

“God Is ...”
Hebrews 11:6

Introduction:

- A. The Road to Salvation Begins with the Proposition, “God Is ...”
(Heb 11:6; Acts 17:19-30)
- B. There Is Ample Proof for the Existence of God
 - 1. The Argument from Creation - Rom 1:20; Heb 3:4
 - 2. The Argument from Beauty - Psa 19:1–6
 - 3. The Argument from Life, Intelligence and Will - Gen 1:26; Psa 94:9-11
 - 4. The Argument from Morality - Gens 20:9
 - 5. The Argument from Man’s Spiritual Nature - Acts 17:23, 27–29
- C. Our Conviction Determines Our Conduct
 - 1. The unbeliever, the atheist or agnostic, does not order his conduct to please God - Psa 10:3-11
 - 2. It is possible for the believer to become an unbeliever - Heb 3:12, 19
 - 3. The fallen Christian may deny that “God is” by his conduct - Eze 9:9; cf., Jude 12, without fear;” see also: 2 Pet 2:10, 21, 22; 2 Tim 3:1-8
 - 4. Let us consider how we are affected by a strong conviction that God is and what effect that has upon our behavior.
- I. ***Believing “God Is” Gives Me An Elevated View Of Mankind***
 - A. Unlike the lower creatures’ man is “in the image” and “after the likeness” of God - Gen 1:26
 - B. I am not a dumb animal driven by instinct and appetite.
 - 1. No, I am a rational, reasoning, moral and spiritual being “a little lower” than the angels and not “far from God”
 - C. This knowledge causes me to stand in awe of God who created me making me wonder why He has loved me so - Psa 8:1-9
 - D. Furthermore, this knowledge causes me to treat my fellowman differently than I might otherwise do. Why?
 - 1. His life and soul are equally precious - 1 Cor 11:7
 - 2. Not only are we all of one blood, but we are “his offspring” - Heb 12:9

3. He is worthy of what I desire and deserve - Phil 2:3, Matt 7:12

II. *Believing “God Is” Gives A Sense Of Purpose To My Existence*

- A. The great question men ask is: “What is the meaning of life, why am I here?”
- B. Knowing there is a God makes me understand that I am accountable and beholden to Someone far greater than myself - Eccl 12:13, 14
- C. Life is not a finite journey to be filled with as much pleasure and as little pain as possible - Lk 12:19; 1 Cor 15:32
 1. Rather, it is a pilgrimage toward an eternal reunion with Our Maker - Heb 11:24-27
- D. I now move on to a higher plane. Desiring to be with God I recognize the imperative of walking with God - Gen 5:24
 1. Faith that “God is” should lead to the conviction that He is the rewarder of those who seek Him - Heb 11:6
 2. The diligent search results in the obedient life - Heb 11:8; cf. Gal 5:6, 7
 3. We truly fear God and keep His commandments - Eccl 12:13, 14; 1 Jn 5:3
 4. In this we achieve that for which God brought us into existence - Jn 15:8-11

III. *Believing “God Is” Puts The Joy Into Living*

- A. Life is filled with many unpleasant tasks and experiences; there are hardships of every kind and description.
- B. Without the hope of heaven and eternal fellowship with God, life would be dismal, utterly meaningless and frankly not worth living.
- C. However, joy is ours during these trials - Jas 1:12
 1. We rejoice because through trials we are perfected for our goal of heaven and our Father - 1 Pet 1:6, 7
 2. We rejoice because our efforts in the kingdom in redeeming souls are not wasted - Phil 2:14-18
 3. We rejoice because we can share somewhat in Christ’s sufferings for us - 1 Pet 4:13

4. We rejoice because we have a great reward in heaven -
Matt 5:12

IV. *Believing “God Is” Takes The Fear Out Of Dying*

- A. If there is no God death is the senseless end to a senseless life. We are like the animals in the end, but more miserable.
 1. The animals have no desires, yearnings or aspirations.
 2. They do not dream, neither do they purpose.
 3. Their lives are fully what they ought to be in sleeping, eating, breeding and even in dying.
- B. Yet, if “God is” we know that death is the door through which we must pass to attain all that we hope for. Death is no longer a miserable end to fear, but the first step on the last leg of a wonderful journey to God.
- C. The man in Christ is prepared for death - Phil 1:23; 2 Cor 5:8
- D. There is no “sting,” its pangs cannot hold us just as they could not hold Christ Jesus our Lord - 1 Cor 15:55, 56; Acts 2:24
 1. When the Lord returns for us we will break forth from the grave incorruptible, glorious, powerful, spiritual, immortal - 1 Cor 15:42-44; Rom 2:7, 10

Conclusion:

- A. Salvation Begins with the Proposition: “God Is”
 1. Do you believe that “God is”?
 2. Does your conduct indicate that you truly believe “God is”?
 - a. Are you seeking God and His will?
 - b. Are you obeying His commandments?
 - c. Is your life in rebellion?
 - d. Like the fool, do you live without fear of God?
- B. Belief that “God Is” Will...
 1. Elevate your view of mankind
 2. Give purpose to your existence
 3. Put joy into living
 4. Take fear out of dying