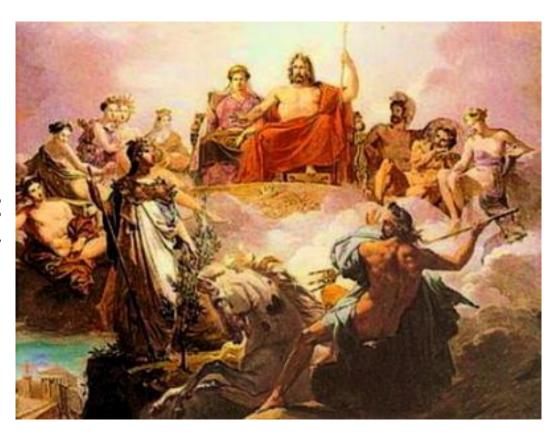


NICENE CREED

- We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
- Father Almighty- Importance of terminology
- Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

PROMINENT BELIEFS

- There is no Almighty God (Greek Polytheism)
- God exists as the uncaused First
 Cause ultimately responsible for the
 creation of the universe God does not
 interact directly with that subsequently
 created world. (Deism)
- Immanence vs Transcendence
- Pantheism and Idolatry
- Still vacuum exists



Bible and the Creed teach

- Only one God who is Almighty
- Psalm 19: The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.
- Apostle Paul's interest was more than just proving the existence of a God Almighty. Romans 1:19-20



Bible and the Creed teach

- Ephesians 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ God is relational
- Ephesians 1:2: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Luke 3: 38: the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.
- God is immanent through His relationship with us.



Father Almighty – Acts 17:17-29

- ²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.
- God is Almighty

Father Almighty – Acts 17:17-29

• ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

What does the creed teach us

- God is relational and there is a relationship within Himself.
- All the creation is an extension of that relationship
- He desires that we should seek Him, because He always wanted to have communion with us (which can be seen from Genesis to Revelation). He is always near us.
- He made a perfect way through which we can have a perfect communion with Him which we study in my next message.