

# The Hiddenness of God

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God's hiddenness is both brutal and  
beautiful.

# Romans 11:33-36

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!

<sup>34</sup> “Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup> “Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay them?”

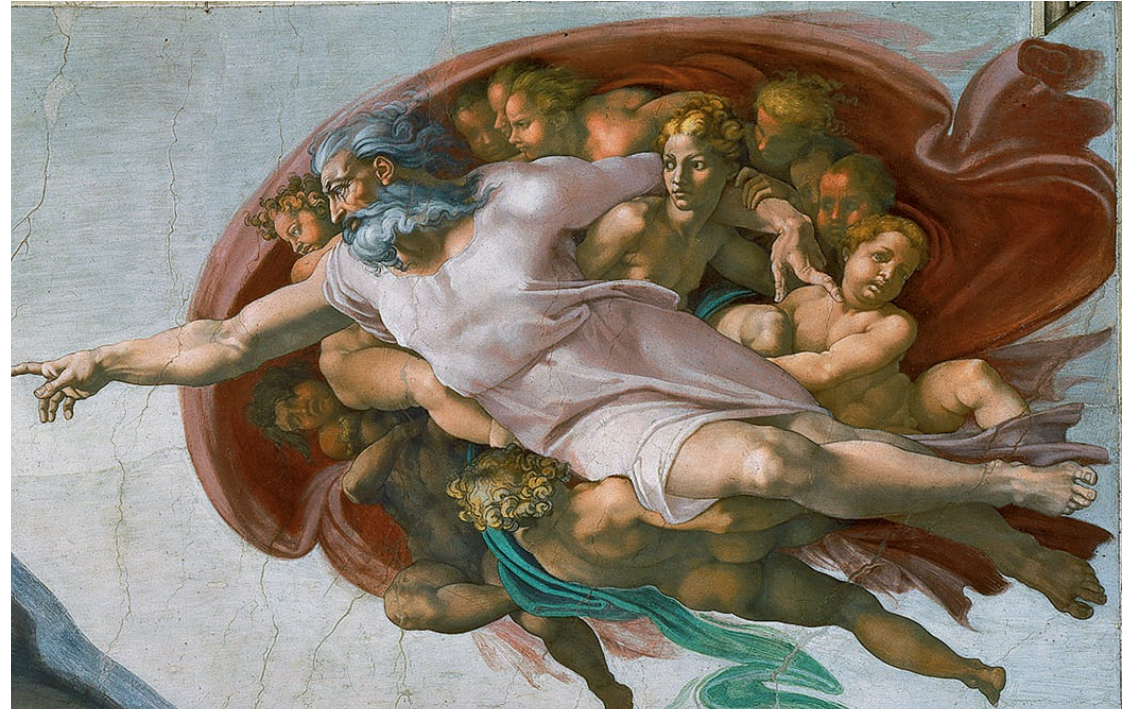
<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

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**We experience this:**



**We want this:**



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Psalm 73:21-22 When my heart was grieved  
and my spirit embittered,  
I was senseless and ignorant;  
I was a brute beast before you.

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Jonah 4:1 But to Jonah this seemed very  
wrong, and he became angry.

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Job, Psalms, Lamentations, Gospels

# 1. God's hiddenness is brutal, but it is not from his brutality.



## 2. In the midst of brutality, beauty thrives.





# Application:

God's hiddenness can have two affects on us:

1. Produce faith, hope and love through humility
2. Produce anger and rage



# **The Revelations of God**

By Trevor Hogg

**God's revelations are sufficient.**

God's revelations are sufficient...

**...for salvation**

**...for sanctification**

# Sufficient for Salvation

*“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.” (Colossians 1:21)*

The depth of our sin goes far deeper than we ever think it does.

# List of Christ's Glories

- Firstborn over all creation
- In him all things were created
- All things created through him and for him
- Before all things
- In him, all things hold together
- Head of the body
- Beginning and firstborn from among the dead

*“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” (Colossians 1:19-20)*

As people who crave self-sufficiency, we struggle to accept sufficiency outside of ourselves.

In Jesus, there is everlasting, substantive joy.





The gospel is not just the basics of the Christian life, it is the foundation of all Christian life.

Your hope is in the gospel, not in the good “Christian” things you do.

# Sufficient for Sanctification



*“We continually ask God **to fill you** with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...”*

Colossians 1:9-10

The purpose of God's revelations: our sanctification.

Everything he reveals is to help us follow his will and make us more like him...in thought, in words, in action.

God has revealed everything we need in order to live a godly life – 2 Peter 1:3

What God has revealed is enough to please God, bear fruit in everything, and increase in knowledge of God. – Colossians 1:10

# 3 Ways We React Wrongly

- **NO WAY**
- **NO BIG DEAL**
- **NO GOD**

1) Live out God's revelations

2) Stand firm and hold onto the gospel