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## **Glimpsing the Grandeur of God**

*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. (Nehemiah 9:6)*

Hopefully, it is becoming evident the importance of embracing God's moral attributes because his love, benevolence, and generosity all flow out of the abundance of his being. We might ask ourselves, why am I not generous? It is probably because we're afraid that we don't have enough. But God is never in that position; his love and his giving are unlimited. They reach beyond any imaginable boundaries because of what he is in himself.

We must take seriously the task of making these realities about God a part of our mind, to understand that God is a certain kind of being; that he existed before the creation of the earth in all his abundance. God is not now sitting off in some distant corner of the universe like a neglected senior citizen in the cosmos, waiting to see if someone will pay attention to him. He is surrounded by unlimited glorious beings that he made, who worship him and praise him.

Even more fundamental, there is a constant communion among the great persons of the Trinity itself. Think of the most wonderful, the most attractive, the most thrilling, the most vibrant personal company that you can imagine, and multiply that by a factor of infinity, and you have begun to get a glimpse of what God is doing, where he is, what he was doing before the foundation of the earth, and what he will be doing forever. That is the being upon whom a life without lack relies. Such a life is guaranteed for those whose minds are set upon this God in faith.

In the passage above, we catch a glimpse of the grandeur of God. The context is one in which the people of Israel, upon the completion of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, stand together to bless God. They celebrate God's love, benevolence, and generosity both in this situation and throughout their long and complicated history.

***Practice:*** *Take a moment and imagine what it would be like to be part of a fellowship of other loving persons, to love and to be loved, to know, to enjoy, to be with, to adventure together, and to create. That's what has been going on in heaven forever, and participation in that community is what has been made available to us. Reflect upon the ways God is inviting you to step ever more deeply into this Trinitarian community of love?*