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"God Eternal" An attribute of God: Eternal

Eternal Defined:¹

1. Without beginning or end of existence.
2. Without the beginning of existence.
3. Without the end of existence or duration; everlasting; endless; immortal.
4. Perpetual; ceaseless; continued without intermission.
5. Unchangeable; existing at all times without change; as eternal Truth.

ETER'NAL, noun. An appellation (*Name; the word by which a thing is called and known.*) of God.

SYNONYMS:² everlasting, never-ending, endless, without end, perpetual, undying, immortal, deathless, indestructible, imperishable, immutable, abiding, permanent, enduring, infinite, boundless, timeless...

IMMUTABLE:³ adjective invariable; unalterable; not capable of change.

Even with the above definitions and the many synonyms that are listed. How can the human mind even begin to truly comprehend, let alone understand that God (YHWH) is ETERNAL?

Psalms 90:1-2⁴

"A Prayer of Moses the man of God. LORD, YOU have been our dwelling place, and our refuge in all generations [says, Moses]. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever, You had formed and given birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You are God."

¹ Webster's Dictionary - 1828

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https://www.google.com/search?q=synonyms+for+eternal&rlz=1C1GGRV_enUS751US751&og=synonyms+for+eternal&aqs=chrome..69j57j0l5.13915j0j8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

³ Webster's Dictionary - 1828

⁴ e-Sword Amplified Bible

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A.W. Tozer⁵ says this when talking about the phrase in this psalm, "everlasting to everlasting; You are God."

"...the Hebrew lexicon tells us that you could translate it "from the vanishing point to the vanishing point," because that's what it actually means: from the vanishing point of the past to the vanishing point of the future. But whose vanishing point? Not God's, but man's."

Young's Literal Translation puts the same scripture like this.

"Before the mountains were born, before you had formed the earth and the world, from eternity past to eternity future, you are God."

Tozer goes on to say, *"Shake your head to get all the wheels going and try to stretch your mind all you can, then think, if you can, about the past. Think your hometown out of existence. Think back to when there wasn't anything here but some Indians. Then go back and think all those Indians away, back to before the Indians got here. Go back before that and think away the North American continent. And then think away all this earth of ours. And then let's go back and think that there are no planets and no stars dotting the clear night sky; they have all vanished away, and there is no Milky Way, no anything.*

Go to the throne of God and think away the angels, the archangels, the seraphim, and the cherubim that sing and worship before the throne of God. Think them all away until there is no creation: not an angel waves its wing, not a bird flies in the sky-there's no sky to fly in. Not a tree grows on a mountain; there is no mountain for a tree to grow on. But God lives and loves alone. The ancient of Days, world without end, to the vanishing point back as far as the human mind can go-there you have God."

God Has No Beginning:

Let's look at a few other scriptures concerning the fact that God has no beginning.

Genesis 1:1 ⁶

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis, the beginning— In this one-line verse, you do not find "God was created." But you do find "God created." This places Him outside of the confines of time. It is only when we read, "And there was evening, and there was morning, one day." that time even began...

⁵ A.W. Tozer The Attributes of God Volume 2

⁶ e-Sword Amplified Bible

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Exodus 3:13,14 ⁷

"And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, what is His name? What shall I say to them?

And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, you shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you!"

So, we see that God is not in time and that He has no beginning and thereby has no end. Because anything subject to time by its very nature has a beginning and an end, YHWH could not be "God" if He has a beginning and an end like we do. Which would also make Him a created being—

It is because of these truths of God having no beginning and no end that He has no past and no future, that we can declare that God does not exist. God just IS. Or, as He said to Moses, " I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE."

Let's look at another scripture that is one of my favorites. In the following text, it is Jesus talking, and we understand that even at the time of this event, Jesus is fully human, but he is also fully divine. In other words, He is God.

Before Abraham Was, I Am

John 8:48-58⁸

Joh 8:48 The Jews answered Him, are we not right when we say You are a Samaritan and that You have a demon [that You are under the power of an evil spirit]?

Joh 8:49 Jesus answered; I am not possessed by a demon. On the contrary, I honor and reverence My Father and you dishonor (despise, vilify, and scorn) Me.

Joh 8:50 However, I am not in search of honor for Myself. [I do not seek and am not aiming for My own glory.] There is One Who [looks after that; He] seeks [My glory], and He is the Judge.

Joh 8:51 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone observes My teaching [lives in accordance with My message, keeps My word], he will by no means ever see and experience death.

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Joh 8:52 The Jews said to Him, now we know that You are under the power of a demon (insane). Abraham died, and also the prophets, yet You say, if a man keeps My word, he will never taste of death into all eternity.

Joh 8:53 Are You greater than our father, Abraham? He died, and all the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?

Joh 8:54 Jesus answered, If I were to glorify Myself (magnify, praise, and honor Myself), I would have no real glory, for My glory would be nothing and worthless. [My honor must come to Me from My Father.] It is My Father Who glorifies Me [Who extols Me, magnifies, and praises Me], of Whom you say that He is your God.

Joh 8:55 Yet you do not know Him or recognize Him and are not acquainted with Him, but I know Him. If I should say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I know Him and keep His word [obey His teachings, am faithful to His message].

Joh 8:56 Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope and prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation), and he did see it and was delighted.

Joh 8:57 Then the Jews said to Him, you are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?

Joh 8:58 Jesus replied, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you **before Abraham was born, I AM.** [Exod. 3:14.]

Now let this thought begin to flow through and sink into your mind— This same ETERNAL God chose to put His Spirit into earthen vessels. HE CHOSE TO PUT HIS ETERNAL SPIRIT IN YOU!

Treasure in Jars of Clay

2nd Corinthians 4:7-18

"But we have this treasure in clay jars so that it will be evident that such overwhelming power comes from God and not from us. We have all kinds of troubles, but we are not crushed; we are perplexed, yet not in despair; persecuted, yet not abandoned; knocked down, yet not destroyed. We always carry in our bodies the dying of Yeshua, so that the life of Yeshua may be manifested in our bodies too.

For we who are alive are always being handed over to death for Yeshua's sake so that Yeshua's life also might be manifested in our mortal bodies. Thus, death is at work in us but life in you.

The Tanakh says, "I trusted; therefore, I spoke." Since we have that same Spirit who enables us to trust, we also trust and therefore speak; because we know that he who raised the Lord Yeshua will also raise us with Yeshua and bring us along with you into his presence.

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All this is for your sakes, so that as grace flows out to more and more people, it may cause thanksgiving to overflow and bring glory to God. This is why we do not lose courage. Though our outer self is heading for decay, our inner self is being renewed daily.

For our light and transient troubles are achieving for us an everlasting glory whose weight is beyond description. We concentrate not on what is seen but on what is not seen, since things seen are temporary, but things not seen are *eternal*."

How does it help us to know that YHWH is Eternal?

1. Everything about Him is eternal.
2. He does not change.
3. His knowledge does not change.
4. His wisdom does not change.
5. His understanding does not change.
6. His love does not change.
7. His Truth does not change because HE IS ETERNAL.

All of this should give us hope and security in the God we follow and serve because HE IS ETERNAL AND DOES NOT CHANGE!