

# KNOWING GOD AS ETERNAL

## PREFACE – ASSIGNMENT 1

**G**od always has been. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit had no beginning and will have no ending.

All other things which we know or have heard about had a beginning, and most things come to an end. God is greater than anything else we know in the world. He is not controlled by time in any way. We may not understand how this can be, yet we know it is true, for the Bible tells us so.

The adult Mayfly lives about 24 hours. Suppose two Mayflies were talking one day: "I cannot believe that boys and girls could live as long as sixty or seventy years," says one, "nobody in our family ever lived that long."

"How could such a thing be possible?" the other one remarked. "None of us has ever lived that long, so I do not believe that boys or girls do either."

Just because the Mayfly cannot understand the span of human life does not make it any less true. Neither does it change the fact that God is eternal just because some human beings cannot understand it or will not believe it.

KING JAMES VERSION

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**Job 36:26**

Behold, God is great, and we know him not,  
neither can the number of his years be searched out.

**Psalms 90:2**

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,  
even from everlasting to everlasting,  
thou art God.

**Isaiah 46:9, 10**

Remember the former things of old:  
for I am God, and there is none else; I am God,  
and there is none like me,  
Declaring the end from the beginning,  
and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,  
saying, my counsel shall stand,  
and I will do all my pleasure.

**Lamentations 5:19**

Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever;  
thy throne from generation to generation.

## 1 Timothy 1:17

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible,  
the only wise God,  
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Revelation 1:8

I am Alpha and Omega,  
the beginning and the ending,  
saith the Lord,  
which is, and which was,  
and which is to come, the Almighty.



ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

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Behold, God is great, and we know him not;  
the number of his years is unsearchable.

**Psalms 90:2**

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting  
you are God.

**Isaiah 46:9, 10**

Remember the former things of old;  
for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me,  
declaring the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,  
and I will accomplish all my purpose.'

**Lamentations 5:19**

But you, O LORD, reign forever;  
your throne endures to all generations.

## 1 Timothy 1:17

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Revelation 1:8

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”  
says the Lord God,  
“who is and who was and who is to come,  
the Almighty.”



# HELPS AND EXPLANATIONS

## **JOB 36:26**

God is much, much greater than we can know. We cannot begin to figure out how old He is because He has always existed and cannot be measured by any span of time.

## **PSALM 90:2**

God has always been God. Long before He created the great mountains, long before He created this earth and everything in it – way back there in eternity past – God has always been the same living God.

## **ISAIAH 46:9, 10**

In these verses God is telling us some great things about Himself which He wants us to “remember”:

1. The beginnings of things long past – all of history testifies to the reality of God.
2. I am God alone, He says, and there is none other.
3. I am God alone, He repeats, and there is none like Me.
4. We are told that God foretells the end from the beginning. Many of the things which He foretold have already happened.
5. From ages past, God foretells the things that have not yet happened, but which will surely come to pass.
6. God says that His will, His purpose shall stand.
7. God says He will completely fulfill all of that which He pleases to do.

## **LAMENTATIONS 5:19**

“Generation” – the period of time from parent to child, usually considered about 33 years.

God does not change. He remains forever. Thrones fall and human governments change, but God's sovereign control of all things in the world continues without interruption from one generation to another.

### **1 TIMOTHY 1:17**

"Immortal" – not subject to death, everlasting.

"Invisible" – refers to something real, but which cannot be seen.

The air which we breathe is real, but it cannot be seen.

Here we have a fourfold description of God, and a strong expression of praise to Him for what He is:

1. God is eternal.
2. God can never die.
3. God cannot be seen, but He is real and alive forever and ever.
4. God alone knows everything there is to know.

### **REVELATION 1:8**

"Alpha" – the first letter of the Greek alphabet, which means that God is the beginning, the first.

"Omega" – the last letter of the Greek alphabet, which means that God is the last, in the sense that He remains forever.

It was common in those days to use the first and the last letters of the alphabet to describe the whole of anything from beginning to end. God was at the beginning of things and He will be at the close. He always has existed and He always will exist. He is absolutely eternal. He is the God Who lives now, the God Who lived from all eternity, the God Who will continue to live forever and fulfill all His purposes on earth. He is the God Who is all-mighty!