

IS GOD REALLY OMNI-CONTINGENT?

Psalm 139:1-6; Psalm 117:1-2; Deuteronomy 33:26-29; Psalm 18:25-36

We know that God is amazing. He is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient...but today I would like to 'add' another omni-inclusive description of our God...I believe He is the Omni-Contingent God! Omni-Contingent...what does that mean? Let's take a look!

Lots of people have been facing difficulties and dealing with adverse circumstances in their lives. We need to remember that we are not facing these scenarios alone.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. Psalm 34:19 NASB

There are many opportunities to experience 'issues' but the Lord delivers us out of them all (Amplified Bible says that there are many 'evils'...or afflictions.)

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. ³ You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it all. ⁵ You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it. Psalm 139:1-6 NASB

- You (Lord) have searched me thoroughly. (v1)
- You know my 'sitting and my rising'. (v2)
- ..."You are aware of my thoughts when scarcely formulated"...(v2, R.K. Harrison)
- "You are intimately acquainted with all my ways" ... (v3 AMPC)
- "You have analyzed my habits of business and relaxation alike..." (v3, R.K. Harrison)
- "Before even the words are framed on my lips, all my thought is known to thee. (v4, Knox)

You have beset me and shut me in—behind and before, and You have laid Your hand upon me. Psalm 139:5 AMPC

- "Close behind and close in front, You fence me around, shielding me with Your hand." (v5, Jerusalem Bible)
- "You have provided for every possible contingency, sustaining me by Your power." (v5, R. K. Harrison)

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Praise the LORD, all nations; laud Him, all peoples! ² For His lovingkindness is great toward us,

And the truth of the LORD is everlasting. Praise the LORD! Psalm 117:1-2 NASB

- His lovingkindness prevails over us. (v2)
- The reality of v1-5 and the infinite implications are a big reach for my finite capacities.

²⁶ "There is none like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens to your help, and through the skies in His majesty. ²⁷ "The eternal God is a dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and He drove out the enemy from before you, and said, 'Destroy!' ²⁸ "So Israel dwells in security, the fountain of Jacob secluded, in a land of grain and new wine; His heavens also drop down dew. ²⁹ "Blessed are you, O Israel; who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, who is the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! So your enemies will cringe before you, and you will tread upon their high places." Deuteronomy 33:26-29 NASB

There is none like God, O Jeshurun [Israel], Who rides through the heavens to your help and in His majestic glory through the skies. Deuteronomy 33:26 AMPC

- "The eternal God is thy home"... (v27, Spurrell)
- "Above is the God of a foretime, and beneath are the arms of the ages..." (v27, Roherham)

The eternal God is your refuge and dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He drove the enemy before you and thrust them out, saying, Destroy! Deuteronomy 33:27 AMPC

- "The governance of God will protect thee when under the power of everlasting arms"... (v27, Septuagint)

And Israel dwells in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone in a land of grain and new wine; yes, His heavens drop dew. Deuteronomy 33:28 AMPC

²⁵ With the kind You show Yourself kind; with the blameless You show Yourself blameless; ²⁶ With the pure You show Yourself pure, and with the crooked You show Yourself astute. ²⁷ For You save an afflicted people, but haughty eyes You abase. ²⁸ For You light my lamp; the LORD my God illumines my darkness. ²⁹ For by You I

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can run upon a troop; and by my God I can leap over a wall. ³⁰ As for God, His way is blameless; the word of the LORD is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

³¹ For who is God, but the LORD? and who is a rock, except our God, ³² The God who girds me with strength and makes my way blameless? ³³ He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and sets me upon my high places. ³⁴ He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. ³⁵ You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand upholds me; and Your gentleness makes me great.

³⁶ You enlarge my steps under me, and my feet have not slipped. Psalm 18:25-36 NASB

- *God is able to deal with everything and everyone with real understanding and complete adeptness.*
- *He deals with the kind, the blameless, and the pure in like manor but look what it says about the crooked or the perverse. (v 26)*
- *He deals astutely with the crooked or perverse. This word astute means astute, craftily, 'ready to contend', or wrestle...*
- *..." with the perverse (or devious) Though shewest thyself a wrestler..." (2 Samuel: 27, Robert Young)*
- *This is a grecco-Roman wrestling term that is used to describe how a wrestler has his opponent figured out and has a 'move' ready for his opponent before the opponent even makes 'his move'!*
- *The Lord is capable of providing every possible contingency by His loving power.*
- *He really can contend with all our 'afflictions' and deliver us out of them all.*