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SUBJECT: The Living God

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"we both labor and suffer reproach because we hope in..."
the trials of the way - because we hope...

The reproaches of men -

" " of fortune (disadvantage) "...

Changing - true to the unchanging God.

Sanctify the ill & mortality - to his who only death immortality
of earthly joy fade, die - to the fountain of unending joy.

"the living God, the presence of all men..."

1. PERSONAL.

A sure sign a man's understanding is dead, when he can
worship an impersonal, dead god:
the heathen, his idols
the materialist, things
the Greek - philosophy, his knowledge
the modern, his pleasures.

The atheist, his blind "Faith" - principles "Faith" "Nature"
submitted to call on a deity, but asked what name of "Faith"
"Nature" - cannot tell. It is a man, it is a man, where? where?

One God a living, loving, thinking, a spirit, personal God.
not an abstract quantity of power that never itself sets.
no man, no deity, no machine, no mere compound of the power of his

One God suggests the whole universe by the power of his
almighty arm. Rules, over rules nature, provides.

One God still walks among the trees of his garden, chide
among the household collection, still watches over his
sheepfold, smiles upon us in his sunshine, scatter his
blessings on the dew. In Gen. 1:6 reveals himself to us in his love.

2. LIVING.

We are creatures of death. Look upon the long procession
of humanity, in that procession, passing on with the rest,
what shadows we are, fleeting, vanishing moments -
This earth with the land of the living - the world of the dead
and the dead. Shows immortality; the globe - cemetery.
Every particle / dust may one have been; part of a
living creature.

But there is all life, only life, all alive. No faculty,
power, attributes? you can be smitten with paralysis.
subject to failure. $\begin{matrix} \text{?} & \text{?} & \text{?} \\ \text{?} & \text{?} & \text{?} \end{matrix}$ $\begin{matrix} \text{?} & \text{?} & \text{?} \\ \text{?} & \text{?} & \text{?} \end{matrix}$ $\begin{matrix} \text{?} & \text{?} & \text{?} \\ \text{?} & \text{?} & \text{?} \end{matrix}$

Man bowed down by age, wearied by toil, afflicted with
suffering.

3. SELF-EXISTENT

We live by divine decree - our breath from him. We have
no independent immortality; need constant maintenance by the
divine will. We are like ~~that~~ cannot maintain its own glow,
must be fed or go out.

But God self-existent; the great 'I Am'; a man that
glows without dimming; - a fire that burns without fuel.
His counts are maintained by his own essence.
His sovereignty state stands not by neglect of accidents, but
by his own omnipotence.

He is all-sufficient; all things are from him.

God was, & self-existent through all eternity.
A time when we were not.
But every atom says God was not.

(1) Past.

Back, back, back, before the first ray of light broke upon the
when the universe, stars, worlds, were in the
misty fog at the point in the dawn.
Before his angel reaches to his knees before a glorious
big bow to look up to his in holy reverence or to plead
repentance. God then as great, glorious as he is now.

(2) Present.

all presents to him. Sees side to side as a man looks
Sees not far beyond as long road from
Sees all at one time as on a radar screen.

(3) Future

An end to all things here - as the sun to the sea
- as the dawn into the twilight
- as the year into the winter
- as the child into the maturity age
- as one powerful nation into another destroyed
- as the dispersion will pass away

But every a funeral knell to announce the great
God of dead. Here a receipt among the blessed spirits
above because their Creator has ceased to be.
Beyond life, beyond time - water - heaven - God lives.

what 't means for us.

1. Life.

Matt. 22: 29-32 "And with God? the dead with? the living?"
John 14: 19 "because? him? shall live also"

2. Fellowship

(1) The empty chair

3. Security, protection.

Hezekiah as Sennacherib Isa. 37: 1-36.

Is who has been the dwelling place? his people? all generations will be the strength? his people in the mountains who are yet to come.

4. Salvation

Isa "Look with me and be ye saved, -"
(1) "I pray, as I look that regard I live"

... an old Scotoman who was very ill. His minister called to see him. Near the bed was a vacant chair, and when the minister inquired the reason for its presence, the old gentleman told him that during his youth he often found it difficult to pray. He spoke about the matter to his minister who said, "Do not sit down and put a chair opposite you and imagine that you are on it and talk to him as you would to a long-time friend."

The Scotoman replied: "I have been doing that ever since, and it works."

Some days later the daughter of the old Scotoman drove up to the minister's house and was shown into his study. She said, "Father died last night. I had no idea death could be so near. I had just gone to lie down... and when I came back, he was dead. His hand was on the empty chair by the side of the bed. But what strange?"

The minister replied, "It is not so strange. I understand."