

GOD'S NATURE IS EVERLASTING

PSALM 90:2-4; EXODUS 3:14; 2 PETER 3:8

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MAIN POINT

God's everlasting nature means He has no beginning or end; He has always existed and will always exist.

INTRODUCTION

What is one of your favorite memories from childhood?

Why is that memory so significant to you?

What is an event you are looking forward to in the future?

UNDERSTANDING

> READ PSALM 90:2 AND EXODUS 3:14 (ESV).

Which parts of God's character are easiest for you to understand? Which parts are more difficult? Why?

How would you explain the word "everlasting"? What does it mean for God to be everlasting?

Exodus 3:14 was an answer to a question Moses asked God. What question did Moses ask, and what does God's answer teach us about who God is and what He is like?

Was there ever a time God did not exist? Why should the answer to this question ultimately provide us with comfort?

> READ PSALM 90:4 AND 2 PETER 3:8.

What do these verses teach us about how God relates to time? How is this different than the way we relate to time?

Peter quoted Psalm 90:4 in his letter, but included additional information. Why is this significant?

Are these verses referring to a literal period of time or a thousand years? If not, to what are they referring?

> READ GALATIANS 4:4-5 AND REVELATION 21:23-26.

What are a few ways God has acted in time throughout the biblical narrative? Which are most meaningful to you?

For what ultimate purpose has God involved Himself in history? What is the point of history and where is all of history headed?

God has always existed outside of time. Will we as His creation ever exist outside of time? How will we experience time in heaven (see Revelation 22:1-2)?

APPLICATION

How does God's eternal nature assure us that His purposes for our lives and His mission for the church will succeed?

Though God is eternal, He has acted and continues to act in time. How has God intervened in your life?

Knowing that we exist in time, how can we best use our time in ways that bring glory to Him?

PRAY

Praise God for His sovereign care over human history. Thank Him for loving us enough to enter history to redeem all who were caught in the curse of sin and death. Pray that God would continue to use your time on earth to prepare you for eternity with Him in heaven.

MEMORIZE

"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