

God is Eternal (From the Never-Ending, Ever-Growing List of the Character Traits of God)



They say, " Nothing lasts forever."

They are wrong.

Three things last forever:

God,

His Word,

and people.

God

God is eternal. There's never been a time when He didn't exist.

He wasn't born. He wasn't created.

He is. He has always been. And He will always continue to be.

Eternal.

“Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God” (Psalm 90:2 NASB).

God's Word

God's Word *is* God, so it's only logical that it will last forever.

I don't mean God's Word as in the printed paper and ink of the Bible is God. That would be silly. But the Gospel of John tells us:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1 ESV).

John is referring to Jesus Christ in this passage. Jesus is the Word. And His Word stands forever.

“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever” (Isaiah 40:8 NASB).

Even before God spoke His Word to create the world, His Word existed from eternity past in Jesus Christ and will stand on into eternity future.

People

We are not God.

I know. I forget that at times, too.

We aren't God, but He created us to be eternal.

Remembering that everyone is eternal should put an urgency into our hearts to share the truth of the Gospel message with others. And it should give us comfort.

A friend of mine reminded me of the comfort this truth offers when he spoke of a couple whose child lived only two brief minutes. Their next child lived only two months.

The heartbroken couple couldn't understand why God would create children to only live for two minutes and two months.

A friend encouraged them that God didn't create them to live that short. He created them to live eternally. It was only their time on earth that was short. Their children are more alive in heaven now than they ever were on earth.

None of us will live forever on earth – we can thank sin and death for that – but our souls will live forever. Where our souls will live, however, is up to us.

Where Will We Spend Our Eternity?

God has offered eternity in heaven with Him by His grace

through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

It's an extravagant offer, but it comes with a time limit.

The offer expires when we do.

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

Those who choose *No* to God's offer will spend their eternity separated from Him in hell. It's a horrible reality, but it's the choice we make when we choose to reject His Son and His gift of salvation.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16 NASB).

“These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 25:46 NASB).

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9 NASB).

Knowing God is Eternal Makes a Difference Today

Knowing God is eternal helps us live today.

We don't have to scramble to “have it all” here because we're spending eternity there.

And the all we'll have there will outshine anything we have here – so long as your there is heaven. Otherwise, get it here while you can because there will be hell. Literally.

God works each day with eternity in mind.

Too often, though, we have *now* in mind. We want God to fix our problems *now*. We want Him to fix this world *now*.

Or do we? Consider this:

If we knew everything God knows about yesterday, today, or forever, we'd *do* and *time* everything exactly as He has.

So, maybe we don't really want Him to fix everything on *our* timetable or in *our* way. We just think we do because we don't know what we don't know.

Think George Bailey in It's A Wonderful Life. When he got what he thought he wanted, he realized he didn't really want what he wanted after all.

Instead, what we really want in our deepest heart is to learn to trust and rest in God's eternal plan.

Knowing God is eternal helps us put today into perspective.

God isn't in a hurry. He has forever to work out His plan, and it's a great one. No, it's a perfect one.

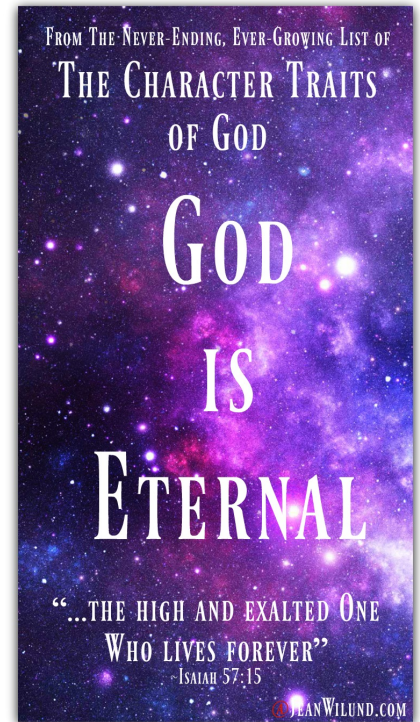
Sometimes I'm impatient as I pray for things. My heart strangles from the overwhelming desire for God to answer my prayer now.

I've laid awake for hours, begging God for the answer my heart craves – answers I imagine must also be His heart's desire. **Peace eludes me until I remember He's eternal.**

God is not always in a hurry to answer my prayers, but not because He doesn't care. Because He always knows the right thing to do at the right time.

I can rest because God never does.

God's Word on His Eternality



"For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever" (Isaiah 57:15a NASB).



"Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (Psalm 90:2 NASB).



"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose

will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'” (Isaiah 46:9,10 NASB).



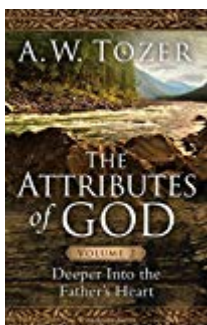
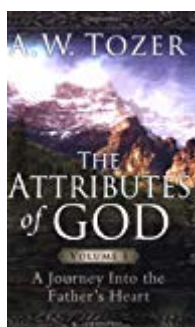
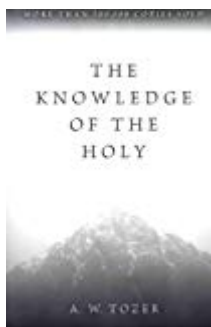
“And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM’” (Exodus 3:14 NASB).



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