**Praying to an Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent God**

This morning I’d like you to consider a couple of foundational truths about God:

1. God is **omnipotent** (all-powerful), and therefore can do *anything* He wishes; He commands and controls *everything*, Luke 1:37; Matt.19:26.
2. God is also both **omniscient** (all-knowing) and **omnipresent** (neither His knowledge or influence is limited by space or location), 2Chron.16:9; Ps.139:1-10; Heb.4:13, and therefore *knows* and *sees* everything.

So it seems odd to think that:

1. An *omnipotent* God needs**mankind’s** *favor, support,* or *alliance* (as in *strength in numbers*); He doesn’t; we do God no *favor* by *allying* ourselves with Him, nor do we *add to* His strength or capabilities; we absolutely need an *omnipotent* God, but He doesn’t need us, Acts 17:24-28 (not to say that He is ambivalent or doesn’t *want* us, for He does).
2. An *omniscient* and *omnipresent* God needs **mankind’s** *information;* He doesn’t need us to inform or reveal anything to Him; we may sing *“I Must Tell Jesus… all of my troubles,”* but since He already knows **everything**, Matt.6:8, this is for *our* benefit not *His.* We absolutely need His *information* and *revelation,* but He doesn’t need our input to rule.

Perhaps these truths are best illustrated through ***Prayer****-* man’s *communication* with the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God, Rom.8:26-27. We are instructed to *“Pray without ceasing,”* 1Thess.5:17. Why, if the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God *knows our needs before we ask,* Matt.6:8?

What we need to realize is that:

* God doesn’t need His *ego stroked* with our adoration and praise,
	+ But we need to *acknowledge* His *sovereignty, power,* and *majesty,* Matt.6:9*.*
* God doesn’t need our *information,*
	+ But we need to think about His control of all things pertaining to our lives and existence, Matt.6:10.
* God doesn’t need our *grateful appreciation*,
	+ But we need to appreciative and thankful, 2Cor.4:15; Col.3:16-17.
* God doesn’t need our *petitions* and *intercessions,*
	+ But we need to acknowledge complete dependence upon Him, and plead for His gracious provisions for self and others, Matt.6:11-13.

**Conclusion:** The *omnipotent, omniscient,* and *omnipresent* God doesn’t need us- our *favor, alliance, praise, information, appreciation,* or *petitions.* But we absolutely need His *favor* and *alliance.* We also need to *acknowledge, revere,* and *express* His *position* (and ours as subordinate), His *power,* and therefore His *control* of all things.

If we do so, it will change not only *who* and *what* we are in life, but also *how* we live and communicate with Him, Luke 18:9-14.