

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

03 – THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

INTRODUCTION: The Bible does not seek to prove the existence of God. Everywhere in scripture, the existence of God is a fact that is understood to be true.

LESSONS ON THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

1.- God Is The Self-Existent One

Exodus 3:14 “And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “This is what you shall say to the sons of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Revelation 1:8 (HCSB) “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the One who is, who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.”

In Presenting Himself As I AM In Exodus 3, God Is Explaining The Following.

A.- God exists, separately and independently; in a manner which is not found in any other being.

Isaiah 45:6 (NKJV) “That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

B.- God is Eternal, no one created God; nor is He bound by time or space.

John 8:58 “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

2.- God Is The Source Of All Life

John 5:26 “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.”

3.- Mankind Has Always Believed In The Existence of God.

Romans 1:19-20 (ESV) “For what can be known about God is plain to them (humanity), because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So, they are without excuse.”

Warning: The Bible Teaches That Only Fools Doubt The Existence Of God

Psalms 14:1 “The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good.”

Lesson: God Has Manifested His Existence To All Mankind And Will Hold Us Accountable.

Romans 1:18-19 (NKJV) *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”*

PHILOSOPHICAL ARGUMENTS FOR GOD’S EXISTENCE

The fact that mankind everywhere, believe in the existence of a supreme Being or beings to whom they are morally responsible, is a strong argument in favor of the truth of the existence of God.

1.- His Existence Can Be Observed From The Universe And Creation.

Cosmological Argument: This means that everything that has a beginning, has a cause that made it come to be. Man exists; how did he come to exist? Through God.

Isaiah 45:12 *“It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands and I ordained all their host.”*

2.- A Designer Can Be Inferred From The Design Of Man and Nature

Teleological Argument: Relating to design and purpose in the material world.

Colossians 1:16-17 *“For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”*

3.- The Personal Nature Of Human Beings

Anthropological Argument: Man is unique creation of God because we were created in his image.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV) *“Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”*

EXAMPLES:

A.- Our Moral and Intellectual Nature

Romans 2:12-14 (TLB) *“God will punish sin wherever it is found. He will punish the heathen when they sin, even though they never had God’s written laws, for down in their hearts they know right from wrong. God’s laws are written within them; their own conscience accuses them, or sometimes excuses them.”*

B.- Our Need To Worship

Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV) *“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?”*