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**Sermon: *The Self-Existent God – The God Who Is***

**Scripture: Genesis 3**

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**Introduction:** Where did God come from? (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 19; Romans 1-2)

**Self-existence (aseity):** God has all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in himself. He stands alone as the uncaused, uncreated one. (Psalm 90:2)

**Exodus 3:13-15 reveals the truth & significance of God’s self-existence:**

1. **God’s Self-Existence Relates to Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (Exodus 3:1-12)

***Scripture:*** *Genesis 15:13-14*

* Understanding God’s self-existence in the context of our lives allows us to respond to the full reality of existence, not just our temporary circumstances.
* Since God has always existed and is not constrained by time, God simply \_\_\_\_.
* Though God’s existence is independent of ours, He is intimately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with us in our circumstances.

**2. God’s Self-Existence Establishes His Rightful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (Ex. 3:13-21)

***Scripture:*** *John 5:26*

* God’s Self-existences establishes his rightful reign rooted in His…
1. Position *(v. 13-15)*
2. Authority *(v. 18)*
3. Power *(v. 17-20)*
4. Self-reliance *(v. 20-21)*

In Isaiah 45, the prophet Isaiah emphasizes the significance of God’s self-existence.

• God alone is God (v. 5-7, 14, 21-22)

• God alone is Creator. (v. 18)

• God’s word alone is true. (v. 23)

• God alone is Lord. (v. 23)

**3. The Self-existence of God has Life-Changing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (Ex. 3:16-22)

***Scriptures:*** *Acts 17:24-31; Colossians 1:15-16; Revelation 4:11*

A healthy and growing understanding of theology breeds a passionate life of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The self-existence of God gives us every reason to live in…

* Confidence (2 Corinthians 3:4-5)
* Faith (Hebrews 11:6)
* Hope (Psalm 33:10-11; Isaiah 40:31)
* Purpose (Matthew 28:18-20)

**Conclusion:**

Because God eternally \_\_\_, we can be supremely confident that we are forever \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions to Consider:**

1. Why is it difficult for us to wrap our minds around the self-existence of God?
2. How did God’s identity as “I AM” relate to Moses’ commission and Israel’s deliverance?
3. Why is important to understand that God’s self-existence is not just a truth to know, but a reality to respond to?
4. How does God’s self-existence establish His authority and power?
5. In what way(s) does God’s self-existence change how we think about our present circumstances?