

One God

Exodus 3:1-15

We now begin a sermon series on the number one. Here we speak of utterly unique realities: there is only one God, only one creature made in His image, and only one Mediator between God and man. Life can be complicated, confusing, and full of distractions, but in the number one we find the simple and ultimate truth we need.

Just one thing in life...?

Jesus did say the answer is one, not two... (Matthew 6:24)

Series introduction: The Number One

- There is only one God, only one creature made in His image, and only one Mediator between God and man

So who is God? What's He like?

From Exodus 3, at the burning bush: **God is Holy, Infinite, and Personal**

(1) Holy

- *Take off your sandals, Moses. This ground is holy.*
- "You thought I was altogether like you." Psalm 50:21
- Recommended: R.C. Sproul's *Holiness of God*

(2) Infinite

- God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:14)

- Self-existent, with life in Himself. All-powerful, and not needing energy– like a self-fueled fire (the bush!).
- There are many *gods*– but only one God like this.
 - For example: People-pleasing is a form of modern polytheism

(3) Personal

- God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" (Exodus 3:4)
 - Not the (impersonal) force from Star Wars

No wonder why this God is relevant to... everything in our lives.

Application: "Worship God!" (Rev 22:9)

- "For there is a joy not granted to the wicked but only to those who worship you thankfully – and this joy you yourself are. The happy life is this – to rejoice to you, in you, and for you. That is it and there is no other. But those who think there is another follow after other joys, and not the true one. But their will is still not moved except by some image or shadow of joy." - Augustine

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Do you struggle with the *many* things in life? Many duties, many worries, many choices, many regrets...
2. Read Exodus 3. Find in the passage the three things noted in the sermon we learn about God. Try to find a fourth truth about who God is in the same passage.
3. How can the truth of God unify and simplify the life of, say, a people pleaser?
 - How can this truth unify and simplify *your* life?
4. How is "worship" an application of our topic today? Is our idea of worship too small? Is it too vague? How will you worship differently?