

THE ATTRIBUTES SERIES – Part VI

“God is Eternal”

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ONE God is **omniscient**...He knows it!

TWO God is **omnipotent**...He can do it!

THREE God is **immutable**...He doesn't change!

FOUR God is _____.

God is unlike man, although the Scriptures do use what are called “anthropomorphisms” in describing just what God is like. That term is made up of two Greek words that mean a _____-_____. That's the reason there are biblical phrases such as “*the hand of the Lord*” and “*the eye of the Lord*,” etc.

But, even though God does allow Himself to sometimes be described in human terms, in the matter of worship He demands that we worship Him in His essence as God.

Reference: **John 4:24** (see screen)

No study of God can be comprehensive for three reasons:

- the sheer _____ of the human mind
- a _____ problem
- a _____ problem

The fact God is eternal is found numerous biblical passages:

Reference: **Genesis 21:33; Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 57:15** and **I Timothy 1:17** (see screen)

The fact God is eternal, in simplistic language, means that **He is**

_____.

There are four biblical facts that together formulate what we mean when we say that God is eternal:

ONE: God _____ before there was _____.

Reference: **Genesis 1:1** (see screen)

TWO: God has _____.

Reference: **Genesis 1:14; Acts 1:7; Daniel 2:21** (see screen)

THREE: God exists in all of the _____, in all of the _____ and in all of the _____, and all at the same time.

Reference: **Exodus 3:13-15** (see screen)

God said to Moses that His name is I AM. In the Hebrew language His name is only written with the consonants YHWH. Biblical scholars feel that this name might have been pronounced “**Yahweh**,” although no one is certain about that.

In the English language we write the word _____ but orthodox Jewish people would write that same word as _____.

The name I AM comes from a Hebrew verb meaning _____ _____. This means that the same I AM (Yahweh) is a declaration of God's eternal self-existence. He is the eternal _____.

FOUR: God is not _____ by time.

Reference: **Psalm 90:4; II Peter 3:8** (see screen)

QUESTION: Does the fact God is eternal affect us in a practical sense?

ANSWER: Yes. God's eternal nature does matter because it is out of that eternal nature that God is able to gift us _____. Eternal life is life that is actually intrinsic to God's essence as an eternal being.

Scripture uses the words “everlasting and eternal” to describe the existence God wants us to have. Those words are basically synonyms because both words are translated from the same word in the original Greek language. That word is “*aionios*” and means “perpetual, eternal, infinite, _____, something that goes on and on and on” and that is the eternal existence that is intrinsic to who God is.

Reference: **I John 5:20; John 3:36, 6:47** and **I John 5:11, 13** (see screen)

Conclusion: God is controlling time and is outside time. He was there before there was anything else. Just as He had no beginning, so He will have no ending, no start and no finish, no beginning and no end. He is simply the God who is always there! He is eternal!