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Your God Is too Small

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Marshall Keeble.

YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL

Acts 17:22-26

they cease to respect their fellow man."

INT:

If Americans were a Bible-reading, Bible-knowing people like they should be, would have no problem knowing God.

* Seven passages read.

If do not know Bible concept of God, then will have all kinds of inaccurate visions of God.

J. B. Phillips: 1961 wrote the book: YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL. **Proposition:** "No one is ever really at ease in facing what we call 'life' and 'death' without a religious faith. The trouble with many people today is that they have not found a God big enough to meet their modern needs. Their experiences in life have expanded, but they have **not** come to know the all-knowing and all-powerful true God of the Bible."

People are oblivious of **Isa. 44:6**. "I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God."

I. COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS AND INADEQUATE VIEWS OF GOD.

A. OLD GENTLEMAN CONCEPT. Prayer is like occasional visit with Grandpa. **Ill.** Children asked question: "Does God understand radar?" 60% said "no". Too old!

B. INNER CONSCIENCE CONCEPT. God naggs me to do right! **Conscience:** an educated warning device. Not God, but an inner standard established through knowledge of God and His Word. **Says:** Endangering title to Heaven

C. SUPER-PARENT CONCEPT. Always telling me what to do. Never grows up spiritually--looks to God to be told everything. **Reality:** Principles given, and with free-moral-agency man works his probles out with God.

D. SECOND-HAND GOD CONCEPT. All know comes from others. This type seldom reads Bible. Seldom prays to God. Seldom turns to God. No experience. Little trust.

II. PAUL KNEW THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD. Acts 17:22-26.*

A. Big enough to create this Universe! Vs. 24. Acts 14:15. I Cor. 10:26. Ps. 19:1. Just spoke! **p+B** God said!

B. Big enough that our Temples cannot contain Him. V.24. Acts 7:48-50* Stephen. I Kings 8:27. Solomon. **earth??**

C. Big enough to supply all our needs. Vs. 25. Gen. 2:7. Matt. 5:45. Verse 28. Close as breath.

III. ANCIENT HERO'S OF FAITH FOUND GOD BIG ENOUGH FOR THEM.

Hebrews 11.

Noah: Big enough to destroy world, but save one family.

Abraham: Big enough to give his children the coveted land of Promise. Deut. 11:24. Josh. 21:43

Moses: Big enough to lead 3 million Israelites into the land of Canaan.

David & Solomon: Big enough to give all the world's power and gold to them.

Daniel: Big enough to keep the Lions away.

God is able!

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego: Big enough to keep the fiery furnace from even singeing one hair of their head.

Jesus: Big enough to raise Him from the dead.

INV: TODAY'S BIBLE STUDENT FINDS GOD ADAQUATE TO THE NEED.

Isa. 59:1. *Sent. Jesus: Rom. 5:8.*

Heb. 7:25. Access to uttermost through Jesus.

