

The Everlasting Word

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*When Thomas Payne was about to publish his infidelic book, **The Age of Reason**, Benjamin Franklin replied: “Burn it! Never unchain that tiger; if the world be so bad with Jesus Christ, what would it be without Him?” I think today we have a good idea of what the world without Jesus is like.*

The Eternal Word

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matt. 24:35). Men may not like the Gospel, nor the fact of their accountability to God the Creator, but that does not change the fact! Men’s works fade away, but the Gospel does not fade away.

God’s Word is “*everlasting*.” That means it is “*forever, eternal, without interruption*.” The Word is everlasting because its Author is everlasting. It is ordered “*according to the commandment of the **everlasting** God, for obedience to the faith*” (Rom. 16:26).

Everything about God is eternal, and everlasting. “*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His **eternal power** and **Godhead**, so that they are without excuse*” (Rom. 1:20). “*Who alone has **immortality**, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and **everlasting power***” (1 Tim. 6:16).

Since these things are true, we understand that God’s power for the salvation of man from sins is the Gospel (Rom. 1:16). The greatest part of that power is the eternal nature of it. Once forgiven of sins by God, one is *forever forgiven* of that sin! “*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will **remember no more***” (Heb. 8:12). When God forgets something, it is forgotten!

Understandable?

Some people refuse to believe the Bible because they cannot understand or comprehend such things as an eternal God Who has no beginning and no ending. Certainly there are many incomprehensible things in the Bible, but if we can get past Genesis 1:1 then the rest is easy!

Can I comprehend God making **something** out of *nothing*? Of course not, because it makes no sense according to our present set physical laws. But then again, God is *outside* of the realm of nature, isn’t He? Heb. 11:3.

Can all men understand how a commercial airplane flies while its wings do not flap, and it carries as much as 155,000 pounds? Certainly not, but that doesn’t keep them from buying tickets and going across our country in three or four hours!

Some of the things I cannot understand about God are: (1) How He had no beginning; (2) How He made man *ex nihilo*; (3) How His manifold wisdom seen in the various creations of the animal world is maintained; (4) How God knows the names and thoughts of all who have ever lived; (5) How God controls the universe and its natural laws by His mind; etc. But that doesn’t keep me from believing that He is and that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him! (Heb. 11:6)

Other Promises

God promises us eternal life (Jn. 3:16), which means that it is *unending* once obtained. It will include a *spiritual* body in a *heavenly* home (1 Cor. 15:35-38; 2 Cor. 5:1). I do not understand these things either, but I believe in them. The apostle John said about this: “*Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is*” (1 Jn. 3:2). John and all true believers are content to “wait and see” what all this will be like. We wait with great hope and anticipation! “*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will **transform** our lowly body that it may be **conformed** to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself*” (Phil. 3:20-21).