

REAL. PRESENT. GOD. – “GOD” (Psalm 46:8-11)

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God is God. You're not. Your favorite (or least-favorite!) politician isn't. Cancer isn't God. Divorce isn't God. Chronic pain isn't God. Not even death gets to be God. God is God. And He is all-powerful and utterly unique. "Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. 'Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!' The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress" (Psalm 46:8-11). Oh how blessed we are to know and be known by our Real. Present. God!

God is God, and _____.

Psalm 46:8-11, Romans 11:33, cf. Psalm 8, Psalm 139

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" – Romans 11:33

imago dei – "_____"

God is _____.

Psalm 46, 2 Samuel 6:6-7, Psalm 46:7, 11

Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. – Psalm 46:8

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. – Psalm 46:7 & 11

The _____ of God...

God is _____.

Psalm 46, Psalm 20:1, Psalm 10:1, Psalm 13:2-3

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The _____ of God...

And this God is _____.

Psalm 19, Psalm 139, Revelation 22:1-5

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord – Small Catechism

Questions for individual or group reflection:

Take a moment and contemplate the mystery of God.

Why do you think God gave us intelligence?

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

When you think of God as all-powerful, what comes to mind?

What is God NOT powerful over?

What happens when you don't approve of God's use of power?

Compare and contrast the transcendence and immanence of God.

Do you believe that among all of the billions of people in the world that God cares for YOU?

How is Jesus the best merging of the all-powerful and all-personal God?

Read the Small Catechism section of the 2nd article of the Creed.

What does it mean for you that Jesus isn't just the Son of God, but your Lord?

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you that you are so much greater than we are. Thank you that you have the power to create and destroy, and the power to bring desolations as well as make wars cease. God, you are God and we are not. Help us to properly understand this contrast, but also find both awe and comfort in it. Cause us to stand in awe of your power, and even have a fearful respect for what you are able to do. But help us also to be comforted by your power knowing that you are in control of all things – even our enemies – real and invisible. And thank you Lord that you have drawn very near to us in Jesus Christ... that in Him is all the power of the Godhead, but also our personal savior who died for us. Cause us to know that you love and care for each one of us, and that on the Last Day you will call us home into your presence, where we will witness your glory in a deeply personal way. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Do: Make a list of all the ways that you see God's power and transcendence, then make another list of the ways you see him close to you in a personal way. Thank Him for both!

***Memory Verse:* He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress– Psalm 46:10-11**

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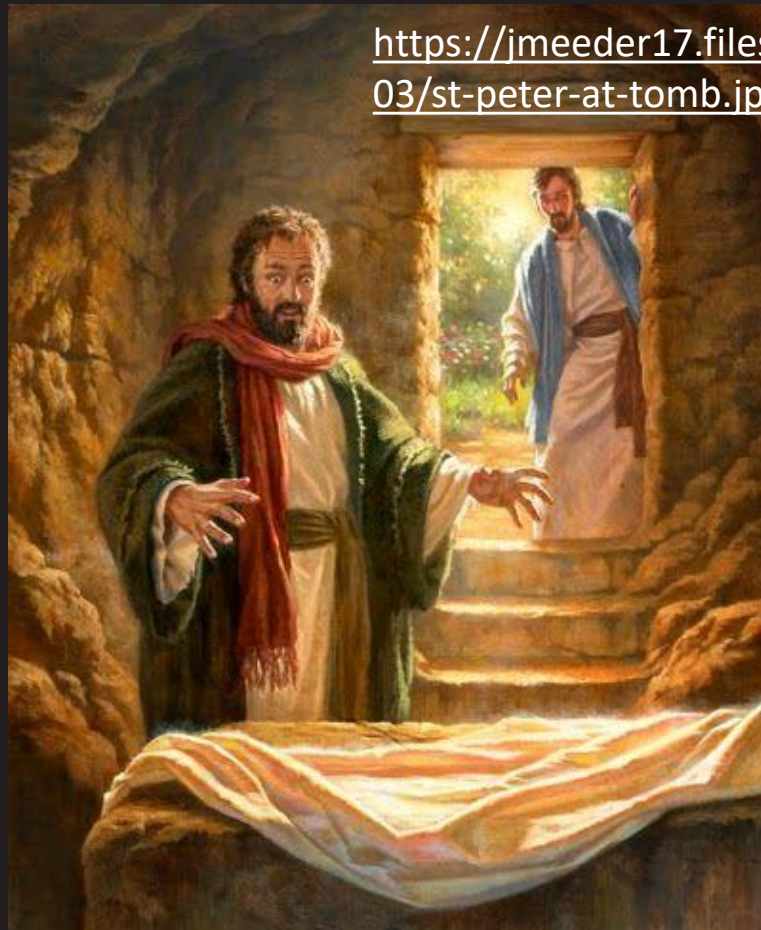
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“Pascal’s Wager”

What you do with your life: What you find upon dying:	Wager on: God Exists	Wager on: no God
God Exists	Infinite Reward <small>epic win</small>	Infinite Loss <small>epic fail</small>
There is no God	No Loss <small>fail</small>	No Reward <small>meaningless win</small>

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– Psalm 46:8

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*Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.*
– Psalm 46:6

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When they came to the threshing floor of Naxon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled.

The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. – 2 Samuel 6:6-7



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May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. – Psalm 20:1

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*Why, Lord, do you stand far off?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
- Psalm 10:1*

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*How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death.*

- Psalm 13:2-3

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And this God is for us in Jesus.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgKnrPELLiQ>

I believe that God has made me and all creatures ... I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord ...

– Small Catechism



