

## Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



Who is God? What is He like? Can He be known? These are the most important questions in the universe. The good news is God has answered these questions by revealing Himself through His attributes. The most important thing we can do in the universe is grow in our knowledge of God. We have been created by God to know God. For the season of Lent our devotions will be on knowing God through His attributes.

## Eternal

There are no limits to God. He is not hemmed in by any boundaries or limitations. The dimension of time doesn't limit God in anyway. God is always, from everlasting to everlasting.

## Scripture

### Scripture on God being eternal.

*Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*

*Job 36:26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not; the number of his years is unsearchable.*

*Psalms 16:11 At His right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

*Psalms 90:1-2 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.*

*Psalms 100:5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

*Isaiah 46:9-10 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.'*

*Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

*John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*

*II Corinthians 4:16-18 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

*I Timothy 1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

***II Peter 3:8** But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

***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."*

## **Song**

***Psalms 59:16** But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

***God Of Eternity**, by Fanny Crosby*

God of eternity, Savior and King,  
Help us to honor Thee, help while we sing;  
Now may the clouds of night break into splendor bright,  
Jesus, our life and light, our Lord and King!

God of eternity, Ancient of Days,  
Glorious in majesty, Author of Praise;  
Hear Thou our earnest call, while at Thy feet we fall,  
Jesus, our all in all, our Lord and King!

God of eternity, Ruler divine,  
Strength of the mighty hills, all power is Thine;  
Boundless Thy reign shall be, wondrous Thy victory,  
Earth shall be filled with Thee, our Lord and King!

God of eternity, love is Thy Name,  
God of the earth and sea, Thee we proclaim;  
Love, through Thine only Son, Thy work of grace hath done;  
O blessed Three in One, our Lord and King!

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## **Prayer**

***II Chronicles 7:14** If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Holy God, you are from everlasting to everlasting, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Before anything was created you were already there. Before Abraham was, you are. You are the great I Am.

You inhabit eternity. You yourself created time for us to inhabit, but you are outside of time, you are not limited or bound by time, you see all our time, all our history as a moment, discerning the end from the beginning. You can tell us the future because you already see all the future, our future is not future to you. We experience time as past, present or future. You experience everything only as present. There is no difference for you, a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day.

Because you are eternal outside of the bounds of time, because you see and know it all, you are sovereign over it all and control it all. This is the grounds of our eternal security, of our faith, hope and trust.

When we get anxious, fearful, worried, we are forgetting who you are and what you are like. When our problems loom large we forget that you are bigger. And we forget that this life is fragile and short, and all of us are standing on the brink of eternity. Help us be more aware of the vastness of eternity that stretches before us and to give more thought and preparation for it. Truly help us to see that our light and momentary trials and trouble are preparing us for a weight of eternal glory that awaits us. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.