

# 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 90:1-4 “Lord, You have been our dwelling place in *all generations*. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, *Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God*. You turn man to destruction, And say, ‘Return, O children of men. For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night.’”

**Quote:** “Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.”” Isaac Watts

**M**oses begins this Psalm by affirming that God Himself has been the eternal refuge of His people from the beginning of time. He also acknowledges that all men have one thing in common—a return to “the dust” at God’s bidding.<sup>1</sup> The fact that our Father-God controls the length of our journey in this life can be a source of blessed hope and peace for Christians.

Moses then reminds us that the Creator of all things exists outside of time and space. He is the eternal, self-existent, “first cause.” He is the Everlasting God! He is the same—yesterday, today and forever!

In Genesis, Abraham “called on the name of the LORD, the *Everlasting God*.”<sup>2</sup> Psalm 93 proclaims God’s *everlasting*, majestic, powerful sovereignty. In Psalm 106, David prayed, “Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting!” The prophet Isaiah asked, “Have you not known? Have you not heard? *The everlasting God*, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.”<sup>3</sup> “For thus says the *High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity*, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.’”<sup>4</sup>

Like God the Father, God the Son is also said to be everlasting. “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, *Everlasting Father*, Prince of Peace....”<sup>5</sup> In Hebrews, God says of Christ, “Your throne, O God,

is *forever and ever*; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.”<sup>6</sup> And Jesus Himself speaks of the glory *that He had with the Father* before the creation of the world.”<sup>7</sup>

The Holy Spirit is also said to be eternal, and was involved in the creation of the heavens and the earth.<sup>8</sup> The inspired author of Hebrews references the Spirit when he wrote of the superiority of Christ’s perfect atonement for sin. “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who *through the eternal Spirit* offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”<sup>9</sup>

The truth that the triune, self-existent God is everlasting is critical to the Christian faith. Failure to believe this

## The Everlasting God

leaves man to speculate answers to the question “Why is there something rather than nothing?”

The biblical answer is that the Everlasting God willed it to be so for His own glory! Scoffers mock and fools say, “There is no God.”<sup>10</sup> Paul reminds us that “the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their own craftiness’; and again, ‘The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.’”<sup>11</sup> Secular man cannot tolerate the truth that there is One Who has forever existed outside the confines of time and space, and to Whom all will one day give an account. The universe points to order, design, beauty, power, and yet the “deceitful and desperately wicked hearts” of those who openly reject God and His Christ, cling to the “theory” that something came from nothing by chance, expanded into our immense universe, magically brought forth life, and then genetic mutations, “good fortune” and “survival of the fittest” have gotten us to our present state. It is most sobering to ask, “What is the present state of our world?” Scripture clearly describes the providence of the Everlasting God that is unfolding with each passing day.<sup>12</sup> Because of His grace, Christians will have shelter in the approaching storm. *The Lord is coming!*

1. Job 14:5 2 Gen.21:33 3 Isa.40:28 4 Isa.57:15 5 Isa.9:6-7 6 Heb.1:8-12 7 Jn.1:1-3, 14 8 Gen.1:1-2; Col.1:16-20 9 Heb.9:14 10 Psa.14:1 11 I Cor.3:19-20; Isa.40:28-31 12 Rom.1; II Tim.3; II Peter 3