

Before His Works of Old

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Introduction:

- A. Matt. 13:35 (from Psalm 78:2); Rom. 16:25-26; 1Cor. 2:7; Eph. 3:9
 - 1. John 17:5 - "And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself with the glory which I had with You before the world was."
- B. Before time even existed, God existed in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity existed in perfect harmony, having all They needed in one another.
 - 1. Psalm 16:11 - "joy and pleasures forever more" are in the presence of God. Before creation, God experienced complete joy and fulfillment as He perfectly communed with Himself. God has complete and perfect knowledge of Himself.
 - 2. The Trinity was together in fellowship with One Another from all eternity. They loved each other.
 - 3. At some point they discussed the creation and redemption of humankind - Eph. 1:4-5; 2Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2; John 17:24
 - 4. But everything else lies in mystery.
- C. "In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began" - Titus 1:2
 - 1. If the world had not yet been created, then to whom was the promise of eternal life made? The promise was made among the different members of the Trinity.
 - 2. Therefore, the Godhead planned salvation before the creation.
 - 3. Before creation there was communication, planning, and love within the Members of the Trinity.
 - 4. After creation, that communication and love was directed toward and for humankind.
 - 5. All we need to know about God is what He has done and what He plans to do in the future. He has revealed this to us in His word - Deut. 29:29
- D. Jesus' teaching - John 8:58
 - 1. Where did God come from?
 - 2. God is the uncaused cause. In other words, our universe clearly exists. Everything that happens has a cause. Yet at some point there was a first cause, which by definition was uncaused. That uncaused cause is God. God simply is - Ex. 3:14
 - 3. God's first Divine attribute is that He exists. He was not created. God exists without being caused - Prov. 8:22-23
- E. God has been thinking of us from eternity - Job 7:17; Psalm 144:3, 8:3-6
 - 1. Humankind has never been apart from the thoughts and love of God.

I. BEFORE THERE WAS A SINNER, THERE WAS A SAVIOR

- A. 1Peter 1:18-20; Rev. 13:8; John 1:29; Gen. 3:15

II. BEFORE THERE WAS GUILT, THERE WAS GRACE

A. 2Tim. 1:9; Eph. 1:3-6

III. BEFORE THERE WAS HELL, THERE WAS HEAVEN

A. Titus 1:2; Eph. 1:4; Matt. 25:34, 41

Conclusion:

1. No one can successfully claim that God doesn't care.
2. No one can blame God if they are lost eternally.
3. God loved you before you were born.
4. He prepared a way to Heaven for you before you were born.