

Five-Day Devotional: Ever-Present and Unchanging — Meditations on some Attributes of God July 28–August 1, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

Devotional Inspiration Ever-Present and Unchanging — **Meditations on Some Attributes of God**

Introduction: Many times, requests are made for extensive bios and other occasions an

abbreviated. This is an abbreviated bio of God. Of course, His abbreviated version is lacking nothing. It's still more than enough.
Blessings,
Pastor Fryar
Note to reader: The objective of the Five-day Devotionals is to encourage us to become more influenced by God's character, above any circumstance. This is highlighted through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.



Day 1 – "The God Who Always Is" (Self-Existence)

Scripture: "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM." – Exodus 3:14.

When Moses encountered the burning bush and asked who was speaking to him, God replied, "I AM THE ONE WHO ALWAYS IS." This is the attribute of **self-existence**—God has no beginning and no end. He simply is. He was not created, formed, or developed over time. He exists independently, sustained by nothing and no one outside of Himself.

This is difficult for our minds to fully grasp. Everything in our experience comes from something else. Every effect has a cause—except God. He is the First Cause. The Bible declares, "In the beginning, God..."—He was already there.

That means whenever you face something new—

- A **new day**, God is already there.
- A new challenge, He is already there.
- A **new opportunity**, He is already there.
- A God-inspired dream, He is already there.
- A new relationship, He is already there.
- Even a hurtful or disappointing situation, He is already there.

You don't have to wait for God to arrive. His presence is not something that travels to you; He *is* already there. You may be waiting on a manifestation, a breakthrough, or an answer—but not His presence. Jesus promised, "Lo, I am with you always…" --Matthew 28:20.

This is not a truth we comprehend through intellect alone. We accept it by faith, especially when emotions or circumstances suggest otherwise. When your mind says God is not there, your spirit must rise and say, "He already is."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for always being the "I AM Who I Am." Thank You for being God!



Day 2 – "Mercy That Flows from His Heart" (Mercy)

Scripture: "But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us..." – Ephesians 2:4.

Mercy is one of the most beautiful and inviting attributes of God. It means that God is actively compassionate—He moves toward us with kindness, especially when we are most undeserving.

Because God's justice was fully satisfied through Jesus' death and resurrection, He is free to pour out mercy on those who trust Him. And this mercy never runs out—it's not a temporary feeling or limited gesture. It's part of who He is.

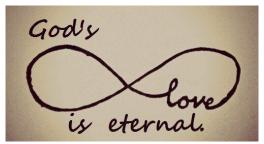
God doesn't reluctantly extend mercy; He *desires* to relate to humanity through it. Mercy is His *normal posture* toward His children. However, for those who continually reject or ignore Him, the attribute of justice must step forward.

Today, reflect on the mercy of God in your own life:

- The many times He forgave you just because you asked.
- The moments He comforted you in your failure.
- The blessings He gave when all you had was brokenness.

You serve a merciful God. Let that truth cause you to praise Him and extend mercy to others.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for Your ongoing mercy. Thank You for being God!



Day 3 – "From Everlasting to Everlasting" (Eternality)

Scripture: "Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." – Psalm 90:2.

The eternality of God is closely related to His self-existence. He has always been and always will be. Time is His creation—He exists outside of it, above it, and beyond it.

This is why God can say things like, "I declare the end from the beginning" (Isaiah 46:10). He is never surprised, never caught off guard, never late. He sees the full picture while we only see fragments. Hallelujah!

This attribute gives weight and credibility to His promises—especially the promise of eternal life. If God Himself were not eternal, how could He offer life that never ends?

Think about this today:

- Your life is held in the hands of an eternal God.
- Your present struggles are known by Him from before they began.
- Your eternal future is secure because it's based on *His* eternal nature.

Take comfort: you are not living on borrowed time but anchored in everlasting love.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I am so humble and thankful a God like You love and care for me. Thank You for being God!



Day 4 – "Never Not There" (Omnipresence)

Scripture: "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?" – Psalm 139:7.

Omnipresence means God is **always present**. There are no boundaries or barriers to His being. Whether in a crowded room or an empty wilderness, God is with you.

This truth is repeated throughout scripture—, the phrase "I am with you" echoes from Genesis to Revelation. These words were spoken to individuals in distress, on mission, in transition, or in fear. And they are spoken to us today.

Jesus reminded His disciples of this right before giving them the Great Commission: "I am with you always." He knew the task would be challenging, but the presence of God would sustain them.

Remember today:

- You're never in a place too dark for God to find you.
- You're never too far for Him to reach.
- You're never so alone that He's not already there.

Let His presence be your peace.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You that I will never be in a place or experiencing a circumstance hidden from Your eyes. Thank You for being God!



Day 5 – "Receive It, Don't Reason It" (Faith Over Intellect)

Scripture: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." – *Proverbs 3:5.*

Some attributes of God—like self-existence and eternality—can stretch our minds beyond comfort. Our intellects reach for clarity, but some truths must be **received by faith**, not figured out by logic.

When your feelings scream that God is absent, or your mind argues that He's not working, you must rest in what is *true*, not just what is *felt*.

- God is already there.
- God is always merciful.
- God is eternally secure.
- God is ever present.

These are truths revealed by Scripture and affirmed by faith. You won't always feel them. You won't always see the evidence of them. But the absence sensory satisfaction doesn't mean the absence of God.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to believe You are who You say You are, even when I don't see, hear, or feel it. I receive Your truth by faith, not by sight.