

## The Trinity Class 2, Only One God. Truro Anglican Church Sunday School, August 25, 2024

It is important to begin with the clear teaching that there is only one God. This is monotheism. It is taught by numerous Scriptures.

One of the key resources I have been consulting is a book called: *The Trinity: Evidence and Issues*, by Dr. Robert Morey. Here's what he has to say about only one God:

**The first principle of the doctrine of the Trinity is that *there is only one, true, eternal, living Being who is God by nature and Maker of heaven and earth*. The doctrine of the Trinity is thus a rigorous form of monotheism and is absolutely hostile to polytheism in any form.**

Trinitarians do not believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three separate gods. Such an idea is tritheism which is a form of polytheism. Neither do Trinitarians believe that angels or men have been or will ever be God by nature.<sup>1</sup>

God dogmatically stated on many occasions that He alone is God and that there were no other gods *before* Him; there are no gods *besides* Him now; and there will be *no new ones in the future*:<sup>2</sup>

What follows is a sampling of the evidence:

“See now that I, I am He, and *there is no god besides Me*. It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded, and it is I who heal; *And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.*” (Deut. 32:39)

“You are My witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and My servant whom I have chosen, in order that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He, *before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me.*” (Isa. 43:10)

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of Hosts: “*I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me.*” (Isa. 44:6)

“And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, or is there any other Rock? I know of none.” (Isa. 44:8b)

“I am the LORD, and *there is no other; besides Me there is no God....* That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and *there is no other ...*” (Isa. 45:5–6)

“I am the LORD and *there is none else.*” (Isa. 45:18b)

“Declare and set forth your case; Indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? And *there is no other God besides Me*, a righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and *there is no other.*” (Isa. 45:21–22)

“Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and *there is no other*; I am God, and *there is no one like Me.*” (Isa. 46:9)<sup>3</sup>

“For this reason Thou art great, O Lord God; for *there is none like Thee, and there is no God besides Thee.*” (2 Sam. 7:22)

“so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; *there is no one else.*” (1 Kings 8:60)

“O LORD, there is none like Thee, neither is there any God besides Thee.” (1 Chron. 17:20)

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<sup>1</sup> Robert A. Morey, [\*The Trinity: Evidence and Issues\*](#) (Iowa Falls, IA: World Pub., 1996), 63.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 63.

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“Thou art the God, *Thou alone*, of all the kingdoms of the earth.” (Isa. 37:16)

“Sabians ... will make supplication to you: ‘Surely, God is with you, and *there is none else, no other God.*’ ” (Isa. 45:14)

There is none like Thee, O LORD. (Jer. 10:6)

There is none like Thee. (Jer. 10:7)

Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that *there is no God but one*. For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, yet for us *there is but one God*. (1 Cor. 8:4–6)

There is one God. (1 Tim. 2:5)<sup>4</sup>

One great passage is James 2:19: You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder.

These are a solid sample of the Bible’s teaching that there is only one true God.

Here is a further list of many more places where this is taught or emphasized. I encourage you to look up a few of these: (These are taken from the Thompson Chain Reference Bible.)

**2649 ONE GOD**, the only true one, above all that are false, Ex 20:3; De 4:35; De 4:39; De 5:7; De 6:4; De 32:39; 2 Sa 7:22; 2 K 17:35; 2 K 19:19; 1 Chr 17:20; Ne 9:6; Ps 83:18; Ps 86:10; Is 26:13; Is 37:21; Is 43:10; Is 44:6; Is 45:6; Is 45:14; Is 45:18; Is 45:21; Is 46:9; Da 3:28; Ho 13:4; Joel 2:27; Zec 14:9; Mk 12:29; Mk 12:32; Ac 19:26; Ro 3:30; 1 Co 8:4; Ga 3:20; Eph 4:6; 1 Ti 2:5; Ja 2:19; 1 Jn 5:7.<sup>5</sup>

**2600 NONE LIKE GOD**, an expression of testimony, praise, worship, Ex 8:10; Ex 9:14; Ex 15:11; Ex 18:11; De 3:24; De 32:31; De 33:26; Jos 2:11; 1 Sa 2:2; 2 Sa 7:22; 2 Sa 22:32; 1 K 8:23; 1 K 8:60; 2 K 5:15; 2 K 19:15; 1 Chr 17:20; 2 Chr 2:5; 2 Chr 6:14; Ps 18:31; Ps 35:10; Ps 71:19; Ps 77:13; Ps 86:8; Ps 89:6; Ps 113:5; Ps 135:5; Is 37:16; Is 40:18; Is 40:25; Is 43:11; Is 44:8; Is 45:5; Is 45:22; Is 46:5; Is 64:4; Je 10:6; Je 49:19; Je 50:44; Je 51:19; Da 3:29; Mi 7:18; Mk 12:32; Jn 17:3; 1 Co 8:4; 1 Ti 1:17.<sup>6</sup>

Time in class will not permit an in depth look at all of this evidence. I encourage you to look up a sampling from the lists here. Another good resource is to consult a good Topical Bible. Nave’s Topical Bible is one of the oldest and has been in print and updated periodically for decades. Look up “One God” or the “Unity of God.” The book will list numerous Scripture references for you.

I hope this has convinced you that the Bible adamantly teaches that there is only One True God in heaven and earth. As we discussed, this is the first set of critical data we need to consider as we learn about God as a Trinity.

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<sup>4</sup> Robert A. Morey, [\*The Trinity: Evidence and Issues\*](#) (Iowa Falls, IA: World Pub., 1996), 64–65.

<sup>5</sup> Frank Charles Thompson, [\*Thompson Chain Reference Bible: Topical Index\*](#) (Kirkbride Bible Company, 1997), 1886.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

