

## THAT SAME GOD

Throughout the ages of history and forevermore, God has never changed and will never change.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ There exists a constant, unchanging presence—the eternal, unyielding power of God.
- ❖ In the beginning, God spoke and the universe leapt into existence. From dust, God crafted humanity in His own image, breathing life into man who, with woman, dwelt in His presence in the garden of Eden.
- ❖ God walked with His creation, communing with man. But in a tragic turn of events, man's rebellion shattered this paradise. Seduced by the whispers of a serpent, they reached for the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and severed the bond of trust between them and their Creator.
- ❖ Yet, in the midst of this devastating betrayal, God's love was steadfast and His mercy unfailing. *That same God* had a plan to redeem mankind back to Himself.
- ❖ In Moses' day, a bush was ablaze, yet unconsumed—a miraculous manifestation of God's presence. Moses heard the voice of the Almighty commanding him to lead His people out of bondage. Later, in the midst of a national crisis, Moses declared: "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still" (Exodus 14:14). Some of us today need to follow that command.
- ❖ In the valley of Elah, a young shepherd, David, faced a fearsome giant, Goliath. Armed with just a sling and a stone, he stood against the Philistine champion, trusting in the power of his God (1 Samuel 17:41-47).
- ❖ As the stone found its mark, Goliath fell, slain by the hand of *that same God* who empowered David for victory (1 Sam. 17:49). Are there spiritual giants in your life today? Come against them in the name of the Lord God Almighty, and the victory will be yours.
- ❖ King Jehoshaphat, faced with an overwhelming enemy force, turned to God, not relying on his own strength but acknowledging God's power and sovereignty.
- ❖ In response, God delivered a miraculous victory, demonstrating His faithfulness to those who trust in Him (2 Chronicles 20:1-29 (\*5-6, 12)).
- ❖ In a fiery furnace we find Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, three faithful servants of God who refused to bow before any idol. Faced with the threat of death, they proclaimed their unwavering trust in the God of Israel (Daniel 3:16-18).
- ❖ As they stood firm in their faith, *that same God* revealed His power, walking with them in the midst of the fire and delivering them unharmed (Dan. 3:18-27).
- ❖ Throughout Israel's history, God raised up kings, prophets, and leaders to guide His people and proclaim His word. While kingdoms rose and fell, God's promise of a coming Messiah stayed constant, foreshadowing the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation through the coming Messiah.
- ❖ And God fulfilled His promises in the person of Jesus Christ, His Son: the embodiment of *that same God* who created the

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8  
(all scripture in KJV unless otherwise noted)

- heavens and Earth; a Saviour who empathizes with our struggles; a Redeemer who offers hope and healing.
- ❖ Are you burdened by sickness? That same God heals the sick and raises the dead. Are you overwhelmed by financial crisis, marital difficulties, problems with children, or relationship strife? That same God provides for His children and restores brokenness.
  - ❖ He taught "as one having authority and not as the Scribes" (Mark 1:22). Some were amazed and spoke among themselves saying, "What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out" (Luke 4:36).
  - ❖ Jesus came to fulfil a purpose, which was to redeem mankind back to God. They hung Him on a cross where He died for all the sins of humanity. He was buried and rose again!
  - ❖ And that same God of signs, wonders, and miracles gave His disciple, Peter, the keys to unlock supernatural New Testament fire and anointing.
  - ❖ Acts 2 says that on the day of Pentecost following Jesus' death and resurrection, His followers were together in one place.
  - ❖ Suddenly they began to see what looked like fire above each other. They began to speak in various languages as the Holy Spirit empowered them. Peter explained to the crowd mysteries concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. People were convicted of their sins and received salvation that very day. The Lord has not changed. *That same God* is here today.
  - ❖ The disciples received gifts through the Holy Spirit, doing signs, wonders, and miracles everywhere they went, to the glory of God.
  - ❖ *That same God* is within those of us who have already given our lives to Christ. And, if not, *that same God*, that same power, is here to heal, deliver and set you free. Our God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)—*that same God* who has been with us since the beginning.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. *That same God.* Select at least three figures mentioned in the text and discuss how God displayed His mighty power in their situation.
2. How has the knowledge that the God of the Old Testament 1) was manifested in Jesus Christ in the New Testament, 2) never changes, and 3) is here today, impacted your life? Share as many things as you can/desire and rejoice together in Him.

### PRAYER TIME

Everlasting God, You remain the same—my constant help and Saviour. Thank You!

**WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🤔 (Think about)  
! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) 📢 (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD  
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: Did you ever rediscover something or someone as an adult that as a child you were intimidated by? What was your new reaction?

**PRAYER FOCUS:** F.S. students and teachers in our schools, colleges and universities.

**24-hour Prayer:** Monday @ 12:00 a.m. to Sunday @ 12:00 a.m.;  
**Daily Devotions:** Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;  
**Departmental Prayer:** Every Thursday (please check schedule)  
**Corporate Prayer:** Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.), Saturday morning from midnight to 3:00 a.m., and Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### MEN'S HIKING TRIP

Join us for a men's hiking trip on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The carpool will meet at Faith Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. before heading to the Niagara Glen Nature Center (3050 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls). Please note that pay parking is available on site. As a reminder, participants are encouraged to bring their favourite snacks and to dress comfortably. For more details, *please contact Bro. James, Bro. Kenneth, or Bro. Bob.*

##### ALL NATIONS SUNDAY

We're preparing a special promo video for All Nations Sunday, and we want as many people as possible to be part of it. This is a celebration of the beautiful cultures, languages, and diversity God has blessed our church with. If you do not speak English as your first language, we especially encourage you to participate—your voice and culture are a vital part of this celebration! For more information, *please contact Sis. Andrea Peel.*



#### FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**  
(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)  
**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**  
(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)  
**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.**  
(In person and via Zoom)  
**Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.**  
(In person and via Zoom)  
**Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled**  
(see ushers for information)

## FAITH FOUNDATIONS

### GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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*"Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea... thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end."*

*Psalms 102:25-27 (KJV)*

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