

SOVEREIGN OF AGES

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Psalm 90:1-17

“From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” Psalm 90:2

“The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him.” Psalm 103:17

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.” Psalm 106:48

Last Lord’s Day, recognizing that the past year has brought many trials to people within this assembly, and that unusual challenges now confront the congregation, we considered God’s deliverance. We noted biblical promises that He will complete His work within His people, that it will be a glorious completion. Biblical examples of divine deliverance were given, and extended focus was made upon God’s deliverance of Israel at the Red Sea.

Today we continue the same focus—a focus suited to our Thanksgiving season—looking through a very different lens: the lens of God’s eternal existence. Because He is “Sovereign of Ages,” His people within the bounds of time can take comfort knowing that He is above time, ruling everything from eternity past through eternity future, always with eternity in view.

The core of our contemplation is three Scriptures using the phrase “from everlasting to everlasting” to describe divine attributes. They reveal God as:

Psalm 90:2

¹Timeless in duration

²Infinite, immense and invincible in administration

Psalm 103:17

³Merciful in reclamation

Psalm 106:48

⁴Excelling in admiration and adoration

These God-qualities abound in Jesus Christ. **He presented Himself as “I AM”** who appeared to Moses in the burning bush (Ex. 3:14; John 8:23, 24). The title “I AM” bespeaks perpetual present tense, ¹timeless duration. It implies priority of existence: ²everything begins and ends in Him, hence infinity, immensity and invincibility. God came to Moses by that name as the ³deliverer who was reclaiming Israel from bondage (Ex. 3:7-12), and He foresaw Israel’s response, saying ⁴“ye shall serve God upon this mountain” (Ex. 3:12).

Apostle John affirmed the same regarding Christ (John 1:1-14; I John 1:1-4). He was in the beginning, ¹timeless in duration (John 1:1-2; I John 1:1). He was the ²creator of all things, and thus infinite, immense and invincible (John 1:3-4, 10). He came to ³give sinners power to become sons of God (John 1:12; I John 1:3-4), thereby manifesting, ⁴“glory as of the only begotten of the Father.”

Jesus Christ claimed these attributes when He said, **“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last”** (Rev. 1:8, 11; 21:6; 22:13). These describe the ¹one who is timeless in duration. They identify the ²creator of all: immense, infinite and invincible. He spoke as Savior, saying “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. ³I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely” (21:6). He repeated this claim also in connection with His promised return to ⁴glorify His people (22:12-13).

Jesus Christ, timeless, infinite, merciful and excelling in glory appears as Sovereign over time and everything that occurs within the span of time, as the unfailing sustainer of all His people now and forevermore.