

(#4) The God of Action who Reveals Himself as immanent/transcendent By Bob Young

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

(#1) The God who acts because of who he is (action based on being)

The Creating God Who Calls to Re-creation

1. He made us, image of God, living being
2. He calls us, unique to Christianity, he calls us, he calls us back in Christ
3. He unites us, making possible re-creation in our transformation, re-establishing vertical relationship which makes possible horizontal relationship.

Problems: Sin/legal problem, relationship/practical/living problem.

(#2) The Loving God Who Names/Promises/Covenants/Commits Himself to Bless Us

1. The person of God, his nature, how we are like him
2. The promises of God, his covenant commitment to us
3. The purpose of God, he desires to bless us, he claims us so that he can bless us

Problem: problem with self

(#3) The Giving God—Sharing

The Extravagant God Who Gives Himself to Deliver/Save Us

1. The Extravagant God, prodigal, showing the cost/price/value
2. The Sacrificing God, giving himself, giving his life.
3. The Saving God, who rescues, delivers

Problems: self-esteem problem, death problem

WHERE WE ARE

(#4) The Transcendent/Immanent God—Revealing

WHAT IS TO COME

(#5) The Present God

The Emmanuel God Who Is with Us

1. He lived in heaven
2. He lived on earth
3. He lives within us by faith

1. To sustain us, to provide
2. To protect
3. To unite in community

Problem: to resolve our life problem

(#6) The Returning God

The Coming God/Christ Who Will Claim/Rescue Us

1. He lived in heaven
2. He lived on earth
3. He lives within us by faith

He is coming again.

Problems: to resolve our grave problem, and our future problem

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We take a breather, a break, but that does not mean we can disengage our minds.

Because of where we have been in this series, what we have seen, what shall we conclude?

We are building on what has gone before. That means we are not talking about natural revelation, general revelation. We are talking about specific, special, self-revelation. God revealing himself. How does he do that?

God reveals himself in his self-descriptions

Let us

God reveals himself in the goodness of this created world, “and it was good”

In Genesis, God shows himself as a God who is...

Personal, promising to bless, providing, and present (especially with Joseph)

Primarily, God reveals himself in his actions (Exodus 2-6, and following chapters)

In the coming of Jesus, we see that God is both present and with us (immanent) while remaining above and beyond this created world. He is within our world and outside our world. This is a great mystery, paralleled by the mystery of Jesus who is simultaneously human and divine.

Conclusion

God reveals himself by what he does.

God has revealed himself by what he did in Christ.

Do you know this God?