

The idea of the eternal God who created time “In the beginning” is the only view that makes sense not only of the Biblical data but what we observe in the universe around us. Concepts such as past, present, or future are everyday concepts. God is eternal. Some people think of time as if it were a river, God is upstream, downstream, right in front of you, and looking from the shore all at the same time. No matter how we think of time, the key point is this: God *transcends* time as humans know and experience it. But in what ways does God transcend time? Does God’s clock not have hands? Or is God the clock maker and the one who winds the watch. God is a self-existent and eternal being who has the power of being in himself. God is uncaused.

*God Never Changes so our future is secure and eternal. God’s timeless character is our firm foundation.*

*"Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, God never changes or casts shifting shadows" (James 1:17).*

God never changes. In fact, it is impossible for God to change. The influences that cause change in your life have no effect on God. God will never be stronger or weaker. His knowledge and wisdom will not increase or diminish. God does not compromise or change His values. And God does not have mood swings. Life and its uncertainties may shake you, but God-the Rock of Ages-does not move. If you cling to God, His strength will sustain you.

God's unchanging purpose gives you eternal significance. Psalm 33:11 states, "The Lord's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken." God's plan is unchangeable. It existed at the beginning of creation and remains the same today. And you are part of His plan! Paul explains, "We are God's masterpiece. God has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things God planned for us long ago" (Ephesians 2:10).

God's unchangeable ways assure you of unwavering guidance. Psalm 18:30 states, "As for God, His way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true." God's principles for life never change. His guidelines, given in Scripture, produce fruitful lives when you follow them.

God's unchanging Word equips you with timeless truth. Isaiah declared, "The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8). God's words and commands are timeless.

God's unchanging commitment guarantees everlasting security. If you have trusted in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you can be assured of eternal life. God is eternally committed to your redemption, your spiritual growth, and your eternal destiny. God's commitment to you is as strong as God is eternally constant. The storms of life are continually changing, but God remains the same. God is consistent and reliable. God is your anchor. You can count on God because God never changes.

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).*

Yes, God is timeless – but, more importantly, God is also timely. Even though God is as far above us as you and I are above a dot on a piece of paper...even so, at just the right moment in history, God entered into time as one of us so that God was, God is, and God will always be full of great mercy!

Finally, yes, God is eternal – however, in addition, God is present today! This is the gift that gives greatest hope to us.