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Transforming Daily
“... both now and forever ...”
Jude 25

Though this statement is found in Jude’s salutation, it is still a reminder to the believer of the eternity of God. In some translations the salutation includes the words, “before all ages, now and forevermore.” That wording sharpens a finer point on the matter of God’s eternity. What does eternity mean? Eternality simply refers to the eternal characteristic of God. He has always been and will always be.

God has always existed. There was never a time when God was not. Some scholars refer to Him as the uncaused causer. Unlike us, He has no beginning point. God’s ontology like everything else associated with the Bible is a matter of faith. “Where did God come from?” is an often asked question by both children and adults. Genesis speaks of our creation from the point of God already existing. Genesis is about mankind’s origin not God’s. Even in the gospel of John, speaking of the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ, John says, “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” A few verses later John says that nothing made was made without Him, Jesus Christ. This is one of the reasons why the virgin conception and birth of Jesus Christ is so vital to the Deity of Christ.

Jude wanted the believers to take courage in contending for the faith. His statement of praise here in the salutation was a reminder to the believers of just who the faith was based on and all about. Believers then and now can receive encouragement from Jude’s salutation by recognizing in God’s eternity that He is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent both now and forever.