts 17:24-25*

#### **1. God is self- sufficient.**

- God was not lonely without us. John 17:5, 17:25.
- God has life within himself. John 4:14, John 5:25-6.
- God is not dependent upon. Rev 4:11

#### **2. The God who owns all. Job 41:11 Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 50:9-12**

- God is no ones debtor. Job 41:11.
- Everything belongs to God. Psalm 24:11
- God does not need our gifts. Psalm 50:9-12.

#### **3. The God who is "not served by human hands." Acts 17:24-25**

- God does not need us to "house him."
- God doesn't need our help.
- God is the source of life, breath & everything else.

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read John 17:5, 17:25, John 4:14, John 5:25-6 & Rev 4:11. What do these verses reveal to you about the nature of God? Is God lonely? Is God dependent?
2. Read Job 41:11 Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 50:9-12. What do these passages reveal about God and his relationship with creation?
3. Read Acts 17:24-25. What does this reveal about what God “needs from us?”

### **B. Meditation & application**

4. Gods’ self-sufficiency and complete independence is called in theological terms- his “Aseity.” Why do you think that its important that we understand God in this way? What errors could we be led into if we dismissed this aspect his character and attributes?
5. Why is it important that we understand that God owns everything? What implications and practical out workings might this have for us?
6. Obviously we are called to a life of serving God and others but why is it important that we understand what Paul said in Acts 17:24-25 as we look to serve God? What errors or wrong mindsets could this keep us from?
7. “God is the source of life, breath and everything.” Why is this something worth remembering?

Dear heavenly Father- You don’t need us, but you made us. You don’t need our help but your invite us to partner with you in building your Kingdom. You give us life, breath and everything and we owe everything to you and yet- you continue to bless us and enable us to walk in your way. We are so grateful to you- and we praise you. In Jesus Name- Amen.

NB: Greatly indebted to the book: None Greater by Matthew Barrett. Pages 55-70.