

THE ETERNITY OF GOD

Eternal Time: Unalterable Element of God's Nature

One of the most difficult things for the human mind to grasp and understand is the eternity of God. The fact that God is an uncreated eternal being that has no beginning or end is extremely hard for us to imagine. There was never a time when God did not exist. He has always existed and will always exist. There are some attributes of God that are part of His eternal makeup that are as eternal as He is and must exist as long as God exists.

A good example of this is, God's power. God has all possible power. There is no greater power that exists. Did God create his own power? Was there ever a time when God did not have power? These questions are really stupid and ridiculous. God could not create His own power anymore than He could create Himself. If God created His own power, then that would mean that before He created it, He did not have any power. In other words, God would not have had the power or the ability to create His power.

The fact is that, God's power is incorporated in His uncreated eternal makeup and being. His power is part of Him. God can not somehow separate Himself from His power. He can not get above it or somehow be outside of it. He really can not even change the fact that He has this power. God can not separate Himself from His own uncreated eternal makeup and being. God can not change the fact that He is uncreated nor change any of the attributes that are part of his own uncreated eternal nature. God can chose how He uses His power but He can not change the fact that He has it.

Another example is, God's knowledge. God has all possible knowledge. There is no greater knowledge that exists. There is nothing knowable that God does not know. Did God create his own knowledge? Was there ever a time when God did not have knowledge? Again these questions are really stupid and ridiculous. God could not create His own knowledge anymore than He could create Himself. If God created His own knowledge, then that would mean that before He created it, He did not have any knowledge. In other words, God would not have had the knowledge or the ability to create His knowledge.

The human mind has a problem grasping the truths about the eternity of God. Some want to know were God came from. The fact that God has no beginning or end seems to us impossible. Was there ever a time before God existed? Was there ever a time without time? Did God create time?

Before the world was ever created God existed and was active. He created the Angels and was busy. So when did time start? Was there ever a time when time did not exist? Again these questions are really stupid and ridiculous. God could not create time anymore than He could create Himself. If God created time, then that would mean that He had no time to create it. In other words, time would not have existed yet. Without the existence of time there could be no past, present, or future. In other words, God would not have had any time or the ability to create time.

The fact is that, time is incorporated in His uncreated eternal makeup and being. Time is part of Him. God can not somehow separate Himself from time. He can not get above it or somehow be outside of it. He really can not even change the fact that He exists in time. God can not separate Himself from His own uncreated eternal makeup and being. God can not change the fact time exists nor change any of the attributes that are part of his own uncreated eternal nature. God can chose how He uses time but He can not change the fact that He lives in it.

When God creates something He cannot somehow go back in time before He created it. He can create something and then destroy it, but it did exist for some interval or duration. No matter what God did He could never undo any of His actions or thoughts as though they never existed. God cannot think a thought and then un-think it. God can think a different thought and change His mind, but He can never go back in time or go back in the series of events. Once God creates anything it becomes forever embedded in the essence of time.

Every idea, thought or action of God must of necessity have some duration or interval of existence. In the sequence of events there is some interval before a creation, the creation itself and the interval after the creation. Each creation or thought of God must have these three basic truths. Every creation of God must take place within a series of events. It is impossible for any creation not to have these three truths.

Scriptures that say God has a past, present, and a future: Rev. 1:4, 1:8, 4:8

Scriptures that say God's eternity is endless time, that is, time without beginning or end: Isa. 9:6-7; Isa. 43:10; Isa. 57:15; Job 36:26; Ps. 90:2; Ps. 102:24; Ps. 102:27; Lk. 1:33; Heb 1:12; Rev 1:4; Rev. 1:8; Rev. 4:8; Rev. 5:14;