

# Four Themes for a New Year

community

mission

life

marriage

Sept  
2017



New  
Life



# God Speaks from the Burning Bush

## Exodus 3

**-Consumes no fuel-  
-“I AM”-  
-Has **Life** in Himself-**



**-needy-**

Worth highlighting: the aseity of God (i.e. self-sufficiency)



no aseity

Paul in Athens: "The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything."



aseity  
(illustrated  
by burning  
bush)

From Acts 17



**-needy-**



**-needy-**

...air, food, water, sleep, health,  
family, property, friendship, self-  
esteem, confidence, achievement,  
respect, morality, creativity, career,  
education...

***[These are needs real and invented]***



uses



# IDOLS



money, sex, power,  
"religion", intellectual  
concepts, career,  
entertainment, drugs,  
adoration of peers, etc.

"She saw that the tree was good for food... a delight to the eyes... and could make one wise..." (Gen 3:6)

Idolatry: looking for Life in the wrong places.  
Life is in the Giver, not the gift.