

1. What does it mean that God is eternal?

God exists without beginning or end. He is eternal. We are subject to the limitations of time. God is not; "With the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8) He always was and forever will be. He is the Self-existing One. God refers to Himself as, "I AM WHO I AM." (Exodus 3:14) Our existence is completely dependent on Him. God understands all and is over all. He acts in time, but is not limited by time. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (Psalm 90:2) Only God is eternal; man is but for a moment. "The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable." (Isaiah 40:28) God holds the universe with his eternal power. "The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." (Deuteronomy 33:27)

Bible passages to read: Exodus 3:11-15; Psalm 90; Isaiah 40:25-31

Questions to ponder:

1. State in your own words what it means that God is eternal.
2. What does God's name revealed in Exodus 3:11-15 teach you about God?
3. How does the eternity of God change your perspective of God and yourself?
4. How does God relate to time? How does that differ with how you view time?
5. What difference does it make in your life today that God is eternal?