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# It should be obvious, but it matters that we know people as they actually are.

We know intuitively and experientially that in order to have an authentic, healthy and growing relationship with other people or with God...all that is needed is accurate and adequate information



### GOD's IMMANENCE AND TRANSCENDENCE

A. Father



### "IMMANENCE"(God is near)

#### Not: "Imminence" (about to happen)

#### Not: "Eminence" (famous)



#### I. GOD'S IMMANENCE AND TRANSCENDENCE

## A. Father B. In heaven



#### <u>Heaven</u>

# Atmosphere Space Realm of God's existence

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know — God knows.

2 Cor. 12:2



#### Immanence & Transcendence

# His relationship to us is <u>Father</u>. His rank, so to speak, is <u>Heavenly</u> Father.



#### **Case Study: Moses**



# The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.

#### Exodus 33:11

Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. The LORD said to Moses, "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink." So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

Numbers 20:6-12



# Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

James 3:1



# "For they constantly forget what you must always remember, that they are animals and that whatever their bodies do affects their souls."

Screwtape



#### He wants us to come to him as he is.



#### **"OUR" NOT "MY" FATHER**

# "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name"



#### HOLY BE YOUR NAME

# "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name"



#### "God has set eternity in our hearts"

#### Eccl. 3:11



# People become like the gods that they worship.

# So...we want to worship God, as he actually is.