

GOD IS A SPIRIT

We are looking here at the attributes of God; previously we saw that God is sovereign, now we notice that the word of God tells us that,

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as the gospel of John tells us in John 4:24, and the Shorter Catechism sets this out very plainly when it says, God is a spirit infinite, eternal and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

God as a spirit had no beginning and will have no end, he is eternal. People speak of things pre-historic, yet God is the only one who pre-dates history.

GOD IS ETERNAL

Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. He lives in eternity outside the sphere of time, and as mortal human beings we cannot understand these things but accept what God has revealed.

GOD IS A TRINITY

In the beginning God Genesis Ch.1:1 here is our introduction to our Heavenly Father, the Hebrew word for God is ELOIM

A plural word, meaning that it refers to more than one person, which is further substantiated by,

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

This can be further supported by,

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

The next attribute we notice is that,

GOD IS CREATOR

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Also, **Heb 11:3** Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

The Lord is saying in this portion of scripture that the things that we see were not made out of pre-existing matter, everything was created by the word of God in all its perfection out of nothing.

There is a multitude of evidence to a designer creator in every living thing which is so complex in their function and frame that it would be impossible for all the minute and marvelous designs to come together in the correct order by accident. For instance, if the placing of the eyes were to be controlled by the chance random process, the possibility of the two eyes being placed on the head, leave alone symmetrically there is an unlikely scenario, but it has happened to all the animals, birds, insects, fish, reptiles etc.,

Then there is a very interesting portion of scripture in,

Neh 9:6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

The word host means a army of servants Not only has the Lord created the heaven which we see, but the heaven of heavens, elsewhere it is called the third heaven, this is the place where God dwells, with all the host which he has created, so we see by this portion of scripture that,

GOD CREATED THE SPIRIT BEINGS

Now it is very logical to ask, when were the spirits created?

Ex 20:11 gives the answer, **For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:**

These spirit beings were created as supernatural beings, perfect as all the rest of God's creation. **Gen 1:31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

They were created with special characteristics, eg.

GREAT STRENGTH

Psa 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

Isa 6:1-2 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

These angels are very privileged to be in the immediate presence of almighty God, to delight in his love, glory, and light.

BRILIANT IN APPEARANCE

Mat 28:3-4 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men

These hardened Roman soldiers, used to the brutalities and blood of the fiercest battles, for fear became as dead men.

BUT LIMITED IN POWER.

Even Satan the greatest and most powerful of the fallen angels is subject to God in the present and in the judgment, as Jesus stated in

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

The unbeliever and the rebellious will be united in their punishment with the devils in the lake of fire. But there is good news for the believer, there are angels that are,

SUPPORTERS OF THE SAINTS

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

What a comfort to the believer to know that the angels from heaven are on hand to, avert and restraining evil, to assist against Satan's temptations and procure good, to preserve them in journeys, and comfort them in trial and the approach death, and to carry them up to heaven.

Luke 16:22 *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;*