

*THE NON-NEGOTIABLES OF MINISTRY*

# IMPROPER APPROACHES

- 1. Start with a focus on programs*
- 2. Start with a focus on needs*
- 3. Start by establishing goals*

# PROPER APPROACH

MINISTRY MUST BE BASED ON A CORRECT  
BIBLICAL FOUNDATION.

THIS FOUNDATION PROVIDES THE  
FRAMEWORK AGAINST WHICH ALL MINISTRY  
IS MEASURED.

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*1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.*

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*2 Why should the nations say, “Where, now, is their God?”*

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## A. *GOD IS TRANSCENDENT*

*3 But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.*

*Job 11:7 - Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?*

*Isa 55:8-9 - “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

*Rom 11:33 - Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and unfathomable His ways!*

# **I. A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD**

## ***A. GOD IS TRANSCENDENT***

### ***1. SELF-EXISTENCE***

*Gen 1:1 - In the beginning God created...*

*Rom 11:34 - Who has known the mind of the Lord?*

*Dan 4:35 - He does according to His will.*

*Psa 115:3 - ...He does whatever He pleases...*

*Isa 40:13 - Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord,  
or as His counselor has informed Him?*

*Rom 11:34 - ...WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?*

# I. A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD

## A. GOD IS TRANSCENDENT

### 1. SELF-EXISTENCE

### 2. IMMUTABILITY

*Psa 102:26-27 - Even they (the heavens) will perish, but You endure... You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end.*

*Gen 6:6 - And the Lord was sorry (repented) that He had made man on the earth...*

*Exo 32:14 So the Lord changed His mind (repented) about the harm which He said He would do to His people.*

*anthropopathic*

*1 Sam 15:29 - (God) does not lie or change His mind.*

*Psa 33:11 - The plans of the Lord stand firm forever...*

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## A. *GOD IS TRANSCENDENT*

1. *SELF-EXISTENCE*

2. *IMMUTABILITY*

3. *INFINITY*

### 3. *INFINITY* - free from all limitation

- He is *perfect...Matt 5:48- ...your heavenly Father is perfect.*
- He is *eternal...Psa 90:2 - ...even from everlasting to everlasting You are God.*
- He is *immense* (“omnipresence”)...

*Psa 139:7-10 - Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?*

*Heb. 4:13 - And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*

*4 Their idols are silver and gold, The work of man's hands. 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; They have eyes, but they cannot see; 6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; They have noses, but they cannot smell; 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; They have feet, but they cannot walk; They cannot make a sound with their throat.*

*Exo 20:4 - You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.*

*Psa 115:8 Those who make them will become like them, everyone who trusts in them.*

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## ***A. GOD IS TRANSCENDENT***

## ***B. GOD IS IMMANENT***

***3 But our God is in the heavens...***

***9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. 11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.***

*12 The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. 13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, The small together with the great. ... 15 May you be blessed of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.*

Why is a right view of God so important?

- 1. CONSIDER MUSIC**
- 2. CONSIDER EVANGELISM**
- 3. CONSIDER COUNSELING**
- 4. CONCERNING CHURCH LIFE**