

#### **4. God Has Spoken that He Is God!**

While the philosophy of Epicurus, was declaring throughout Asia Minor and Greece that Pleasure was the alpha and omega of all things, the Lord Jesus spoke to John and God is quoted as declaring that he was the Alpha and Omega. Once God designated his prophets as spokesmen and once he had spoken through his son, direct utterances were few. However, he did speak of his very nature

##### ***The Beginning and the End***

One occasion where he spoke of his nature was in Rev 21:6-8:

6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars – their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

The beginning as recorded in Gen 1:1-2 was prior to the creating of the heavens and the earth:

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

##### ***The Creation of the Heavens and the Earth Prove God Is***

God revealed himself through the creation itself. Rom 1:18-23 describes made plain himself through his creation:

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

In the creation, mankind has all one needs to have to understand God's eternal power and divine nature. Thus, mankind is without any excuse since these creations may be seen by all. The first premise in establishing that God is is the creation itself. However, man is not so wise turning rather to his own feeble creations and futile thoughts.

Ps 19:1-11 teaches us how the creation should convince us of God and his glory and power:

9 The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
2 Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.

3 There is no speech or language

where their voice is not heard.

4 Their voice goes out into all the earth,

their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,

5 which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens

and makes its circuit to the other;

nothing is hidden from its heat.

Only to look around at the sun and stars, should be enough to convince us that God is!

### ***Our Own Spirit Tell Us That God Is***

In addition to the creation of the world declaring that God is, we have our own bodies and spirits endowed with complexities that could only come from God, declaring that He is God.

Jesus spoke of true worshipers as those who worship in spirit and truth and connected our spirit with that of God. To know that God is is to look within ourselves to the spirit we received from him. Jesus taught in John 4:23-24:

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

In Gen 1:24-27, God spoke of his creation where it was only of man that he said, "Let us make man in our own image:

24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

In his image, he created us living beings a testimonial through the ages that God is. Gen 2:7 reads:

7 the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Ezek 18:3-9 testifies that every living soul belongs to God:

4 For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son — both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

5 "Suppose there is a righteous man

who does what is just and right.  
6 He does not eat at the mountain shrines  
or look to the idols of the house of Israel.  
He does not defile his neighbor's wife  
or lie with a woman during her period.  
7 He does not oppress anyone,  
but returns what he took in pledge for a loan.  
He does not commit robbery  
but gives his food to the hungry  
and provides clothing for the naked.  
8 He does not lend at usury  
or take excessive interest.  
He withholds his hand from doing wrong  
and judges fairly between man and man.  
9 He follows my decrees  
and faithfully keeps my laws.  
That man is righteous;  
he will surely live, declares the Sovereign Lord.

As living beings, there is within all created in the image of God an inherent understanding of righteousness. Rom 2:12-16 explains how this nature allowed the Gentiles to do things of God without having a specific law as did the Jews. This nature in man declares that God is!

12 All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. 14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, 15 since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.) 16 This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

## ***I AM WHO I AM***

The heavens declare the glory of God; and man in the likeness of God declares that God is; but God himself declares that He is God

Ex 3:4-6; 13-15 offers a revealing conversation between God and Moses:

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

I AM WHO I AM! How better could one say God is!

**God, the great I AM, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, is!**