

Memory Verse: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting

Yours, O Lord is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Oh Lord, is the Kingdom

You are exalted as head over all.

New Vocabulary:

- **Transcendent:** Beyond or above the range of normal or merely physical human experience.

God is Transcendent

Scripture

- **God's Ways are Higher than Our Ways**
 - **Romans 11:33** "How unsearchable his judgments, his paths beyond tracing out!
 - **Isaiah 55:8-9** "'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'"
- **God is Self Sufficient**
 - **Romans 11:34-35** "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"
- **The Universe is For/About God**
 - **Romans 11:36** "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."
 - **Isaiah 40:22** "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in."
 - **Romans 9:20-21** "But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? 'Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?'"

What this Means

- God is exalted far above the created universe

Discussion

- Sometimes we don't understand why God does things the way he does them. And this is ok.
- "God is doing 100s of things in your life right now, and you MIGHT be aware of 2 of them." – J. Piper
- God understands things better than you do, and doesn't need your help.
- What is the point of the universe?
- The point of the universe is not to make humans happy or comfortable, it is to glorify God
- What should you do if you don't like something in God's word? (Submit! Tremble at his word.)
- What should you do if you feel like God isn't being fair, just, righteous? (Trust.)

Adoration

- You are exalted far above the earth.
- Everything exists to glorify you.

Confession

- Help me to trust you and submit to your word.
- Help me to glorify you with my life.

Thanksgiving

- Thank you for always being just and merciful
- Thank you for making a relationship with me.