

## 4—The Everlasting God

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### INTRO:

#### I. → Genesis 21:22-24

*At that time Abimelek and Phiycol the commander of his forces said to Abraham, "Elohiym is with you in everything you do. Now **swear** to me here before 'Elohiym that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or my descendants. Show to me and the country where you now reside as a foreigner the same **kindness** I have shown to you." Abraham said, "I **swear** it."*

*→ 31 So that place was called **B'er-Sheva**, because the two men **swore an oath** there. Then Abimelek and Phiycol the commander of his forces returned to the land of the Philistines. Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in **B'er-Sheva**, and there he called on the name of the [Yahweh] **'El 'Owlam**. And Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines for a long time.*

II. Not so much about His duration, but His dependability

#### III. EINSTEIN—THE TIME/SPACE CONTINUUM

A. Greek—time without end

B. Hebrew—always, neverending, continual

#### IV. TIME TRAVEL—THE NAP

### BODY:

#### I. Everlasting Faithfulness

A. God's perspective on time is infinitely beyond our own.

##### 1) Isaiah 40:28

*Do you not know?*

*Have you not heard?*

*Yahweh is **'El 'Owlam**,*

*the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He will not grow tired or weary,*

*and his understanding no one can fathom.*

##### 2) STARLINER CREW STRANDED IN OUTER SPACE

- B. He is the faithful God who is always there every time.
- 1) **1 Corinthians 10:13**  
*And God is **faithful**; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*
  - 2) THE TRUNK AARON

## II. Everlasting Kindness

- A. It is not judgment and condemnation that win us over.
- 1) **Isaiah 54:8**  
*"In a surge of anger  
I hid my face from you for a moment,  
but with **everlasting kindness**  
I will have compassion on you,"  
says the Lord your Redeemer.*
  - 2) TRYING TO BEAT SOMEONE IN AN ARGUMENT
- B. Kindness is the one Christian value that never gets old.
- 1) **Romans 2:4**  
*Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness,  
tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness  
leads you toward repentance?*
  - 2) GIVING AWAY THE GIFTS FOR THE WORKERS

## III. Everlasting Love

- A. It is His love that keeps us when we don't know the end.
- 1) **Jeremiah 31:3**  
*The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:  
"I have loved you with an **everlasting love**;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."*
  - 2) THE ADAM PROJECT—HE LOVES YOU

B. Because His love endures, we will never be alone.

1) **1 Corinthians 13:6-8**

*Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*

2) **COMING UP ON 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

#### **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Psalms 90:2

2 Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalms 117:2

2 For great is his love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

1 Corinthians 1:8-9

He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.