

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Psalm 86:8-10 “Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name. For You are great, and do wondrous things; *You alone are God.*”

Exodus 15:11 "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

I Corinthians 8:4-6 “We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.”

Quote: “*The Lord our God is the one and only living and true God; Whose subsistence is in and of Himself. Who is infinite in being and perfection; Whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself.*” (1689 Baptist Confession of Faith)

Addressing the idolatry of his day, Jeremiah wrote, “Inasmuch as there is none like You, O LORD (You are great, and Your name is great in might), Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations, And in all their kingdoms, There is none like You. But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish; A wooden idol is a worthless doctrine.... But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. Thus you shall say to them: ‘The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.’ He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.”¹ The alternatives to the true and living God will perish with the imaginations of those who created them!

I fear Thee, God, and well I should, for *Thou art God alone*. I've known of Thee through sacred Script that lauds Thee on Thy throne. Thy mercy stems Thine awful wrath and bids the ransomed sing A symphony of joy in praise to their eternal King.

I searched life's treasure chest of words for plaudits to proclaim Great anthems like the angels lift in worship of Thy name. Though men can pen a noble theme that stirs the heart and mind, Poor tribute do they offer Thee Who spurns both space and time.

Like rainbows 'gainst an angry sky, like glowing flames of light, Thrice-holy God, Thy purity pales sunshine into night. None can Thine understanding search; nor can men e'er describe Thy wisdom, love, and faithfulness this side of Paradise.

Transcendent in Thy majesty yet intimate through grace, Almighty as my Father-God, I rest in Thine embrace. Great Judge of truth and righteousness, exalted on Thy throne, *I fear Thee more; and well I should, for Thou art God alone.*²

There is one living and true God

“‘You are My witnesses,’ says the LORD, ‘And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. *Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.* I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses,’ says the LORD, ‘that *I am God.* Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?’”³ Knowledge of God draws any true believer to crave more knowledge so that he or she might fear Him and make much of His unique Excellence. It instills the confidence that the true and living God is in complete control of all aspects of His creation in general and of their lives in particular. Well did David write, “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.”⁴

¹ Jeremiah 10:6-12 ² Exodus 24:10; Ezekiel 1:26-28; 3:12; 8:2; 10:1; Daniel 10:6; Revelation 4 ³ Isaiah 43:1-13; I John 5:19-21 ⁴ Psalm 139