

The True and Living God

Introduction

A. It is important that we understand not only the existence of God -- but how great He is!

B. Repeatedly God refers to Himself as "The Living God."

"But the LORD is the true God, He is the Living God, and an Everlasting King . . . Jeremiah 10:10

". . . ye turn to God from idols to serve the Living and True God."
I Thessalonians 1:9

C. These verses emphasize the reality and greatness of God.

I. Encouragement Concerning Faith, Joshua 3:10,13.

And Joshua said. Hereby ye shall know that the Living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites . . . And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

II. Encouragement Concerning Expectation, I Samuel 17:26,36.

And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying. What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the Living God. . . Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the Living God.

III. Encouragement Concerning Prayer, II Kings 19:4.

It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the Living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard; wherefore lift up thy prayers for the remnant that are left.

IV. Encouragement Concerning Unfailing Supply, Jeremiah 2:13.

For my people have committed two evils, they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of Living Waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

V. Encouragement Concerning Assurance, Romans 9:26.

And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not My people; there shall they be called the children of the Living God.

VI. Encouragement Concerning Transformation II Corinthians 3:3.

Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart.

VII. Encouragement Concerning His Presence, II Corinthians 6:18.

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the Living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

VIII. Encouragement Concerning the Church, I Timothy 3:15

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

IX. ENCOURAGEMENT CONCERNING SECURITY, I TIMOTHY 6:17.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the Living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

X. Encouragement Concerning Cleansing, Hebrews 9:14.

How much more shall the Blood of Christ, Who through the Eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God*,purge your conscience from dead works to serve the Living God?

XI. Encouragement Concerning Hope, I Peter 1:3.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

XII. Encouragement Concerning the Future, Revelation 7:17.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Conclusion

- A. These verses remind us that God is " . . . a very present help in trouble, Psalm 46:1.
- B. Christianity is true as a statement of fact. However, for the Gospel to become the power of God in our daily lives we must put the truth into practice.
- C. It is comforting to realize that God stands behind His Word. He is the True and Living God.

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