

“The Everlastingness in Our hearts”

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The Bible assumes the everlasting presence and action of a God who is always there. It begins with “In the beginning God created...” More specifically we further find that “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God” –John 1:1. We do not know the beginning, but can assume this means creation. But wherever one could mark the beginning God is there. Moses, in marking time from a human perspective simply exclaims: “...(before) even Thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God” –Psalm 90:2b. Speaking prophetically of the Messiah (Jesus), Micah 5:2 distinctly puts his birth in Bethlehem of Judea, the one who would be ruler of Israel, “...whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting” (Emphasis mine). The finite human mind can hardly fathom a God who is from “everlasting” and will still be there to “everlasting.” But the Bible speaks of a God who is (not was) there from eternity past to eternity future. Jesus identifies Himself as “...the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end...” in Revelation 1:11. The Godhead is eternal, past, present and future.

This eternal God stepped out of eternity to create (and mark) time and space. He created a planet called earth and all the heavenly bodies in the universe. And time began out of eternity. God then created man in His own image, with will, volition, free choice and everything that would mark him as distinct from the animal kingdom. God did something that would forever mark the human race different than the animals on this planet. The writer of Ecclesiastes 3:11 simply puts it this way: *“He (God) has made everything beautiful in His own time: also he has set eternity in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end.”* What this means is that there is everlastingness within the human heart that God alone placed there. God’s will was that His human creation would live with Him forever. Sin in the garden and ever since has marred God’s eternal will for humankind. But the everlastingness He has placed in the human heart still beats within us today and causes us to pursue all that exists and all that we can experience on this planet.

To say that humans are part of the animal kingdom is somewhat of an insult to the animals. No animal would kidnap another animal to hold it for ransom. No animal would seek revenge when wronged. No animal would hold a grudge for decades. No animal would murder another animal merely for pleasure or in anger (animals may kill for food or survival only). No animal would purposely abort its unborn young. No animal would prostitute its females. No, we are different than the animals on this planet.

But an even greater difference is that there is not an eternity in the heart of any animal. Mankind has a capacity to worship an eternal God whose going forth is from old, even from everlasting; a God who is from everlasting to everlasting, the eternal, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

So here we are; us humans have been placed on this planet just as the first man and woman were placed in the garden, and given “things” surrounding

us for our enjoyment or experience - things that are of limited endurance. What a frustration! Because within the human heart there is still an everlastingness. Humans seek satisfaction in the things that fill our world: a new car, the right spouse (or partner), better homes and gardens, a second home by a lake or ocean, a full savings or retirement account, a yacht or even a boat, endless cruises, yet another wife with another family, etc, etc. Some of the wealthier and more famous among us have sampled it all. However, everything around us gets old and nothing on this earth lasts. Nothing here is forever! Yet man keeps moving from one amusement to another, like a child watching a three ring circus with clowns, dogs, horses, tigers, elephants, acrobats and tightrope performers. There is one short thrill after another, with applause from the audience and bows from the performers. Then afterward there is nothing and nothingness, the excitement of the performance soon to be forgotten.

But the eternal Word, the everlasting to everlasting God has created everlastingness in our human hearts that cannot be filled by the variety of garden items around us. None of them fits into eternity. See 1 John 2:17. The human heart yearns for eternity; nothing surrounding us fits the bill.

However, the Everlasting Word visited this planet in order for us to fill the everlastingness of our human heart with His presence forever and ever. *“For God so loved the world tht he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life” –John 3:16. “As the Scripture says, whosoever believes in Him will never be disappointed” –Romans 10:11.* Let us seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Nothing else on this planet will fill our emptiness and give us everlastingness in our hearts. See Isaiah 55:6-7



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Recipes

Slow Cooker Chili

By Erin Merhar

- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 lb. ground beef
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. ground cumin
- 2 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 (28-oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (8-oz.) can tomato sauce
- 3 (15-oz.) cans kidney beans, drain & rinse
- 1 (14-oz.) can beef broth
- 1 chipotle chile in adobo
- 2 Tbsp. adobo sauce, from 1 can of chipotle chiles in adobo
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper

In large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and bell pepper and cook until softened, 5-7 min. Add ground beef & break into small pieces. Cook until no longer pink, 6-8 min. Add garlic & cook 1 more min. Drain the beef mixture, then transfer it to a slow cooker. Mix in chili powder, cumin, and oregano, then tomatoes (with juices), tomato sauce, kidney beans, beef broth, chipotle chile, adobo sauce, salt, and black pepper. Cover and cook on high for 4 hours or low for 6 hours. Serve with sour cream, cheese, sliced jalapeños, and tortilla chips.

10 Signs of a Hard Winter

1. Thicker-than-normal cornhusks
2. Woodpeckers sharing a tree
3. Early departure of geese and ducks
4. Early migration of the monarch butterfly
5. Raccoons with thick tails and bright bands
6. Mice eating ravenously into the home
7. Spiders spinning larger-than-usual webs and entering the house in great numbers
8. Unusual abundance of acorns
9. Narrow orange band in the middle of the woolly bear caterpillar warns of heavy snow; fat and fuzzy caterpillars presage bitter cold.
10. The squirrel gathers nuts early to fortify against a hard winter
11. Insects marching in a line rather than meandering

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"I know that whatsoever God does shall be forever: Nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; and God does it that men should fear before Him."

Ecclesiastes 3:14

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Who Am I?

During a children's sermon one chilly autumn Sunday, a pastor wanted to teach a fall-themed lesson. He held up a picture and asked the kids: *"What is gray, has a bushy tail, runs up and down trees, and gathers nuts in the fall?"*

The children looked at each other in total silence. Finally, one little boy raised his hand slowly, looked the pastor dead in the eye, and said: *"I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus... but it sure sounds like a squirrel."*

"The world is not dead; it is only sleeping in the sun, and the autumn winds are only the lullabies the angels sing to it." George MacDonald

BRM Field Report #10

We've heard from several of our area churches looking for Pastors over the last few months:

- Grace Bible Church, in Berwyn, Illinois
- Nortonville Gospel Chapel, Spring Lake, Michigan (Chuck Svoboda church plant)
- Oak Lawn Bible Church, Oak Lawn, Illinois
- Portage bible Church, Portage, Indiana

Please pray for God's leading as they search for qualified, godly men to take up the ministries of these churches.

Long-time BRM friend and supporter Tom VanHoose went home to be with the Lord on August 12th. Please pray for his wife, Margaret, and their family in their time of loss.

If your pastor isn't already aware of BRM's pulpit supply ministry, please pass along our contact information. Our associates and pastors are qualified, experienced men who are ready to step in and fill the pulpit when needed. They're also available on short notice!

BRM is here for you! As we wait on God to provide BRM with a new Executive Director, Fernando Garza (BRM Interim Director), along with Dolores and the BRM Associates, are working together to fulfill BRM's mission. The phone lines are open and manned. Don't hesitate to call with any questions, needs, concerns, or issues.

Please continue to pray for BRM:

1. For God to provide a new Executive Director
2. For God's wisdom and guidance for the BRM Board