

## The Eternal God

**Key Verse:** "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . ." Deuteronomy 33:27

The word eternal in the Bible is mainly from the New Testament and it means without beginning and end, that which always has been and always will be, everlasting'. The Bible does not depend on the use of this word for its teaching on this attribute of the nature of God. Meditate on these verses Psalm 90.2 Psalm 102..27, Isaiah 41.4, 1Timothy 6.16 and Revelation 1.8.

### **God did not begin at the**

**beginning of time.** In fact He did not begin. Revelation 1.8 tells us that Jesus as God was where all began and where all will end. Colossians 1.17 tells us the same thing.

### **With Him there is no was, and**

**there is no will be.** Look again at Colossians 1.17 and ponder the word 'is' It is the third person present singular indicative form of the word 'I am'. When it says that by Him all things consist, it has the meaning that by Him all things stand. Without Jesus, the eternal God, creation would cease. God is the same at the beginning as at the end of our time. Therefore there are no surprises to God. He can never be caught off hand. There are no contingencies and there are no mistakes. There are no emergencies. These events are in our time frame, and it does our hearts good to remember this when we call to Him in our need, and the answer seems to be a long time coming, or when we are in the bitterness of bereavement, or when resources fail. Job has this in balance when he was suffering physically and mentally but not

spiritually as he cried, *'Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him'*. 'maintain' in Hebrew means to 'prove', or, 'argue'. Job 13:15. As His children we have the right to call upon Him, and the blessing is this *'... he has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee'* Heb 13:5. He is right there with you in it all as He was with Job, the eternal God

**Eternity is infinity in its relation to time.** God exists outside time. See John 1.1. (This verse is written from the perspective of the passing of our time). When time began, God was already there. This explains the Bible concept of the pre-destination of God. The eternal God was present at our beginning and at our ending and all along the journey in between. He is the same. See Hebrews 13.8, Psalm 103.17. God has from eternity provided all that is necessary to meet in time every need of His children. See Isaiah 65.24.

**God's revelation is sequential.** It is in logical sequence and therefore we receive first things first, but for Him there is no chronological order. See Proverbs 8.12-32. (In this

passage wisdom is personified) An example of this is seen in the order of God's revelation to Adam of the events and meaning of creation in Genesis chapters one to chapter two; four. In that chapter the method of the revelation is stated in verse 2a. The earth was without form and it was void or empty. The Spirit of God moved.

In v3-13 God tells of the world receiving form or structure.

Light against darkness v3

The heavens above v6

Seas and land below v9

In v14-31 God tells of the filling of the empty world

The light holders ordained v14

Birds in the heavens, fish in the seas v20

Animals and man on earth v24

Man is placed in his relation to God and His creation.

The spirit of God ceasing 2.1-4

There is no attempt at chronological sequence in the matter presented, either as days or ages of time, (which perplexes many, as there is in the method of transmission.)

There is only God's logical order of His revelation to His creation.

### **Time however has meaning to**

**God. It is part of His creation.** He understands our dependence on the concept of time. See psalm 103.13&14 *'Like as a father pities his children, so the LORD pities them that fear him. For he knows*

*our frame; he remembers that we are dust.'* See also Psalm 90.12. Revelation 10.6 teaches that to the eternal God, time is significant in relation to the affairs of men. He knows. He understands.

### **God has created men to be eternal beings**

*'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men . . .'* Ecclesiastes 3.11. Part a NIV

When the eternal God created Adam He created him in His own image. This included the status of an eternal being. Genesis 1.27. He was also quickened to life by the Lord Genesis 2.7, so that he became a living soul. Adam's subsequent disobedience and forfeiture of life, Genesis 2.17, does not imply that he was not still an eternal being. He was a dead eternal being.

Because it is in man, sons of Adam, to understand the nature of his own eternity, and the nature of the eternal God, See Romans 1.20, but not the power by which he as an erring moral being may be accepted by God. This is not an exercise of the mind, but a new creative work of God See 1 Corinthians 1.21. Called by the Gospel of the resurrection, the Holy Spirit gives new life to those who believe. There is no other way

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