The Attributes of God

### The Eternal King

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations." Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God." (Psalms 90:1-2)

~ Moses

### ► God is without beginning

- ► God never had a beginning
- ► God never will have an end
- ► God always existed and will continue to exist

"You *are* from everlasting." (Psa 93:2) "As I live forever,...." (Deu 32:40) "Your years will have no end" (Psa 102:27) God transcends time

God's eternity is:

- Duration without beginning or end,
- Existence without bonds or dimensions,
- Present without past or future.

God's eternity is:

- Youth without infancy or old age,
- ► Life without birth or death,
- ► Today without yesterday or tomorrow.

### God is an Eternal King

Psa 10:16 - "The Lord is King forever and ever"
1 Tim 1:17 - "The King is eternal, immortal, invisible"
Psa 146:10 - "The Lord shall reign forever"
Dan 4:3 - "His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom"
Dan 4:34 - "His Kingdom is from generation to generation"
Lam 5:19 - "His throne remains from generation to generation"

# Abraham is the first to describe Him as "the Everlasting God" (Gen 21:33)

Moses says "The Eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deu 33:27) Elihu says "Behold, God *is* great, and we do not know *Him;* Nor can the number of His years *be* discovered." (Job 36:26) Isaiah speaks of Him as the "Everlasting Father" (Isa 9:6) Daniel called Him "the Ancient of Days" (Dan 7: 9,13, 22) Habakkuk asked God "Are You not from everlasting?" (Hab 1:12) Paul says "the everlasting God" (Rom 16:26) God does not live in the realm of time. However, He used the language of time to accommodate Himself to our understanding.

"For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night." (Psa 90:4)

"...with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Pet 3:8)

Events matter more to God than the time in which it happened.

Scripture is silent of the 400 years spanning between Malachi and the birth of Jesus. Yet, 25 chapters are devoted to the week, the Lord died.

As we ponder over the eternity of God, such thoughts should prompt us in worship. We wonder and adore at His Beginning without a beginning and His existence without end.

Contemplation of the eternity of God teaches and reminds us of our brevity of life on earth.

It teaches us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom (Psa 90:12)

There are things we can do for God on this earth that we will never be able to do in Heaven. We must do the works of Him who sent us while it is still day. Night is fast approaching when no one can work (John 9:4) The prayer of David:

"LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor." (Psa 39: 4-5) Isaac Watts wrote:

"Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same."

(From Hymn; "A Mighty Fortress is Our God")

#### What a Great & Awesome God we serve!



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