

**“YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL”
1 Kings 8:27**

Introduction:

1. **British author, J. B. Phillips, wrote Your God Is Too Small.**
 - a. **He pointed out that most have an inadequate concept of GOD.**
 - b. **Many think of GOD as merely a “kindly cosmic Santa Claus.”**
2. **Most people, including Christians, have an inadequate concept of GOD’s greatness, power, and majesty.**
3. **Let’s consider some basic facts about GOD:**
 - a. **Man is incapable of fully comprehending GOD.**
 - b. **One gets a glimpse of GOD’s greatness in His awesome creation:**
 - 1) **One can count 2,000 stars with the naked eye, but with a telescope millions can be seen.**
 - 2) **The nearest star outside our solar system is Proxima Centauri.**
 - 3) **It is 4.22 lights years away; it would take an estimated 81,000 earth years to get there at our fastest rate of travel.**

“By the Word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth....For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast” (Psa. 33:6,9).
 - c. **GOD is omniscient {all knowing} (Psa. 139:1-6).**
 - d. **GOD is omnipotent {all powerful} (Matt. 19:26).**
 - c. **GOD is omnipresent [everywhere] (Psa. 139:7-12).**

Discussion:

- I. **THE THEOLOGICAL MODERNIST’S GOD IS TOO SMALL.**
 - A. **He believes the Bible must be subjected to modern science.**
 1. **If it cannot be “proven” by science, it cannot be true.**
 2. **He denies the miracles and would remove them from the Bible (example: Thomas Jefferson’s New Testament).**
 - B. **The modernist would remove the foundations of our faith:**
 1. **He denies the virgin birth (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:22,23).**
 2. **He denies all Jesus’ miracles (John 20:30,31).**
 3. **He denies the literal resurrection of the Lord (1 Cor. 15).**

4. The modernist's God is too small!

II. THE THEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST'S GOD IS TOO SMALL.

A. He refuses to believe GOD spoke the worlds in to being.

“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of GOD, so that the things which are seen were not made out of things which are visible” (Heb. 11:3).

1. He takes the affirmations of Scripture and attempts to harmonize them with the unproven and unprovable theory of evolution.
2. He agrees that GOD began life but thinks evolution took over to bring us to where we are today.

B. Why should believers in GOD have any difficulty with GOD as Creator?

1. Why must plain statements in the Bible have to be reconciled with the changing theories of men (Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11)?
2. The theistic evolutionist's God is too small!

III. THE CARELESS WORSHIPPER'S GOD IS TOO SMALL.

A. Jesus is in our midst any time we assemble (Matt. 18:20; 26:29).

B. The Old Testament illustrates the reverence due to GOD.

1. As Moses approached the burning bush, He was commanded: “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground” (Ex. 3:5).
2. When GOD struck Nadab and Abihu, He told Aaron: “By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified” (Lev. 10:3).
3. When Ezra read the Law, all Israel stood (Neh. 8:1-5).

C. Considering GOD's greatness, how can we talk, sleep, text, or scoff during the worship of GOD?

IV. THE WORRIER'S GOD IS TOO SMALL.

A. Worry is a common, but useless human activity.

1. One said: “Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.”

2. Another said: "Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere."

B. If GOD could create the universe, He can take care of His people.

"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things" (Rom. 8:32).

1. An old hymn says: "Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear; All because we do not carry
everything to GOD in prayer."
2. Jesus promised to provide for His people (Matt. 6:25-34).

V. THE EVIL-DOER'S GOD IS TOO SMALL.

A. He may think he can hide his sins from GOD:

"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account" (Heb. 4:13).

B. He may think GOD will overlook his sins:

"For GOD will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Eccl. 12:14; Acts 17:30,31).

C. Those not forgiven by GOD's grace will face His wrath.

1. He destroyed Sodom for its sins (Gen. 19; Jude 7).
2. He destroyed the Amalekites for their transgressions (Ex. 17:8-16; 1 Sam. 15).
3. He destroyed the nations of Canaan (Gen. 15:16; Ex. 23:23-33).
4. He punished His own people for their sins (Jer. 25:1-11).

Conclusion:

1. We must not be guilty of making GOD in man's image (Num. 23:19).
2. When we have a greater understanding of the nature of GOD, we will have a greater reverence for Him and His Word.
3. Our reverence for GOD should cause us to accept what He says without question (1 Sam. 3:9; Luke 6:46).
4. Have you obeyed what the Lord requires to be saved (Rom. 6:17,18; Heb. 5:8,9)?