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And now for 5673, Hills Part 1 - God's View of Time, Distance, and Magnitude.

Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because, brother, you need the Word.

And today, we begin a new series. Today is a special holiday but God has never restricted me to the holidays of man, and oftentimes the message that he has given me to preach appears to have nothing to do with the day, and he spoke this several weeks ago, that I would begin this series upon this day and, thus, it begins.

Have you ever felt that you were in a battle and you were on the losing side? Have you ever felt that you were in an electric dryer, being tossed to and fro, and the heat was turned up to the highest setting? Many of us have been in these types of situations at some point in our lives, where we feel like we're in a battle, like we're in a closed-in situation as we're being beaten and battered, and in these times of immense testing, it may have seemed like God has gone on vacation, without leaving a phone number where he can be reached.

And I was running a race a few weeks ago and I was in the midst of the crowd as people were running the race, and I had gone about three miles, and ahead of me was this long, steep hill, and as I was running up the hill then the sun was beaming down and sweat was pouring off of me, there was a race monitor standing at the top of the hill. And as I neared the crest of the hill, I heard the monitor holler out to me, "Ain't nothing but a hill."

"Ain't nothing but a hill." And that thing impacted me and I began to realize the truth of the thing. It had my muscles tired and drained. It had my lungs about to burst. It had my energy

at a low and I felt like I was about to fall down as I crested that hill, but the thought of what they spoke kept reverberating in my spirit, "Ain't nothing but a hill," and God has instructed me to begin this series of seven parts, simply entitled, "Hills." "Hills."

And we all, throughout life, as we run through this journey, in this race we call life, we come upon hills, and sometimes when we come upon hills, some hills stop us, and we stop even at the base of the hill that never even go up because the hill just looks too steep and we turn around or sit down. Sometimes, we collapse in the midst of the hill.

Yet, life often has a series of hills that we go through as we travel up and down the hills and the mountains, in the valleys of life, and I know that this series is ordained the last exercise class that I attended of RinGO MaXX and after the class, one of the participants had on the shirt, and they had on a shirt that simply said at the top in big letters, "The Hill." I've never seen this shirt before. They had never worn it before, and I said, "Do you realize that's the series that I'm starting in the next service, simply called, 'Hills,' and you've got on a shirt that says, 'The Hill?'"

The church administrator here, Suzanne, yesterday, she went and climbed Stone Mountain with some people, which is nothing but a big hill, and today, I begin the series called, "Hills," that we go up and down life in. I subtitled part one, "God's view of time, distance, and magnitude.

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"God's View of Time, Distance and Magnitude." And today, I just want to give you a glimpse of how God sees hills. How we see them and how God sees them, they're entirely different. The more mature you get, your perspective changes on many of the events of life. A child sees something entirely different than a mature adult. The wiser you become, the less things aggravate you.

I had my son come to me yesterday, George, and he said, "Daddy." He said, "How do you remain so even-tempered?" He said, "Stuff just doesn't seem to bother you." What George didn't know is daddy has been struggling for years to get my temper under control, because I'm rather hot-tempered.

So, it's not a natural phenomenon. It's something that I have worked on, and as I have become wiser, I have seen that so many of the things that I would have viewed in my younger days as terrible, insurmountable hills, now I just look at as a stroll in the park. And how you view the things changes your reaction.

So, today, I want to give you God's view of time, distance, and magnitude. In Psalms Chapter 90, Verse 4, we've heard this many times, "For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night." 2nd Peter 3:8, "But beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years are as one day."

You see, a thousand years to us is almost impossibly long. A long life for us is a hundred years. A thousand years is ten long lives and even though we can read history, we could have a remote intellectual concept of that span of time. Personally, we can't relate to a thousand years.

Twenty years is a long time to us. A thousand years is something that we cannot even personally relate to but, yet, the Bible says a thousand years is but a watch in the night. It's but as a day unto God. God's understanding and his span of time is entirely different from ours. We see things from such a childish, from such an immature, from such a low-IQ point that we can't even understand the span of time that God deals with.

Scientists report evidence that the universe was born in less than the blink of an eye, expanding instantly from submicroscopic to astronomical proportions. The conclusion comes from data gathered by a US satellite that has been peering for clues to the origin of the cosmos in the faint glow of background radiation that is almost as old as the universe.

Scientists have a better idea of how fast this happened, thanks to a US satellite orbiting four times farther than the moon. It is called the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe or WMAP for short, launched in 2001. The probe's chief investigator, astrophysicist, Charles Bennett of the John Hopkins University says that data reveal that the infant universe just popped out suddenly from almost nothing. It inflated from the size of a pea to a volume larger than all current observable space in less than one trillionth of a second.

It amazes me that we can say anything at all about what transpires in the first trillionth of a second but we can't even see it. It appears that the universe had a growth spurt that would alarm any mom or dad. This conclusion comes after three years of continuous observation of the oldest light in the universe. Bennett says it is the remnant afterglow of light that first appeared when the universe was just 300,000 years old, a faint microscopic radiation that lingers at temperatures close to absolute zero, the temperature in which all of atomic motion stops.

Now, all of you have seen this background radiation. You've seen it, you just don't know what it is. Whenever you turn on a television, the old type that gets its broadcast signal from the old rabbit-eared antenna, and it's not on a particular channel, you see all this static on the television. That's background cosmic radiation. That's what he's talking about.

So, you've seen it but you do not know what it was. But the thing about it is this, scientists now say that the universe was created in one trillionth of a second. Now, let me kind of break this down where you can kind of understand the magnitude of this.

You see, we have a hard time grasping a thousand years, but there's even a harder time grasping a trillionth of a second. If you took the distance around the Earth, the equator, which is about 25,000 miles, and if you took one-trillionth of that 25,000 miles, and that 25,000 miles, that's a lot of miles.

We're getting ready to take a brothers' trip this year. We go somewhere every year. This year is my year to pick wherever we're going. We're going to Greece, to the Isle of Patmos. This is where John got the Book of Revelations.

That flight is about 17 hours. That's about one-third of the way around the Earth. It takes about 50 hours to get all the way around the Earth, constantly flying. So, if you took the whole distance of a 50-hour flight all around the Earth, you took one-trillionth of that, one-trillionth of the distance all the way around the Earth is less than the width of a human hand(ph).

It's less than the width of a human hand and, here, science is saying -- now understand this, science, for the longest, have

refuted the creation belief of Genesis, because they said they just couldn't believe that God could create the world and all of life in six days. Now, the evidence is coming, not only did He create the Earth in six days, the universe was formed in a trillionth of a second. You all don't understand how quick that is.

You see, a second is basically 1001, 1002, that's one second. A trillionth of a second, I can't even think a thought nearly that fast. I can't even think a thought. Nerve impulses travel about 400 feet a second through the nerves. My brain, even at maximum capacity, I can't even think the smallest thought in a trillionth of a second.

So, in the time that man could not even think the smallest thought, God popped the whole universe, the transcendent space and time, and science is saying all of the observable universe was created and placed there in a trillionth of a second. Now, you can go and read all of the research of how they deal with gravitational waves and light shifts, and how they came to this conclusion, but the bottom line is this. They said something, somewhere, out of nowhere, from the size of a pea, went everywhere in a space with time we can't even comprehend.

You see, a trillionth of a second, you can't even say, "let." You can't even say, "let," because you see, that echoes. You can't say, "L-. L-." You can't even say that. So, for the longest, science has been arguing that God could not have created life on Earth in six days, and now they're coming back saying God created the whole universe, spanned across millions of lightyears of space, before you could say, "L-." Before there's, "let," there'll be the, "l-." You can't even say that.

So, this is God that we deal with, and even the science is saying, "Wait a minute. This stuff here defies all of Einsteinian law. It defies all of Newtonian physics, it defies Euclidean geometry. It defies all of the laws of mathematics and physics, and everything, we can't even understand how did this thing happened. All we know, everything appeared in a trillionth of a second instantly, and this is not religion, this is science. These are the folks from John Hopkins, from Cambridge, from all of the top universities on the Earth, and they're saying the stuff, it made the Bible look like it was nothing.

It takes six days, and now they're telling me, a trillionth of a second, stuff I cannot even comprehend. So, when I'm showing you time and distance and magnitude, I can't comprehend a thousand years but I can't comprehend even less a trillionth of a second. That's even in the Bible. God just says, "Let there be light." I can't comprehend how fast God can talk because, you see, we're thinking God talks at our speed.

God's speed of His words may be totally different from ours. His, "Let there be life," could have been a trillionth of a trillionth of a second, and we cannot comprehend time and distance, and the magnitude of God.

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When we look up onto all of the stars in the sky at night, billions upon billions of stars, in a trillionth of a second, billions of lightyears, a span of observable space in a trillionth of a second, so fast that we cannot even think the thought fast enough to match that kind of speed.

And this is a true story that C. Elijah told a few years ago. There was a famous golfer and there was a Saudi Arabian king who just admired this golfer, and he invited him over to play golf with him, and he sent his private plane to pick him up, and the golfer went and played golf for a few days with the king. And at the end of their playing the rounds, the king asked the golfer.

He said, "Look. I've really enjoyed these few days of playing golf with you. What can I give you just for you coming over and just playing golf with me, taking your time? What can I give you," and the golfer said, "Look, king, I really admire you. You've given me phenomenal hospitality. You don't owe me anything." The king said, "No, no, no, no. Just tell me which one. Just tell me what you want." He said, "Really," "No, no, no. You just tell me what you want." He said, "Well, look, I collect golf clubs. Just give me your golf club and that will be fine." The king said, "Okay. Done."

So, the golf pro flew back on the king's private jet, back to the US and weeks went passed, and he didn't hear anything from the king. He said, "Well, the king said he was going to send me a golf club." I've been expecting UPS to pull up and probably, being how he's a king, he would have me a nice gold-encrusted putter, or

perhaps a driver with some diamonds in it. I expected a pretty nice club from this king. He hasn't sent me anything."

And one day, a courier shows up, rings the doorbell, he opens the door and there's a courier with a package from the king, and the pro looked and said, "There's no club in this thing." He opens it up and there is the deed to a 500-acre golf club.

You see, the difference between the way the king thought and the way the pro thought, night and day. The king thought on a whole different level. The difference between your hill and God's hill, you cannot even begin to compare the difference, because God is on an entirely different level.

I have these items on the pulpit here to illustrate a point. The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest. It's 29,000 feet, about five and a half miles. The deepest place on Earth is the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean. It's nearly 7 miles deep. So, from the highest point on Earth to the lowest point on Earth is a span of about 12 and a half miles.

Now, the Earth is roughly 25,000 miles around at the Equator, and it has a diameter throughout of 8,000 miles. If I took a basketball -- I know C. Elijah. He's looking at this ball, and I can see him right there. His mouth is watering because C. Elijah is an awesome basketball player, and I probably can't do anything with C. Elijah because he is an awesome basketball player.

But if I took this basketball, a basketball is roughly nine and a half inches in diameter. If you shrunk the Earth to the size of a basketball, the difference between the highest and the lowest points would be about 50 thousandths of an inch, roughly about as thick as a few sheets of paper. The highest and lowest points, you could barely feel it if the Earth were the size of a basketball.

Here is a billiard ball, pool table ball. As I hold this pool table ball in my hand, it's smooth, but if you took the Earth and shrunk it to the size of a billiard ball, which is about two and a half inches in diameter, and if you check the specs of a billiard ball, a billiard ball can have a variance of up to 5 thousandths of an inch in smoothness. That's a variance of about one part in 450.

The Earth as I said is 8,000 miles in diameter and twelve and a half miles from its highest to its lowest point. That's a variance

of about 1 in 650. Pool table ball is one in 450, the Earth, one in 650. The Earth is 50% smoother than the roughest pool table ball. It's 50% smoother than the roughest pool table ball.

Isiah 40:12 says, "God measures the waters in the hollow of His hand."

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The earth is 3/4 water. So, when God measured the oceans, it fit in the hollow of his hand just like this pool table ball. Stuff that you would look at Mt. Everest, Mt. Everest is the tallest mountain on earth and only a few men who have been brave enough and skilled enough to climb Mt. Everest. And if you climb Mt. Everest, I'm going to tell you people, I'm not even thinking about trying that one. I'm pretty adventurous, I tackled some pretty tough stuff, I'm not going to fool with Mt. Everest. You got to be a real he-man with a whole lot of (00:20:38) just to tackle Mt. Everest. I'm not even thinking about tackling Mt. Everest, but yet, Mt. Everest, the highest point on earth, if you hold the earth in the palm of your hand, you can't even feel Mt. Everest.

The hill that is the toughest to us, God can't even feel. So, we have to, first of all, as we delve into the subject of hills, I want you to understand the difference between your perspective and God's perspective. And what do you think is a hill in God's eye is smooth as a pool ball. It's nothing to God and as we go in and deal with some these revelations, for those of you who are listening to this first message, you can go to BrothersofTheWord.com and you'll be able to hear the other six revelations dealing with this if you have hills, if you have mountains, if you have trials and tribulations in your life, I want you to be able to see and I want you to be able to understand that from God's view, it's smooth but you need to be able to understand as much as we can.

And we can't understand God's view because I can't even understand a trillionth of a second much less the distances involved and the mass of the objects involved, and even science has no idea how did all of this stuff get from that little bitty point to all over the universe in the time that you can blink your eye.

In a matter of fact, you know, you wouldn't blink your eyes a trillion times in your whole lifetime. So, it's not just a blink of an eye, you wouldn't even blink your eyes a trillion times in your

whole lifetime. And yet in one trillionth of a second, God created the whole universe.

People, we cannot question and deal with power like that. And this is the God who made our hills. This is the God who's planning the course of our life and I just want to show you over these next few series some of the things that will hopefully change your perspective and your viewpoint on somethings, and when you get to the hill and when you get to the mountain, as your perspective expands, you'll be able to look at it and just say, "Ain't nothing but a hill."

And I'm going to put this globe down. It is a textured globe. And this globe actually came out of my office, I went and got it this morning. I have a globe of the world in my office because I have mandate, we're going to change the world, we're going to change the world. And we're already on course to do that. And if you're going to change the world, sometimes, you need to be able to see the world and people will say, "Well, that's a huge responsibility, that's a huge job. I don't know how you're going to do that." I'm looking at it through God's eyes because I can't do it.

It is God who empowers us to do it. So, if I can just get a small glimpse of what God sees, it's not that big a job, this is the whole world. And yet, when you feel it, you can feel the mountains and the valleys. You can feel its texture, but it's not that big.

And people, some of you right now, you're dealing with some real mountains. I want you to look at the person next to you. I want you to tell them, "It's not that big." And some of you will say, "Well, Pastor, you just don't know what I'm dealing with. You don't know what I'm dealing with, Pastor. Easy for you to say. You don't know what I'm dealing with."

I'm not God. Let me give you another insight to that when you tell me that you don't know what you're dealing with. Let me give you another big revelation on that. You don't know what you're dealing with. Not only do I not know what you're dealing with, you don't know what you're dealing with because you are looking at it from a carnal position down here. And God is looking at it from a divine position up here. So, not only do I not know what you're dealing with, you don't know what you're dealing with.

And if you could see the whole picture, it would change your whole perspective of some things. And this is the point of these series. Even the mothers who are in the audience and who are listening today.

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Pregnancy begins with a hill as your stomach begins to expand and it is the closest a woman will ever get to death is giving birth. It is the most painful thing you'll ever go through and at the time, you don't see how you're going to get through this pain.

My wife went through four deliveries, all natural, with no drugs. And she set her mind before she waited, she says, "I'm going to have this baby natural." But the pain went to hit(ph) and when the pain went to hit my baby, after (00:25:44) she said, "Wait a minute, give a shot. Give me a shot." And the doctor says, "It's too late now. It's too far. You got to deal with the pain." And for some of you, you wish you could get a shot, you wish you could get a touch, you wish you could get a proud of just taking away all the pain.

I got a revelation. You got to deal with it. And God is birthing something. And sometimes when he is birthing something, there is no way around the pain, you got to deal with it. And people, I can't explain why God could have made child birth easy because he has the power. Why couldn't God have made when the woman thou was -- as you all begin to give birth, though shall fall into a deep sleep and when thou awaketh, the child shall be there?

God could have done that. He could have made it when there was no pain whatsoever in childbirth. Why did he make the greatest thing that you will ever do the most pain that you will ever experience? I can't answer that question because I'm not God.

But for the being who could sit and who could hold the waters of the ocean in the hollow of his hand, he can answer that question, but even if he answers that, my guess is you wouldn't understand it. If he told you about the bond they just created, the hormones that are produced, the necessity of the pain attachment complex, you wouldn't even understand it. So, there are some things that God cannot explain to us because we do not have a trillionth of a second mind or mentality.

We're children, that's why he always got the children of Israel. He never said the adults. They were the children of Israel because in God's sight, he knew that our intellect compared to his, our understanding compared to his, that's why I said my ways are as high above your ways as the heavens are above the earth. We don't understand it. So, the hills, people, that many of us have to deal within, we have to face. They are necessary. They are necessary. And this next six will take us through some of the reasons why hills are necessary.

See, as I was running up that hill, that hill made me feel like I'm about to die, but I wasn't about to die. The truth of it was the hill was making me far stronger than the threat. See, that's the truth of it. The hill was making me far stronger than the threat. And any man who runs hills is always in better shape than a man who just run along the beach. That that doesn't kill you, will make you stronger. So, God has placed hills and mountains and valleys in our life for purposes, and we will deal with some of that as time goes on. Every mother in this place has experienced the greatest pain naturally known to man. Man doesn't even know it, that's only a woman's domain.

I heard my wife howling, but I said, "Sweetheart, just grin and bear it. Just take it. It's not that bad. Just handle it." Man couldn't even understand it. And my wife, "You just don't understand how much it hurt. You don't understand it." There are some things that a man cannot understand just as there are some divine things you can't understand because our knowledge and our experience is simply not on that level.

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But for the hills of our life, I pray and hope that when this series finishes, we will have a different and a higher level of understanding. And when you can understand the things about hills, it allows you to have the world in the palm of your hand and it allows you -- now, all of the mountains and stuff are still there. Hadn't changed anything about the mountains, but when your perspective gets higher and higher and higher, the mountains get smaller and smaller and smaller, and smoother and smoother and smoother. We're getting ready to do some mountain climbing and to understand the purpose of what God has placed us here for.

Bow your heads. Dear heavenly Father, we just thank you for your word today. And ye Father, we even thank you for the hills and the mountains that you have placed into our lives for purpose. And I pray that as we move through this series that you will reveal unto us our mountains and the purpose for those mountains, and help us to just have a glimpse of what you see that we may move in our destiny and fulfil the footsteps on the path that you have ordained. In Thy Son Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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