

## THE UNITY OF GOD

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”*

### **Deuteronomy 6:4**

The world is filled with competing beliefs about God. But the Bible speaks with clarity and conviction: God is one. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one” (Deuteronomy 6:4). This truth is not simply one doctrine among many. It is the starting foundation for everything we believe about God.

When Scripture teaches that God is one, it means two things. **First, God is indivisible.** He is not made up of parts, whether physical or spiritual. God is not a collection of attributes, as if love, power, and wisdom could be separated from one another. He is perfectly unified in his being. This unity does not deny the fullness of God’s nature but affirms that God is wholly and completely one in essence. It is important to note that this does not preclude a triunity, so long as we do not conceive of God as divided into parts or pieces.

**Second, God is one to the exclusion of all others.** The Bible acknowledges that many so-called “gods” exist in human belief, but it insists that only one true and living God actually exists. “The Lord is God... there is no other” (Deuteronomy 4:39). As we read in the first of the Ten Commandments: “I am the LORD your God... you shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:2-3). This is not merely a religious claim but a repeated and central affirmation throughout Scripture. From the Law to the Prophets to the New Testament, the message is the same: there is no rival, no equal, and no alternative to the one true God.

This means the world is not governed by chaos or by competing divine powers. It is ruled by one supreme, perfect, and eternal being. God alone is the source of all that exists, the standard of truth, and the ruler over all creation. As Paul writes, “there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

For everyday faith, the unity of God means there is no room for divided loyalty. If God alone is God, then he alone is worthy of our worship, trust, and obedience. We are not free to split our allegiance. The one true God demands and deserves our whole heart.

*How does believing that God is one shape your loyalty, worship, and daily decisions?*