

WEDNESDAY SERMON

Willow, Alaska

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Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1

Text: Multiple

Subject: CONFESSION OF FAITH SERIES – The Existence of God, Article 1

This is article 1 of our Confession of Faith which reads as follows:

1. The Existence of God

The Lord our God is one God, who exists in Himself. His being cannot be comprehended by any but Himself. He alone hath immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light. He is most holy, infinite, great, wise, powerful, loving, merciful, gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. In Him we live and move and have our being. He preserves all creatures.

1Co.8:6; Is.44:6; 46:9, Ex.3:14; 1Ti.6:16; Is.43:15; Ps.147:5; Deu.32:3; Job 36:5; Jer.10:12; Ex.34:6, 7; Ac.17:28; Ro.11:36.

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This preacher thinks that all men have, at one time or another, in their lives asked the question: Is there a God? How can we know?

The Bible declares that God is. The Holy Scriptures do not try to prove to natural man that God exists, but rather tells us in words which cannot be successfully denied, that God is. Let's read it:

Ps 19:1-6 (KJV) To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. 6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

Again, in Romans 1: **Ro 1:19-23 (KJV)** *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

Think of it! The heavens declare the glory of God! The sun shining in His strength; the moon ruling the nights all over the earth; and the stars joining the sun and moon to move in their courses – all cry out in a language that is clearly heard by all men on the face of the earth! What does their voice say? They say: God is! God is! Therefore the Holy Scriptures say of man who stops his ears at the voices of the heavens, that He is a fool who says in his heart that there is no God.

Ps 14:1 (KJV) *To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*

Ps 53:1 (KJV) *To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.*

Therefore, we know and are sure that God is – and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Heb. 11:6). Let us now examine the statements and proof texts for this article

- **The Lord our God is one God, who exists in Himself. His being cannot be comprehended by any but Himself.**

This preacher has always contended that if a person believes the very first verse of the Bible, he will have no problems with all the rest of the Bible.

Ge 1:1 (KJV) *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

In the beginning God... What a striking phrase! What do we know of God from this verse? The Noun God is taken from the Hebrew word "אלהים" `elohiym, which is a plural of the noun "אלוה" *el-o'ah* rarely which is always translated as God or god in the OT. Therefore, we know the word "God" comes from a plural Hebrew word in Genesis 1:1. This leads us to know that every time the Hebrew word `elohiym appears, it speaks of a plural God.

Moreover, we see from Genesis 1:1, that “in the beginning” of the creation account, there was God – a plural God. From whence did he come?

1Co 8:5-6 (KJV) *For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

Isa 44:6 (KJV) *Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.*

Isa 46:9 (KJV) *Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,*

Ex 3:13-14 (KJV) *And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.*

This signifies the real being of God, his self-existence, and that he is the Being of beings; as also it denotes his eternity and immutability, and his constancy and faithfulness in fulfilling his promises, for it includes all time, past, present, and to come; and the sense is, not only I am what I am at present, but I am what I have been, and I am what I shall be, and shall be what I am.

- **He alone hath immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light.**

1Ti 6:13-16 (KJV) *I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; **14** That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: **15** Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **16** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.*

- **He is most holy, infinite, great, wise, powerful, loving, merciful, gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.**

Isa 43:15 (KJV) *I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.*

Ps 147:5 (KJV) *Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. (Lord = אדון 'adown aw-done')*

De 32:1-3 (KJV) *Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. **2** My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: **3** Because I will publish the name of the LORD [Jehovah] : ascribe ye greatness unto our God ['elohiym]. [The word LORD (Jehovah) means "The existing one."]*

Words of Elihu to Job: **Job 36:5 (KJV)** *Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.*

Jer 10:10-12 (KJV) *But the LORD [Jehovah] is the true God [‘elohiym], he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. **11** Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. **12** He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.*

Ex 34:5-7 (KJV) *And the LORD [Jehovah, et al] descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the **LORD**. **6** And the **LORD** passed by before him, and proclaimed, The **LORD**, The **LORD** God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, **7** Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.*

- **In Him we live and move and have our being. He preserves all creatures.**

Paul’s words to the Greeks at Mars Hill in Athens who were worshipping an idol to the “unknown God.” **Ac 17:23-28 (KJV)** *For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. **24** God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **25** Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; **26** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of*

*the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: 28 **For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.***

O, yes, beloved, we all live and move and have our being in our God.

- He knows our thoughts afar off;
- there is not a word in our tongue but God knows it altogether (Psa. 139.4);
- He knows the secrets of our hearts;
- He sees both the evil and the good of us all;
- He beheld our substance while it was formed in the lower parts of the earth before it existed – and in his book all our members are written;
- He knows our frame, and remembers that we are dust;
- he knows our tears;
- He knows the way we take;
- He knows what we need before we ask him;
- He knows those who are his;
- He knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation;
- he knows the number of all the hairs of our head;
- He directs our steps for it is not in man to direct his own steps;
- He knows our times (days, months, years) are in his hand;
- and there is nothing (not one thing – good or bad) that comes into our lives which the LORD did not direct; and he works all of those things together for our good.

Ro 11:33-36 (KJV) *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the*

*Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? **35** Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? **36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.***

Re 4:10-11 (KJV) *The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*