



Section 2: Concerning The Godhead

Question 1: Who is the first and chief of all beings?

Answer 1: God is the first and chief of all beings.

Memory Verse: **Psalm 97:9**
For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Support Verses: **Isaiah 44:6**
Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

1 Timothy 6:15-16

15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Discussion Points:

1. What does the word "exalt" mean?

- Exalt means "to raise high; to elevate in rank or dignity; to elevate in praise" according to Webster's 1828 dictionary.
- According to the Hebrew (Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon) the word used in Psalm 97:9, exalt means, "to go up, to ascend; to excel, to be superior to."
- From these helps we can see that a clear picture begins to unfold about the estimation of God according to the scriptures.
- He is to be exalted! He is to be lifted up in high esteem! He is elevated in dignity and praise! He is superior!
- Our view of God is very important to our theology, and very important to our worldview.
- Someone once said, "A high view of God demands holiness and determines convictions."
- The contrast would also be true that a low view of God dismisses righteousness and avoids any standard.
- Let us strive to cultivate a lofty view of God in our personal, family and corporate worship.

2. Discuss the boldness/confidence of the declaration of God himself, "...beside me there is no God."

- What an amazing statement! "Beside me there is no God."
- With one brief statement there is a dismissal of any other deity.
- As much as Genesis 1:1 made the emphatic assumption that you receive God at his word with regard to His existence, so too, Isaiah 44:6 declares emphatically that there is no other god that even exist, with the exception of "Elohim."



- The question may arise then, "is this presumptuous?"
- The answer would be, "of course not!"
- The only, infinite, eternal, completely righteous being is in no way presumptuous to make such claims.
- Furthermore, how would you or I, finite, temporal, unrighteous beings be able to judge such a claim was presumptuous?
- Pause now, and consider for a moment Job 40:1-14 in light of this point of discussion.

3. How does immortality relate to the nature of God?

- He is the self-existent One... He is life!
- Remember God's own description of Himself in Exodus 3:14... "I AM."
- As such, He is the source, the substance and the sustainer.
- The Hebrew word means "to be."
- He is!
- It would certainly be wise to get to know the one "who only hath immortality."
- Consider John 1:4, where the scripture says, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."
- Your biggest enemy is death, so you would do well to get to know the God Who is life.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Bow the Knee" (Hymn - #13 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Hymn - #10 - Rejoice Hymns)