



## CELL GUIDE

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**TOPIC** Is God Dead?

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## MESSAGE SUMMARY

### Is God Dead?

German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche made the bold statement that “God is dead” in 1883, arguing that in the new age of science and enlightenment, God is no longer needed as the source for morality or order in this world. The sermon this week reveals to us why such an assertion is flawed, and also gives us reasons to see why our God is not only alive and well, but He is a strong and mighty God indeed!

### Our Mighty God

The assertion that God is dead is flawed as it relies on human senses and perception, something which can be easily fooled. Stage magicians and Internet memes routinely take advantage of the problems in human perception to lead our thinking in a particular direction. If we dare not trust our senses even in such little matters, how can we be confident that God is dead just because we do not “feel” His presence?

The reality is that God is not dead, and in His infinite power and majesty, God is constantly active in our lives even when we do not perceive Him to be. As John Piper said, “God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them.”

How, then, can we be made more aware of the works of our Mighty God in our lives? As always, we can go to the Word of God for revelation.

**Yahweh, the absolute existing one:** In Psalms 8, the psalmist reflects on the majesty of God. These short nine verses are sandwiched between the main idea that proclaims the might and majesty of the God we worship. His name is Yahweh: The absolutely existing one.

**God’s glory can be seen in weak vessels.** The Bible reminds us that our God uses the weak to shame the strong (1 Cor 1:27), He establishes His strength from the mouth of infants and babes (Psalm 8:2) and has chosen the foolish to shame the wise so that no man may boast before God (1 Cor 1:29).

The application for us here is for us to **develop a posture of humility**, that we may see more of God’s work in our lives.

**God's glory and majesty are shared with humanity.** Even as we adopt a posture of humility, we should not forget the identity God has bestowed upon us. The Bible reminds us God has made man a little lower than God and crowns him with glory and majesty! (Psalm 8:5) That man has been made to rule over the works of God's hands and that all things have been placed under man's feet! (Psalm 8:6) In our carrying out our good works, we glorify our Father in heaven. (Matt 5:16)

The application for us here is to glorify God by **developing a posture of thankfulness**. As John Piper notes, "God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him."

## Conclusion

God is our Mighty God, the absolute existing one. We cannot rely on our senses in judging whether or not God is active in our life, but we can **posture our lives in humility and thankfulness**, so that we might see more of Him working in and through us.

# QUESTIONS

The philosopher Nietzsche said “God is dead”, in the sense that many men feel they no longer have to rely on God for truth, purpose and help. Do you see this happening in your life or in the society around you?

Do you find it difficult to develop a posture of humility and thankfulness? Discuss what might be some of the issues that prevent you from developing such a posture.

In truth, does God appear to be dead or alive in your life? If He’s alive, how does it show in your life? If He isn’t, what do you intend to change?