

Our God I

(Dt 10:17)

INTRODUCTION

1. Greeting...
 - a. Thank you to the leadership here for allowing me to preach here tonight.
 - b. Thank you to each member here tonight for coming to listen to God's Word.
2. What to preach tonight?
 - a. Is there anything to preach that they have not heard?
 - i. Knowing Keith the short time I have I see very clearly that he is not seemingly one to shy away from preaching the whole counsel.
 - b. What about all the "ethical dilemmas" America is falling into?
 - i. These immoral issues are, unfortunately, so common many know the truth vividly because of the amount they have been covered.
 - c. As I considered many of the sermons I have preached there is always one idea I truly cannot preach enough on and thus decided here is another opportunity to shout aloud this truth again!!!
3. Our God Is An Awesome God
 - a. Brethren has there ever been a more true statement?
 - i. **Dt 10:17** "For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God..."¹
 - b. Nehemiah said so eloquently did he not?
 - i. **Ne 1:5** "...O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments"
4. There are a number of reasons for why God is an awesome God.
 - a. His deeds and wonders amaze.
 - i. **Ex 15:11** "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"
 - b. His mercy is unmatched.
 - i. **Da 9:4** "...O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments"
5. We could go on and on but we would be here all night.
 - a. There are three aspects of God's awe inspiring self that I want us to focus on tonight.
 - i. How God is an awesome God of creation.
 - ii. How God is an awesome God of redemption.
 - iii. How God is an awesome God of expectations.
6. With that in mind let us start by examining how our God is...

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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I. An Awesome God Of Creation

A. God spoke and it happened

1. In six 24hr days God created everything by the breath of His mouth.
 - i. Not just some things...everything.
 - a. **Ps 33:6, 8-9** “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host...8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.”
 - ii. Scientist have gone amuck today.
 - a. You want people to laugh at you tell them evolution is a farce.
 - b. You want far too many Christians to laugh at you say the same thing.
 - iii. There are no Jews or others that know the Hebrew that can deny that Genesis teaches a six 24hr day creation.
 - a. The Hebrew word “yom” which means “day” is found 2,267 times in the Old Testament.
 1. There is no dispute that the word can mean...
 - i. An unspecific amount of time.
 - a. **Gn 2:4**
 - ii. A period of just daylight.
 - a. **Gn 8:22**
 - iii. A 24hr period of time.
 - a. **Gn 39:10**
 2. The word “yom” is found 2,253 outside of the creation account **Gn 1-Gn 2:3**.
 - i. Every time it is placed with a numeral it means 24hr periods of time such as “1st day or 232nd day.”

B. The Universe Is Amazing

1. People have tried to count the stars for years.
 - i. Hipparchus pre 150 BC counted just less than 3,000.
 - ii. Ptolemy 2nd century counted 1,058
 - iii. Galileo in 1609 w/ a telescope state there were innumerable.
 - a. Scientist estimate that there are 100 septillion stars.
 1. 100 with 26 zeros behind it.
2. Yet God has named them all.
 - i. **Ps 147:4** “He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.”

C. Mankind is more complex than can be even imagined

1. Man is unique to all other creation in his makeup.
 - i. Body, spirit, and soul
 - a. **Ec 3:20** “All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.”

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- ii. Spirit
 - a. **Gn 1:27** “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”
 - iii. Soul
 - a. **Mt 10:28** “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”
- D. Thus...
- 1. Our God is an awesome God of creation.

II. An Awesome God Of Redemption

- A. Jesus gave up heaven
 - 1. Where everything is beautiful all the time.
 - i. **Rv 4:2-8** “At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. 3 And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, 6 and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. 8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!””
 - 2. Where there is only good and no evil.
 - i. **I Pt 1:4** “to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you”
- B. Jesus gave up comfort
 - 1. He had a great earthly home with Joseph & Mary
 - i. **Lk 2:52** “And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”
 - 2. He became an emotional and physical punching bag.
 - i. Emotionally they were constantly trying to kill Him.
 - a. **Mt 12:14** “But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.”

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- ii. Physically they tortured him.
 - a. **Mt 27:27-31** “Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. 28 And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 30 And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.”
- C. Jesus gave up life
 - 1. He was hung on a tree He created.
 - i. **Jn 1:3** “All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”
 - ii. **Jn 19:17-18** “and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.”
 - 2. He died for mankind whom He created.
 - i. **Gn 1:26-27** “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”
 - ii. **Mt 27:50** “And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.”
- D. Jesus became our Savior
 - 1. He was raised from the dead.
 - i. **I Co 15:3-4** “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures”
 - 2. He became our advocate.
 - i. **I Jn 2:1** “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”
- E. Thus...
 - 1. We have an awesome God that purchased the church with His blood.
 - i. **Ac 20:28** “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (NKJV)

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III. An Awesome God Of Expectations

A. God expects us to have faith

1. He expects us to have faith (not the modern faith...leap in the dark)
 - i. Faith is weighing the substance and evidence to gain a proper understanding.
 - a. **He 11:1** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (NKJV)
 - ii. That evidence is the universe we live in.
 - a. **Ro 1:19-20** “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”
 - iii. The substance is the mind of Christ we have been given.
 - a. **II Ti 3:16-17** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
 - b. **I Co 2:10, 16** “these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God... 16 For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”

B. God expects us to be faithful

1. Faithfulness is based on not only believing in Jesus as Lord but obeying Him.
 - i. **Jn 3:16** “
 - ii. **Jn 14:15** “
2. For the non-Christian this means becoming a Christian.
 - i. Obeying God’s gospel plan of Salvation.
 - a. Hear (**Ro 10:17**); Have Faith in Jesus (**Jn 3:16; Jn 14:15**); Repent (**Ac 17:30**); Confess Jesus as Lord (**Mt 10:32**); Be immersed for the remission of sins (**Ac 22:16; I Pt 3:21**)
3. For the Christian this means staying obedient.
 - i. Walking in the light.
 - a. **I Jn 1:7** “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
 - ii. We walking in the light by being workers for Christ.
 - a. **Ep 2:10** “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
 1. There should be no such thing as a well-rested Christian on earth.

C. Thus...

1. We have such an awesome God why would anyone not want to live up to the expectations God has set for us.

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CONCLUSION

1. The psalmist wrote inspired by God...
 - a. **Ps 47:2** “For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.” (NKJV)
2. Question: Brethren are you aware that our God is truly and awesome God?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
 - b. If not why not?
4. Invitation