

Who Was, and Is, and Is to Come
Psalm 102:18-28

God is an _____ being. The statement, “God is eternal” defies human reason. But the important question is, “What does the fact that God is eternal _____?” **Psalm 102** helps us answer that question.

The Psalmist knows that since God is eternal, He has always _____. And if God was there in the beginning, then you can be assured that in every moment of _____, God was there as well.

An amazing example of this took place as Jesus was calling His disciples. When Nathanael met Jesus, Jesus claimed to know about him. Nathanael asks: *“How do you know me?”* Jesus’ answer doesn’t just claim _____; it claims prior _____. “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I _____ you.”

That God is eternal also means He is _____. The fact that his psalm is a prayer affirms his awareness that God is with him in the present. God’s clear promise in Scripture is that He is “with us”—_____. His constant presence is assured through His _____. Even in our most isolated moments, we are never really _____, for Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, is with us.

But the Psalm’s focus is on how God’s eternal nature affects our _____. To the Psalmist, God’s eternal nature means only that his _____ will live in God’s presence when he is _____. But a better future with our eternal God became clearer in the ministry of _____. On the cross, Jesus promised, “This day you will be _____...” With the eternal Jesus, we can live _____.

The Bible pictures our lives like runners in a 4x400 meter relay. You are simply the steward of the baton for _____. God isn’t with us like a _____ on the sideline. He is present with every stride we take like the _____ itself. We are running on His eternal _____—on the course He laid out. When we come to the _____, He will be there, ready to make _____ the eternal life He prepared and planned for us.