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## God is Self-Sufficient

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- Many Old Testament and New Testament passages speak of this:

### A. O. T. passages:

*"Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it" (Deut. 10:14).*

*"Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine" (Job 41:11).*

*"The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psa. 24:1).*

*"For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof" (Psa. 50:10-12).*

*"You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You" (Neh. 9:6).*

### B. N. T. passages:

*"God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands" (Acts 17:24).*

*" . . . for the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness" (1 Cor. 10:26).*

- This attribute is closely connected to the attribute of self-existence, but carries it a step further. This means God has never had in eternity past, nor can ever have in the ages to come, a single need for which His own divine nature has not already provided.

It is also referred to as the independence of God. Human beings are totally dependent upon many things such as air to breathe, food to eat, water to drink, etc. But for God to be God, He must be completely independent of any and all outside sources. There is, however, a vast difference between God's *needs* and His *desires*. Consider:

### A. God's desire for the unsaved:

In essence, that they become believers (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9)

### B. God's desire for the saved:

1. That they present their bodies for purposes of sanctification (Rom. 12:1, 2; 1 Thess. 4:3)
2. That they seek His face with thankful hearts in all matters (1 Thess. 5:18)
3. That they worship Him (John 4:23)
4. That they walk and talk in truthful ways (Psa. 51:6)
5. That they have broken hearts over their sins (Psa. 51:16)