

There Is No Other God

"I Am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before Me ... You shall not make gods to share with Me; gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves" (Exodus 20:2, 3 & 23). "He who sacrifices to any god but the Lord only will be utterly destroyed" (Exodus 22:20).

"I Am the Lord; that is My Name! I will not give My glory to another nor my praise to engraved images" (Isaiah 42:8).

"You are My witnesses and My servant whom I have chosen so you might know Me, believe Me and understand I Am He. Before Me there was no God formed, neither will there be after Me. I Am the Lord and besides Me there is no Saviour ... You are My witnesses and I Am God," says the Lord (Isaiah 43:10 & 11).

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of Hosts, "I Am First and I Am Last. Besides Me, there is no God. Who is like Me? Let him declare it and set it in order before Me since I established the ancient peoples ... All who make graven idols are worthless. The idols they delight in do not profit them, and their own worshippers do not see or know, so they are put to shame. Who is such a fool to fashion a god or cast a graven image that is profitable for nothing? ... He hews for himself trees of the forest then it becomes fuel for a man to burn; a part of it he warms himself and bakes bread then he makes a god and worships it! He falls down to it and prays to it and says, "Deliver me for you are my god!" ... No one considers in his mind, "I have burned part of this log in the fire and I have baked bread on its coals and have roasted meat and eaten it. Will I make the remainder of it into an abomination? Will I worship a tree trunk?" (Isaiah 44:6 to 19).

"I Am the Lord and there is no one else. There is no God besides Me" ... For thus says the Lord Who created the heavens. God Himself, Who formed the earth and made it, Who established it and did not create it to be a waste, He formed it to be inhabited – "I Am the Lord and there is no one else" ... "They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. Bring forth your arguments for praying to gods that cannot save ... Take counsel together. Who announced this before? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other God besides Me. A just and righteous God and Saviour. There is none besides Me. Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:5, 18, 20 to 22).

"Remember the former things of old, for I Am God and there is no one else. I Am God, and there is none like Me" (Isaiah 46:9).

"Do not be afraid for I Am First and I Am Last" (Revelation 1:17). 'These are the words of the First and the Last' (Revelation 2:8). "I Am Aleph and Taw; First and Last; Beginning and End" (Revelation 22:13).

The Lord God of Israel said that He is the First and the Last; the Beginning and the End (Isaiah 44:6). Jesus said the same thing to John in the book of Revelation. When John was just a young man, he received the revelation that Jesus is God. 'In the beginning (before all time) was the Word (Jesus) and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was present originally with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being. In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of men' (John 1:1). When Jesus met up with John many years later, he saw the spiritual name of Jesus. 'The title by which He is called is The Word of God ... On His garment He has a name inscribed, King of kings and Lord of lords' (Revelation 19:13 & 16).

Jesus is the living Word of God who came in the flesh for mankind. There are some people who do not believe that Jesus is God, but the above scriptures prove to us that He is. When Jesus was before the assembly of the chief priests and scribes, He referred to Himself as 'I Am', the same name as God called Himself when He spoke to Moses. 'God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. You say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you'" (Exodus 3:14). 'They asked, "Are You the Son of God?" He answered them, "It is just as you say, I Am"' (Luke 22:70).

The scriptures say Jesus is God. We have one God and Saviour, Jesus (John 1:1; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 1:1). God the Father is our Saviour and all through the New Testament we read Jesus is our Saviour. He is God, He was there in the beginning and He made everything. 'Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of Hosts, "I Am First and I Am Last." Both God the Father and Jesus the Son said that, but what is interesting, is this was Jesus speaking from the Old Testament. He is the Lord, our King, our Redeemer, First and Last, Beginning and End, our Lord and our God (John 20:28).

It is very hard for our finite minds to comprehend how God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit could have been there before time. God was not created and has life in Himself, so does Jesus. 'As the Father has life in Himself (is self-existent), so He gave to the Son to have life in Himself' (John 5:26). We also find it hard to comprehend

how God and Jesus are One yet two at the same time. In fact there are three in the Godhead, but there is still only One in complete unity, omnipresence and omniscience. 'I and the Father are One' (John 10:30). 'Those whom You have given Me, may they be one as We are One ... May they all be one just as You Father, are in Me and I in You, may they also be one in Us ...' (John 17:11 & 21). What is Jesus talking about? How can we be one when we are so many? By unity of Spirit. The example of this unity is a holy marriage. 'A man will leave his father and mother and become united to his wife and they will become one flesh' (Genesis 2:24). We know that when a couple marry, they do not physically become one human, but they are to become one in unity, with two personalities, each with their own role. God the Father and Jesus the Son are One in unity, with two Personalities, each with His own role. The Holy Spirit is also One with them. Jesus called the Holy Spirit 'Father'. 'Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank You Father, Lord of heaven and earth"' (Luke 10:21). They, together in unity, existed before anything was ever created. There is no one else so we must depend solely on the Lord. He is our very life, breath and our existence. During creation, life was breathed into Adam (Genesis 2:7). During the infilling of the Holy Spirit, Jesus breathed new life into the Apostles (John 20:22). It is impossible for us to be independent of God. He made us, He is always there and He is the only Person whom we can trust. He will never let us down, and He will be living amongst us after we go to heaven. 'Behold! God's home is among mankind. He will live among them and they will be His people and God will personally be with them and be their God' (Revelation 21:3).

The Father and the Son are First and Last. The Lord was there first and will be around long after we humans have gone. The knowledge that the Lord was always there and always will be there, surrounds us with a powerful sense of security. We will never be left alone. He will always be there with us, for us and beside us. We need to live for God and accept there is only one God and He is possessive of His special creation. We have been made in His image, are His children and we are special to Him. He becomes jealous and angry when people worship other gods. 'You will worship no other god for the Lord, Whose Name is Jealous, is a jealous God' (Exodus 34:14). God will not tolerate idolatry. 'You will not bow down yourself to them or serve them for I the Lord your God am a jealous God' (Exodus 20:5). His possessiveness reveals His love for us. We belong to Him. We are His just as much as He is ours (Hebrews 8:10). That is what salvation is all about. To reconcile mankind with the One True God, for there is no one else. Hallelujah!

Amen and God bless you.

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