

# ***"TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM"***

## **10. Attributes of God: His Eternalness**

God's eternalness is an attribute that we don't usually think of on a day-to-day basis.

**"Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."**

**(NKJV, Psa 90:2)**

This verse attempts to illustrate the scope of God's eternal nature. "From everlasting" refers to the past going back to forever-past, "to everlasting" points to the future into forever-future.

### **What is Eternalness?**

Eternity is "everlasting, perpetuity, without end, going on forever" The eternalness of God means that God didn't have a beginning nor will He have an end. Here's an interesting definition of eternity: "If a canary came by once a year to rub his beak on Mt Everest, the time to wear down the mountain would be one day of eternity."

*(NKJV, Gen 21:33), "Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God."*

*(See also Deu 33:27, Psa 41:13)*

*(KJV, Mal 3:6), "For I am the LORD, I change not;..."*

The concept of "time" is simply man's way of measuring change. We measure the change in position of the sun in the sky. We measure the change in position of the earth in relation to the sun. If the sun and earth didn't change, then man would measure the change of something else. The younger something is, the quicker it changes. After 1 year, a newborn baby will look dramatically different. After 1 year, a 50 yr old man will look virtually unchanged.

In contrast, the older something is, the less it changes (or appears to change). Look at a 200 yr old oak tree. In 5 years that tree will not appear any older than it was. Look at the mountains. Unless something external like an earthquake happens, the mountains

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will look unchanged for 100's of years. Extend this idea to God. He NEVER changes, therefore He must be eternal...and "outside of time" (because He doesn't change and time measure change).

### **God's eternal nature is unique.**

*(NKJV, Ecc 3:11), "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end."*

Although the Lord has given us an assurance of eternal life with Him, we will only get to see a small portion of eternity... eternity from the point that we pass away (or are Raptured) onward. But no one has been or will be around as long as God. God is the only one who is eternal.

*(NKJV, Heb 13:8), "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."*

*(NKJV, Heb 9:14), "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God..."*

*(NKJV, 1Jo 1:2), "For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;"*

So, if only God is eternal, and Jesus, Holy Spirit, Father are eternal, then it is further proof that Jesus is God, the Holy Spirit is God, and proves the Trinity. (Note that the Old Testament verses referencing God also refer to God the Father, and we've already read some of those related to His eternalness)

### **God's eternalness is by definition a requirement for all of His other attributes.**

Over the months we have examined God's attributes. All of these attributes require that God always existed and will always exist. If He isn't eternal, then He cannot be omniscient. (there would have been a time, before God existed that He didn't know about).

## **Group Discussion**

- Does God have a past?
- What is the connection between God's eternalness and our salvation?