

## **The Attributes of God God is Eternal...God is Self-Existent**

A pastor from a previous generation by the name of A.W. Tozer wrote a great little book called, *Knowledge of the Holy*. It's just over 100 pages in length but it's a slow read. You need to read a page or two and then try to comprehend what you've just read. In that book, Tozer suggests...

**“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”**

Your thoughts about God have a very important impact on your daily life.  
High views of God lead to holy living.  
High views of God lead to exalted worship of God.  
High views of God lead to evangelism and missions.

In other words, *godly living is built upon right ideas about God.*

This message is a look at God's eternal nature which, in turn, helps us to understand His self-existence and why that matters. Understanding both of these together will help you to keep a big view of God. What you don't want to do is trivialize God or diminish Him in any way.

To say that God is eternal is to say that He is without beginning and without end.  
God did not come into existence at any point in time. God is the Creator, He cannot be created.

The God of the Bible is not dependent upon anyone or anything for His existence. As the great and only self-existent one in the universe, God cannot be shaped by anyone or anything.

God never had a beginning. There never was a time when God did not exist.  
God does not have an end. There will never be a time when God will not exist.  
Since God did not come into existence, He cannot go out of existence.

Before time began, God existed.  
Before the universe was a reality, God existed.  
Before there were people, God existed.  
Before there was any kind of energy in the universe, God existed.  
Before there was power and strength existing anywhere, God existed.

**Through Jesus, God invaded human history.** Jesus offered the sacrifice that would count for eternity. The OT priests offered a sacrifice that counted for a period of time. God, in eternity past, ordained a sacrifice for sins that we call substitutionary atonement.

Only a God who is eternal and self-existent can be your rock.  
If you want someone who is totally, wholly and completely reliable...  
Always wise, always present with you...  
Never changes, never withdraws, never hard to find...

The God of the Bible, the eternal God is the one you need.

Key Scriptures: Psalm 90, Revelation 22:1, Isaiah 46:9-10, Hebrews 5:9

### **Home Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Read Psalm 90 and openly reflect on what you just read.  
What stood out to you? What does that psalm say about God? About people?
2. What do you like about the eternal nature of God?  
What do you find challenging about the eternal nature of God?
3. What difference should it make in our lives that God is eternal?
4. Are you living with a strong remembrance of death, that is, do you often remember that your time here is limited?
5. How has your perspective changed or how will your perspective change knowing that God is both eternal and self-existent? (This might be worship, personal priorities, trust, etc.) This is the “so what” discussion. God is eternal, so what difference will this make in your life?