

Sermon Outline October 30, 2016

"God is Eternal" Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (Psalm 90:2 NKJ)

God's eternality is one of His more obvious attributes! If God were not eternal, how could He be God?

Moses in Psalm 90 communicates this truth poetically, powerfully:

1. *God is before the mountains*
2. *God is before the creation of the earth and world*
3. *God is even from everlasting to everlasting*

Every creature has had a beginning. Whether that creature be the greatest star in the sky or the smallest mouse born today, the Angel created long ago, or my grandson born earlier this month, we were all born or created in time, God ALONE has always been!

This too is essential! An atheist argues everything popped into existence out of NOTHING! So nothing caused everything! The great argument against atheism is the FACT of existence of anything that has a beginning, because all things that have a beginning must have a cause for that start, because without that cause there would be no start! We must, going back to the beginning of all things have an uncaused, eternal First Cause, that First Cause is our Almighty God!

- I. *It is important for us to know our God is a King Eternal –*

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17 NKJ)

1. *Note the glorious and happy context of this verse is the context of GREAT GRACE, even to GREAT SINNERS – Paul was a man who knew himself and knew others – And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the*

ministry,¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.¹⁴ And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:12-17 NKJ)

- A. *Paul was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man - :13*
- B. *The eternal God's, our great King's grace ... was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. - :14*
- C. *God, Who is eternal, is longsuffering, meaning He is exceedingly patient –*
- D. *Even to all of us, who are sinners –*

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. (Romans 3:10-11 NKJ)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23 NKJ)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23 NKJ)

- II. *However, sin against a GREAT God is great sin, and sin against an eternal and gracious God has eternal consequences –*

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand,¹⁰ "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.¹¹ "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: `Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:9-13 NKJ)

1. *Note, the suffering of the LOST will be in the presence of the*

Lamb!

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29 NKJ)

All Scripture from beginning to end points to Jesus as the Lamb slain for our sins, we see Him prefigured in:

- A. Adam and Eve clothed in animal skins, requiring a sacrifice, rather than fig leaves, Adam's own work(s) – Genesis 3:7 compared to Genesis 3:21
- B. The Better Offering from his flock offered by Abel – Genesis 4:1-5; Hebrews 11:4
- C. In the Blood Speaking Better Things, Abel's blood cried for vengeance, Jesus cried "Father forgive them..." – Genesis 4:10; Hebrews 12:12
- D. In the Blessed Seed of Abraham and the bloody sign of the Covenant circumcision – Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 17:1-10
- E. In Abraham's offering of his only son Isaac – Genesis 22:1-12; John 3:16-17
- F. In the ram (lamb) caught in the thicket which God's provided to Abraham to offer instead of Isaac – Genesis 22:13-14
- G. In the Passover lamb whose blood provided protection from the Angel of Death - Exodus 12:1-7 & :13-14;
- H. In Joseph, loved by his father, hated by his brothers – Genesis 37:3-4; John 3:35-36; John 15:18
- I. In the Rock struck which brought water and blessing; The Rock of Salvation – Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6
- J. In the bronze serpent, symbolizing sin and the punishment for sin Jesus took on our behalf - Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-16
- K. As the Unrecognized Suffering Messiah – Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; Zechariah 12:8-10
- L. He is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world – Revelation 13:8
- M. He is the Lamb slain to redeem His people he is worthy of Praise – Revelation 5:9 & :12
- N. His death on our behalf is shown in the Lord's Supper – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

2. This is why punishment is so GREAT, sin is not only against a great and eternal God, but it is also against His great grace and the suffering of His Son, which would provide a way of forgiveness, and washing away of sin –

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (Revelation 1:5 NKJ)

- A. God's wrath is directed against such sinners with His full strength

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¹⁰ "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. Revelation 14:10 Here on earth we have a mixture of mercy with every great pain, in Hell people will be fully conscious of the worst of PAIN, according to God's ability to create such pain! See also Psalm 75:7-8

- B. God's wrath is eternal wrath –

.¹¹ "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; Revelation 14:11
'The breath of the LORD kindles the infernal lake, Isaiah 30:33, and where shall we find hoses or buckets to quench that fire? If the entire earth and sea were turned into sand, and all the space throughout all the starry heavens were turned entirely to sand. If every thousand years a little bird came to fetch away just a tenth of one grain of sand; what huge number of years would pass, before all that vast heap of sand would be carried away? If at the end of all that time the sinner might come out of Hell, there would be some hope. However, the words of Revelation 14:11 "forever and ever" kill all hope! These words break the heart!' Paraphrase of the words of Thomas Watson, Body of Divinity

- C. God's wrath is without intermission or rest - and they have no rest day or night Revelation 14:11

III. Think about eternity compared to time –

So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12 NKJ) See also Ephesians 5:16; Matthew 16:36

"The vows of God are on me, and I may not stay to play with shadows, or pluck earthly flowers, until I my work have done, and have rendered up account. Amy Carmichael

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