

Our Eternal God

Only God is eternal

- God had no beginning, will have no end
 - Man is born and dies
- Psalm 90:2
 - God did not have a beginning
 - Will have no end



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Introduction

- Infinity = ∞

$$\frac{1}{.1} = 10$$

$$\frac{1}{.000001} = \text{1 million}$$

$$\frac{1}{.01} = 100$$

$$\frac{1}{0} = + \infty ?$$

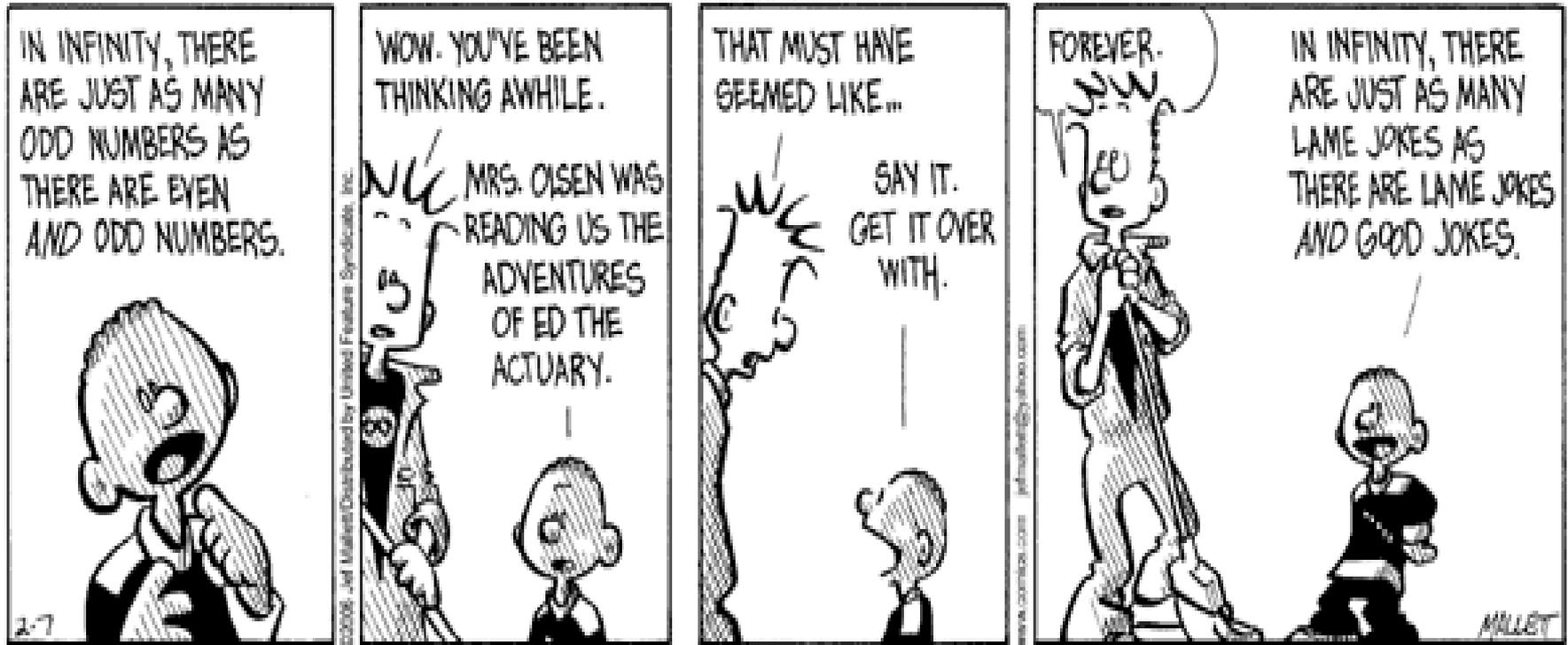
$$\frac{1}{.001} = 1000$$



- Dividing by 0 is really undefined

God is infinite (uncountable), we are finite (countable)

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Why is this an important characteristic of God?

- Our Eternal God is a huge topic
 - Of course God is infinite in all His characteristics and are inexhaustible
 - His characteristics are inseparable
- Why are the characteristics of God so important?
 - Because knowing God = Salvation
 - John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
 - Therefore, messages on God's characteristics are both:
 - Gospel oriented (people are searching for answers which can only be met through the Lord Jesus, the perfect One).
 - An exhortation to believers to be Christ-like as well as appreciating the Lord for who He is so that we can give Him more honor and glory.
 - Of course this topic of an eternal God is one which we cannot mimic

Outline

- Introduction – Infinity, Never ending, etc.
- Why study the characteristics of God?
 - The eternal nature of God is just one of these characteristics
- Definition – Eternity (and everlasting)
- Psalm 90
- Biblical References to God's eternal character
- General Comments about our eternal God
- Conclusion – An encouragement for us to appreciate God's eternal character contrasted with our short (insignificant) time on earth

Eternal - Definition

- Definition of Eternal
 - Merriam-Webster
 - **1** : having infinite duration, everlasting
 - *Eternal* damnation
 - **2** : characterized by abiding fellowship with God
 - good teacher, what must I do to inherit *eternal* life? - Mark 10:17 (RSV)
 - **3** : continued without intermission, perpetual
 - an *eternal* flame
 - **4** : valid or existing at all times, timeless
 - *eternal* verities
 - Synonyms
 - [ceaseless](#), [dateless](#), [deathless](#), [endless](#), [everlasting](#), [immortal](#), [permanent](#), [perpetual](#), [undying](#), [unending](#)
 - Strong's Concordance definition
 - Self-existent Jehovah
 - properly *concealed*, that is, the *vanishing* point; generally time *out of mind* (past or future)
- General comment
 - God is unlimited, infinite and unaffected relative to time
 - He is unlimited and unaffected by space as well (omnipresence)
 - Omnipotence and Omniscience are related in a sense

God is Eternal – Psalm 90

- **A Prayer Of Moses the Man of God.**
- Psa 90:1 LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.
- Psa 90:3 You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men."
- Psa 90:4 For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night.
- Psa 90:5 You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up:
- Psa 90:6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers.
- Psa 90:7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified.
- Psa 90:8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance.
- Psa 90:9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh.
- Psa 90:10 The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- Psa 90:11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.
- Psa 90:12 So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- Psa 90:13 Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants.
- Psa 90:14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
- Psa 90:15 Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us, The years *in which* we have seen evil.
- Psa 90:16 Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children.
- Psa 90:17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

God is Eternal – Scriptures

- Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God *is your* refuge, And underneath *are* the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'
- Isaiah 40:28 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.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God is Eternal – Conclusions

- Appreciate the eternal aspect of God
 - We cannot fully comprehend this since we are not eternal
 - God is in a different “dimension” than man
 - We need to trust Him since He has the “big picture” and we do not.
 - Appreciate the eternal life we have through Jesus Christ our Lord
 - Everlasting covenant – God is faithful and therefore there is no fear of Him giving up on us in the future.
 - If you think you are going through trials at this time, this is “nothing” compared to eternity.
 - Do you really believe that?
 - If we are persecuted for our faith, this life is “nothing” compared to eternity
 - Do you really believe that?
 - Challenge yourself - Are you investing your time and energies into eternity or just this temporal life on earth?
- Appreciate our insignificant time on earth
 - We should not yield to temptations since time on earth is “nothing”.
 - We should be investing our time and energy into eternal things.
- **To give your life to Christ now is to keep it forever.**