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The Unchangeable GOD

Lesson 4

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In this lesson we want to take up the fact that God is ETERNAL and UNCHANGEABLE.

While God works according to the laws of time, in the sense that it takes time for Him to work out His plan, yet there is no danger that lack of time will hinder Him.

The greatest men have seemed to abandon their most cherished plans because their own powers began to decay. But God never grows old. The Lord is never tired. Jehovah never sleeps. His purposes are everlasting purposes, and He has an eternity in which to work them out.

For this very reason we may fail to understand His plans. Since all we see in an entire lifetime is a tiny glimpse of the whole working of God in His creation, we may fail to see His movements.

Let us consider these matters of God being eternal and God being unchangeable.

First of all, God is eternal. The Bible says, *LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God* (Psalms 90:1-2). The scripture says, *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth* (Genesis 1:1).

You may say, "What part of heaven did God come from?" Oh, no, no, no! Heaven came from God. People say, "Where on earth did God come from?" No, no, no. Earth came from God.

People worship trees and rocks. Or, they take stones and tree trunks and carve them into images, and then they worship these images. Oh, my friends, can you see how these people are cheating and deceiving and shortchanging themselves?

God is not an image of something in His creation. God is not a part of nature. God is not a man, or like a man, or an invention of man, for all those things came from God. God is the everlasting. *From everlasting to everlasting*, the Bible says, *THOU ART GOD* Before the mountains, before the earth, before the world. God WAS and what He was He IS. One day Moses asked God, When the people ask what your name is, what shall I tell them? And God replied. *I AM THAT I AM*.

You see, God is eternal.

In the New Testament we have it written this way: *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen* (1 Timothy 1:17).

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Our God is, though He remains invisible. He is the only wise God, because there is no other God. To the one true God belongs all the honour, and all the glory. Forever and ever all glory and honour will go to this one God, for the Bible says God is the King eternal.

I don't know what part of the world you live in, but in your area there have been kings. Their reign and their mortal existence came to an end.

This is not true of God. God was King BEFORE the earth. He was King BEFORE the world. He was King BEFORE the mountains were brought forth. When all heaven and earth have passed away, God will still be King. He is the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God.

God is self-existent. We get our life originally from God. There is the union of a man and a woman, but it is God Who causes life to begin within the womb of a woman. There could be no formation of any living thing without God. Psalms 139 says. *Thou hast known ME from my mother's womb.* Notice, there was a ME before there was a birth and God causes that life to begin.

In the womb, by the miraculous working of God, the baby is being formed and developed. After it is born, it gains life and strength from the God who gave it breath. We are not self-existent, but God is. God did not get His life from you. He does not stay alive by something you provide for Him. It is just the other way around.

Moses said unto God, *Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them. The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said. Thus shall thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you* (Exodus 3:13-14). *For as the Father hath life IN HIMSELF; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man* (John 5:26-27).

God has life in Himself. You get life from God - physical life or spiritual life. Either one is received as a gift from God. God receives His life from no one. He has life in Himself.

God not only has life in Himself, but He gives life to whomsoever He wills. He even gives eternal life to those who will believe on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ, as God manifest in the flesh, has this power to give life. In John 6:33, Jesus says. *For the bread of God is he •which cometh down from heaven, and giveth LIFE unto the world.* Again, in John 10:27-28, Jesus says. *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

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What image of stone, what church, what religion, what man, what idol has life in itself? Not a one! And, my friend, what image, what idol, what church, what man, what religion can give you eternal, everlasting life? I say there is NOT a one. But God in heaven, manifest in the flesh in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, is the true and living God. He is the One who has life in Himself. He is the One who is eternal life. He is the One who can and will give you eternal life if you will trust Him as your personal Saviour.

God is unchangeable, both in essence (that is, what He is) and in character (that is, what He does).

The Bible illustrates this in several places. *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning* (James 1:17).

Men are varied, their opinions vary, they come in various shapes and forms, and there are many variations of a certain theme of music. If something varies, it differs, it changes; it is not the same all the way through; it is not the same in the end as it was in the beginning. But the Bible says that with the Father there is NO variableness. He DOES NOT change.

In the last book of our Old Testament, God says this just as simply and as understandably as you could ever want it. *For I am the LORD, I change not;* (Malachi 3:6).

People say, "I can't understand the Bible."

Oh, but there is no problem in understanding the Bible. God has written His book so simply that anyone can get it.

The God of heaven, the Creator of this universe, the one true and living God, DOES NOT CHANGE. Did God hate sin once upon a time? Then He does today. Has He ever punished sin? Yes, He has. Then He does today. Will God keep His word; will God forgive sin? Will God save and deliver all those that call upon Him and trust in Him? He has and, therefore, He shall. He does not change. He never has changed. He never will change. This is the true God.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep (Psalms 121:4). He is unchangeable. He is eternal. He never grows old. He never gets tired.

The Bible says in Isaiah 40 that God is not like man. Men get tired. Men get weary. Nations crumble, fall, decay into the dust, but God is eternal, unchanging, everlasting. His strength, power, might, wisdom, glory, beauty, majesty, love, mercy, and grace are just as full, complete, strong, powerful AND available today as they ever have been or ever shall be. This is the God of the Bible. He is in no sense subject to the limitations of time, as we know it.

For example, Psalms 90:1-4 says, *LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst*

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formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God, Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. To God a thousand years are what? Well, they are as a day. That is what the wording seems to imply. Let us see if that implication is correct. In 2 Peter 3:8) the Bible says: *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

To us a day seems like it is flying by, gone in a moment. We cannot comprehend a thousand years. But, to God, there is no difference between the two time periods.

You see, when Jesus Christ invites you to come to Him and receive everlasting life, or warns you that if you reject Him you will spend eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone, burning in conscious torment, it is hard for us to grasp the importance of that because we think in terms of days, weeks, months, and even years. But, an eternal God who says that in His estimation one thousand years is no different than a single day is not to be ignored. God is telling you that while thousands and thousands of years go by you can be either enjoying the glory of the heaven He has prepared or suffering the torment of the hell that He has prepared. God invites you to trust His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, that you might have everlasting life.

To summarize, then, God

1. is eternal.
2. is self-existent.
3. not only has life in Himself but He gives eternal life to whomsoever will receive Him.
4. is unchangeable, both in essence and in character.
5. is in no sense subject to the limitations of time, as we know it. A thousand years unto Him is as one day.

The self-existence of God is the only explanation for the origin of life. It is no accident that you are here. You did not evolve from some monkey. It is no chance, no quirk of fate that you are learning about the Unchangeable GOD.

JESUS CHRIST is ready, willing, and able to cleanse you from all your sin, to forgive all your transgressions and to give YOU everlasting life. If you will but believe upon Him and trust Him, He will save your soul.

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1. Some religions teach that life begins at birth, rather than at conception, explain why this is false, use scripture to prove you point.
2. What is the key verse of this Lesson?
3. Explain why GOD cannot be worshipped through and image or an idol.
4. Explain James 1:17
5. Explain the significance of GOD's name "*I AM THAT I AM*"
6. Explain GOD is eternal.
7. What was the purpose of this lesson?
8. Explain GOD has no sense subject to the limitations of time, as we know it. A thousand years unto Him is as one day.

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9. What is the one sin that will send a person to everlasting punishment and a lake of fire and torment?

10. Explain GOD is self-existent.

11. Where did GOD come from?

12. Explain GOD not only has life in Himself but He gives eternal life to whomsoever will receive Him.

13. Explain GOD is unchangeable, both in essence and in character.

14. Explain Psalms 90:1-4.



Scripture Memorization: Psalms 121:4; James 1:17; Psalms 90:1-4. Write these verses out on the back page of this paper.(must be in KJV)

True/false

- Wearing a cross around your neck will keep you closer to GOD.
- Man will eventually become GOD.
- GOD was born in heaven.