

God the Father (part 2 of 4 on the 'Trinity.')

1 Timothy 6:15-16 (New American Standard Bible)

¹⁵ which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is **the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords**, ¹⁶ who **alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see.** To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

Introduction

This morning, we will continue our sermon series on the 'Trinity.' We are going to think about 'God the Father' today.

There's no way I can explain who our God is with one sermon. In fact, no one can. God is **the** unfathomable (Job 9:10). His ways are also unfathomable (Romans 11:33). No human can fully figure out who our God is. That doesn't mean, however, that we should never try to get to know Him. In fact, God wants us to know Him through the study of God's Word the Bible. When we study the Bible (and when we obey His voice—John 14:21), God reveals Himself to us: who He is, what He is like, His attributes, His likes and dislikes, what He does and what He never does. E.g., So far, I have discovered that our God is: the Creator, the Sustainer, the Owner of the universe, the Revealer, the Rewarder, the Heart-knower, the Avenger, the Comforter, to name a few. He is with us. He loves us. He hears our cries for help. He answers our prayers. He rescues us. He protects us. He walks with us. He guides us. He refines and sanctifies us. He never tempts us, and so forth.

Paul the Apostle also discovered who God is and he put his knowledge of God in today's text. Although his description of God the Almighty is not complete, it will bring us one step closer to the understanding of God. Through Paul's revelation, I am going to focus on three elements of God's attributes: **Sovereignty, Immortality, and Light.**

Content

The King of kings and Lord of lords. The LORD is the only Sovereign, the Ruler of all. He rules over all creatures both in the heavens and the earth with His wisdom and might. From the beginning to the end. He is the Alpha and the Omega (Revelation 1:8). His dominion never ends. No one can challenge His authority and power. Honor, glory, and dominion belong to Him and *Him alone* forever and ever. Concerning the Sovereign God, in Daniel 4:34-35, King Nebuchadnezzar (Babylonia) confessed: *For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation.* ³⁵ *All the inhabitants*

of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?" (NKJV).

The same God is not just the Ruler of the universe, but He also is **our** King. He is **our** God. In Psalm 5:2, King David prayed: *Hear my cry for help, **My King and my God**, for to You I pray.* The Lord is my King and my God. Do you get it? He is your King and your God, too. Our King and our God. To Him we pray. We don't pray to a remote god who has no relationship with us. No, rather, we pray to **our** King and **our** God whose ears are attentive to our prayers. Our God is not ashamed of us. He rejoices over us with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). He calls us and knows us by name (John 10:3, Exodus 33:17). That King, that Lord, that Sovereign, that Ruler is with us. No one dares to hurt us.

He alone possesses immortality: Friedrich Nietzsche the German philosopher once said, 'God is dead.' Maybe his god, but not mine. As far as we are concerned, it is an oxymoron (e.g., selling a spear that can penetrate any shield. At the same time, selling a shield that no spear can penetrate.) Why? Because our God never dies. If any god dies, that god is not a god at all. Listen. God the Creator, He alone, possesses immortality that separates Him from the rest of the creation. We all die. But God lives forever. The good news is this: the same immortal God grants us the mortals the hope of resurrection in His presence. This gift of eternal life was freely given to us through Christ His Son. Praise be to God. God is immortal.

He dwells in unapproachable light. Daniel 2:21-22 (NKJV) declares: ²¹ *And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.* ²² *He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And **light dwells with Him.*** Not just light dwells with God, He Himself is Light. 1 John 1:5 says, *God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. Where God is, there is no darkness. We cannot hide anything from God. God is light. E.g., Sunlight exposes every single dust particle in the air.*

God being light, in Heaven, there will be no need of the sun or the moon, because God Himself illumines. Revelation 21:23 says, *And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it,...* Revelation 22:5 also says, *And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.*

As much as God provides us with the light for our physical world, so does He in our hearts so that we may walk in His light. John 11:10---*But if anyone walks during the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.* John further writes: *The darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining.* ⁹ *The one who says that he is in the Light and yet hates his brother or sister is in the darkness until now.* ¹⁰ *The one who loves his brother and sister remains in the Light, and there is nothing in him to cause stumbling.* ¹¹ *But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know*

where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes (1 John 2:8-11). Isaiah 50:10: *Who is among you who fears the Lord, Who obeys the voice of His servant, Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.* Everyone needs God the Light in their lives. God exhorts us to walk in the light of the Lord (Isaiah 2:5). Walk in the light of His countenance (Psalm 89:15). Imagine God the Light illuminates your path!

God dwells in **unapproachable** light that no one has seen Him or can see Him. E.g., One time Moses wanted to see God's glory. So, he asked God, "Please, show me Your glory." ¹⁹ Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. ... ²⁰ But He said, "**You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.**" ²¹ And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. ²² So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³ Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but **My face shall not be seen**" (Exodus 33:19-23, NJKV).

One more thing quickly. Where God's presence is, there will be light, glory along with His holiness. That's why no sinner can approach God because God is holy. E.g., One year, the year that King Uzziah died, Prophet Isaiah had a vision. In his vision, he saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: "**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" ⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. In reaction to this holy experience, Isaiah declared, "Woe is me, for **I am undone!** Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; **For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts**" (Isaiah 6:1-5, NKJV). God dwells in unapproachable light and glory.

Conclusion

We don't realize now how blessed we are to have faith in Jesus Christ. Because of our faith, God granted us the eternal life in Christ. Not because of what we have done, but because of what Christ has done for us. One of our inheritances in Heaven is to be in God's presence. That means, we will witness with our own eyes God's eternal glory, light, dominion forever and ever. God alone is the Sovereign, Immortal, and Light. Amen.