

# ***What was God doing before He created the Universe?***

## **Snapshots of Eleven Key Attributes of God**

**Exodus 3:14** Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

### **A. Attributes of God that are totally self-sufficient:**

**Psalm 90:2** Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

**Psalm 147:5** Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

**Psalm 139:8-10** If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol {i.e., the grave}, behold, You are there; if I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me.

**Jeremiah 23:24** "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

**Psalm 115:3** Our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

**Psalm 103:19** The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all

**Malachi 3:6** I, the LORD, do not change

**James 1:17** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of **the** lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

**John 17:5** Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was

## B. Attributes of God that require other beings in order to be manifested:

**Psalm 119:68** You are good and {implied "therefore"} do good

**1 John 4:8** God is love.

**Ephesians 3:19** ...to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

**Jeremiah 31:3** The LORD appeared to him saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love"

## C. Attributes of God that require rebellious beings in order to be manifested:

**Habakkuk 1:13** Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You cannot look on wickedness

**Romans 1:18** The wrath of God {*i.e.*, God's holy response to sin} is revealed from heaven against all ~~ungodliness~~ **unseemliness**

**Hebrews 12:29** Our God is a consuming fire

**Lamentations 3:22** It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed

**Titus 3:7** That being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the ~~hope~~ **certainty** of eternal life.

**Psalm 33:11** The counsel of the LORD stands forever

**Ephesians 1:11-12** ...having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to ~~hope~~ **place our certainty** in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

**1 Peter 1:19-20** ...with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

**Ephesians 3:11** This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord

**9 -10** ~~to bring to light~~ **to make manifest in the light** what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

**Jeremiah 1:5** Before I formed you in the womb I knew you