## The Greatness of God Jim Downing

## I. Introduction.

- A. The message: God's sovereignty slanted towards his omniscience.
- B. How does God being who He is affect you?
- C. The light we receive from the North Star is 75 years old.
- D. God never sees the events one after another—He sees our life as a whole. God sees beyond the low points.
- II. The greatness of God in His Person and His interest in you. (Psalm 143)
  - A. God knows the number of the stars—likely  $10^{28}$ . (Psalm 137:4)
  - B. God promised to multiply the children of Abraham like the number of sands of the shores and the sea—perhaps also  $10^{28}$ . (Genesis 22:17)
  - C. Although a sparrow is not very valuable, not a one falls to the ground without God knowing about it. Man is of more value than many sparrows—God knows the number of hairs on your head as well as the classification. (Matthew 10:29; Luke 12:6)
    - 1. Fingerprints, DNA, bacteria and the retina are all means by which one can uniquely identify each person.
    - 2. God knows our activities, our thoughts, and even our words before we speak it. (Psalm 139:2-6)
    - 3. God brought the world into existence out of nothing. (Psalm 43; Hebrews 11; Psalm 34:6; 2 Peter 3)
  - D. God knows the names of the stars, and He knows your names.
    - 1. God consistently calls people by their name in Scripture. (Judges 7:10)
    - 2. God has given to every believer a secret name that is only known between He and you. If you hear the name you will know that you are in God's presence and that no one else is around. (Revelation 2:17)
  - E. God has a purpose for every star—the stars sing together to produce a symphony. We too have a purpose to sing in harmony together to produce a great symphony through each of our unique personalities and gifts. (1 Corinthians 15:41; Job 38:7)
  - F. God's personality factory. Each person is entirely unique. (Psalm 139:14)

- 1. God's thoughts towards us are more in number than the sands—the greatest number in Scripture.
- 2. God put a lot of thought into the genes and chromosomes that makes up you.
- G. The human brain and the resurrected body.
  - 1. No brain has been used more than 10%.
  - 2. An experiment testing what happens to brain energy showed the Christian to have energy that went off the charts compared to the non-Christian whose energy disappeared. What was measured was the energy in the Christian's new brain in her new body.
  - 3. In the glorified body, the speaker's theory is that the brain is capable of producing a great amount of electricity that enables the believer to explore almost any answer.
  - 4. The emotions in the eternal self are intensified.
  - 5. We cannot gratify the desires of the eternal soul through our dying bodies—eternity is not floating around on a cloud with a halo. It is experiencing every emotion and aspect of an eternal brain and body.
  - 6. The body in the eternal state will be able to travel at the speed of thought to any desired location.
- H. God is a God at hand, and He is not far off. (Jeremiah)
  - 1. It is possible that hundreds of thousands of worlds could occupy the same space at the same time and not be conscious of each other. (Ephesians 2:6)
  - 2. All we have to do is change frequency to get to heaven.
  - 3. Elijah took a young man out to see God's power against the Assyrian army—his eyes were opened to the spiritual realm, and he saw a massive army. (2 Kings 6)
  - 4. When Stephen was being stoned, he saw Jesus at the right hand of God. (Acts 7)
  - 5. The angel of the Lord encamps around. Guardian angels are all around. (Psalm 37:4)
  - 6. God does not show Himself because He operates on frequency holiness and it is His grace that prevents us from seeing Him since we presently operate on frequency sinfulness. (Exodus 33; Hebrews 10:31)
  - 7. We can experience God's response to His communication even though we cannot see Him. We had better believe that God is near.

## III. Discussion.

A. The brain is constantly feeding messages to the will. The will only has one criteria for responding—the pleasure element. Forming habits breaks this practice. You have to rotate the options to stay sharp.

## **Application questions.**

1. What data did the speaker use to show God's interest in you? What are we to look forward to in heaven?
2. Why are we unable to see God? In your opinion, will this be different after death? What would the speaker say?
3. What information stood out to you during this message? Do you agree or disagree? Explain.