

A dense forest of evergreen trees, likely pines or firs, fills the frame. The trees are dark green, with some lighter green and yellowish foliage visible in the lower center. A white rectangular frame is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing the text "WHY WORSHIP?". The background is slightly hazy, suggesting a misty or overcast day.

**WHY WORSHIP?**

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- His goodness is limitless.
- His promise is sure.
- His mercy is everlasting.
- His love never changes.
- His word is enough.
- His grace is sufficient. graceful.
- His reign is righteous. • He's imperially powerful.
- He's enduringly strong. • He's impartially merciful.
- He's entirely sincere.
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- He simply says, “I am that I am.”

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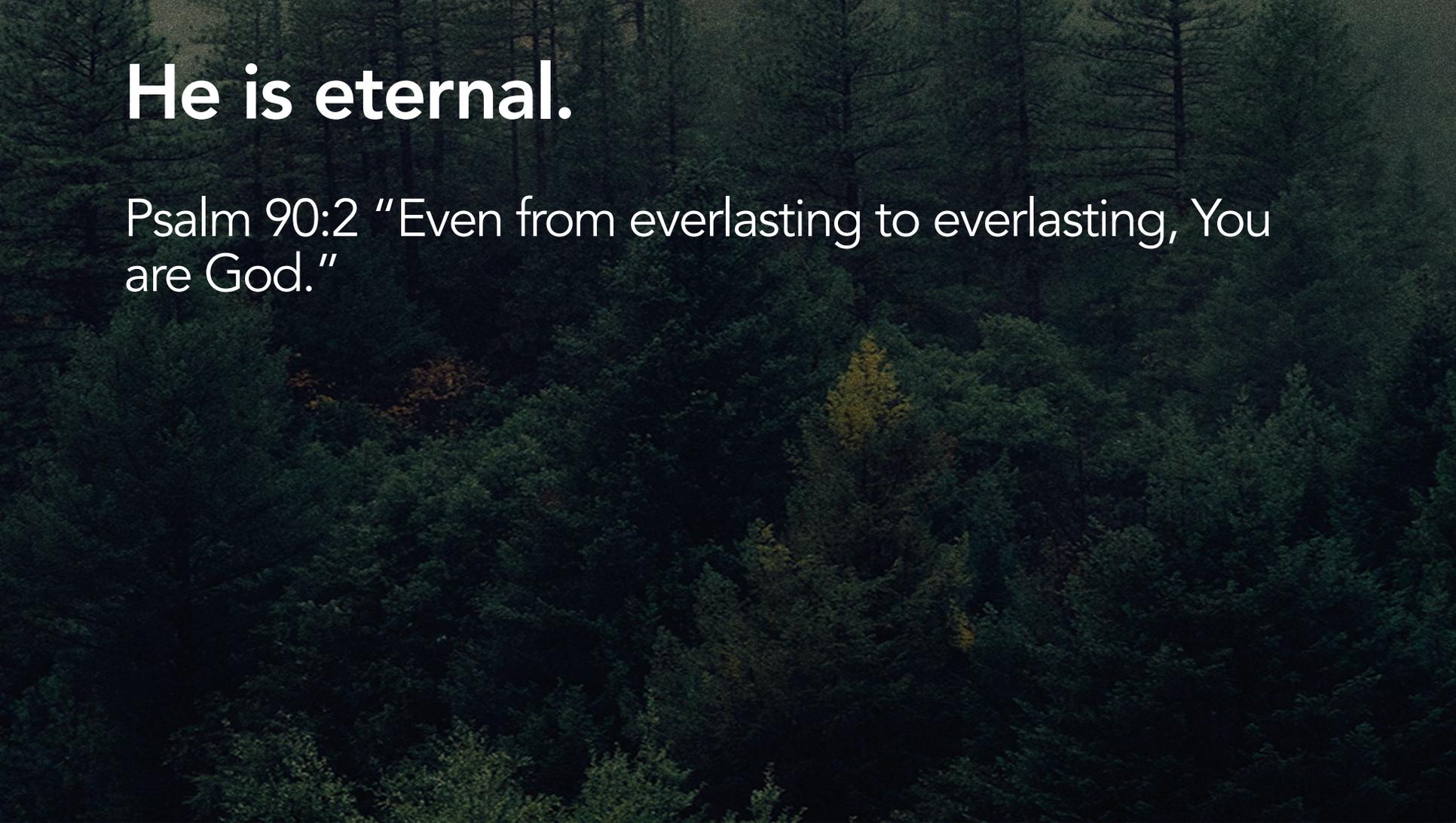
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"If you picture Time as a straight line along which you have to travel, then you must picture God as the whole page on which the line is drawn. We come to parts of the line one by one. We have to leave A behind before we get to B, and cannot reach C until we leave B behind. God not only sees the whole line, He contains the whole line." ~ C.S. Lewis

- This truth should deepen our worship.

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- Our hearts should burn to sing of the transcendent God!

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1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.

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4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.

6 Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.

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7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.

8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.”

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9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created  
and have their being."



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