

Ole Miss FCA Weekly Devotional: 9/28/09

The Power and Passion of the Master Coach, Elliot Johnson



Thought of the Week:

God's infinity in time

Verse of the Week:

Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. Psalm 90:2

Hammering' Hank Aaron was one the greatest home run hitter of all time. His 755 "dingers" once stood as an all-time major league record. Hank accomplished his feats with catlike reflexes and keen eyes. But though Aaron enjoyed a great career, he aged and his skills left him. One day, Hank will die and be forgotten by all but the avid baseball fan. Even Hank Aaron couldn't play ball forever!

Though Aaron's career was limited, our God is eternal. He is from everlasting (the vanishing point in the future as far as we can see). God had no beginning, and He will have no ending! No one brought God into existence. To ask "How old is God?" is to ask a question that cannot be answered. God doesn't grow old, because He lives above time, and He cannot be measured by time! He doesn't have to worry about dying, because He is life (John 5:26). God does not grow or develop because He is complete and has always been what He is today. God cannot increase, because He is already perfect. Neither can He decrease or He would cease to be God. God has always been in the perfect state of being.

As far back in time as we can stretch our mind, God existed. As far as we can stretch our minds forward, He will be. It is easy to pronounce the word "eternity," but it is difficult to understand it with finite minds. Stephen Charnock says, "Eternity is contrary to time and is therefore a permanent and immutable (unchanging) state, a perfect possession of life without any variation." A look at Psalm 90:2 (quoted earlier) will help give us a clearer understanding of this concept. Six truths proceed from this verse. First, we see that the world has a beginning. Second, the world exists because God brought it into being and is sustaining it (see Colossians 1:14-18). Third, God was in existence before the world. Fourth, God existed from eternity past. Fifth, God shall exist through eternity future. Sixth, there is but one God, one eternal Being ("You are God"). As we meditate upon the eternity of God, we should come to the same conclusion as Job 36:26, "How great is God—beyond our understanding! The number of His years is past finding out!" Praise God!

As athletes grow older, their skills diminish, and are no longer wanted by pro teams. But our God is infinite in time, and He will not grow older. His skills never change!

Time Out:

- 1) How did God the Father identify Himself in Exodus 3:14?
- 2) How did Jesus the Son identify Himself in John 8:58?
- 3) Psalm 139:13-16 tells us of God's oversight of your development. Did you realize that from the day you were conceived you would live for eternity?
- 4) Everyone will spend eternity in one of two places—Heaven or Hell. Where will you spend eternity? I John 5:11-12 says, 'God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.'

Therefore, to spend eternity with God in Heaven, you must have the Son of God—Jesus Christ—in your heart now!