



The GOD who is|

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The GOD who is **alpha**
The GOD who is **omega**
The GOD who is **love**



The God Who Is: Alpha and Omega

WARM UP: Describe how God is different than humans.

READ: Revelation 1:5-8

FOCUS: We will better interpret the meaning of life when we realize that God is omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent.

OBSERVE (10 minutes)

God The Omniscient

- When we say that God is omniscient, that means that he knows all things. It means he is able to see all things from beginning to end.
- Jesus is declared the faithful witness to who God is.
- He is the sovereign Lord with authority over every ruler, king, politician and governor of the earth. That means all will have to answer to him, whether now or in the judgment.
- In his omniscience, God knows all that we've done - everything with which we've dealt and struggled. Yet because of Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection, God still declares that through repentance and faith, we can be free!!!
- Knowing all about us, Jesus still says that he has made us a kingdom of priests to his God and Father.
- Because God is the Alpha and the Omega, it means that as God is scripting out not only your life, but all of human history, all things have their beginning and will meet their end with God.

- This is why God makes declarations about his Kingdom purposes, which can not be thwarted.
- This means that you need not be condemned about your past, anxious about your present or fearful about your future.
- God sees all and has an ultimate, benevolent plan for those who follow him.

God The Omnipresent

- When we say that God is omnipresent, that means that in him, we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28).
- This means that God is ever present, all seeing and wise enough to direct all of the affairs of human history.
- Just because God is omnipresent doesn't mean that he endorses every place you choose to go and that with which you choose to be involved.
- We are living in a cancel culture, but you can not cancel the commands or voice of God.

God The Omnipotent

- When we say that God is omnipotent, that means that he is all powerful.
- Before he was known as Yahweh, the God of the Jewish covenant, God revealed himself as El Shaddai, which meant God, the Almighty One. Almighty is synonymous to omnipotent. (Genesis 17:1)
- Just because God is omnipotent doesn't mean that he's obligated to save us from the consequences of choices we make when we choose not to walk blamelessly in his sight.
- God created all things through his Son Jesus at the beginning and is coming again to bring all things back into right order under his dominion.
- Because he is the Almighty, this means that we can be changed now and forever when we come back under his rule. No matter where you are now or how far off you've been, God was your beginning and he can be your benevolent end.
- Jesus went to the cross to take your sin, punishment and shame. This can be your new beginning.
- He rose from the dead with all authority and power to set us free from sin and death. This can be your new end by the hand of the Almighty.
- God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

REFLECT AND DISCUSS (30 min)

- Describe what it means for you when the Bible describes God as "omniscient"? Is this comforting or alarming? Why?
- What does it mean to respond to God's omnipresence in our day? Do you live as if he is always with you?
- He is the omnipotent creator and we are the creation. As the prophet Jeremiah said, God is the potter and we are the clay. Do you allow the Almighty to shape your life or do you resist him?

PRAY & TAKE ACTION

- Thank God for his goodness in view of him being Alpha and Omega, the Almighty God.
- Thank God for his mercy, grace, and invitation to live in his holy presence through faith in Jesus Christ. Repent of resisting him and his ways. Rest in Christ's finished work on the cross.
- Thank God for his promise to never leave you or forsake you.
- Pray for boldness to walk with God declaring the good news of Jesus this week to your family and friends.

Revelation 1:5-8

and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Isaiah 46:8-11

"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

Revelation 21:5-8

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Luke 4:22-30

And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

Genesis 17:1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,

Proverbs 19:3

When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the Lord.

Resources and Quotes

“These days, though, tolerance means that you accept the other person's views as being true or legitimate. If you claim that someone is wrong, you can get accused of being intolerant--even though, ironically, the person making the charge of intolerance isn't being accepting of your beliefs.”

-Paul Copan

“There is a thought that stops thought. That is the only thought that ought to be stopped.” - G.K. Chesterton