Welcome back my brothers and sisters to the COGPOD. Today we're going to embark on podcast #3, entitled: THE UNIQUENESS OF JEHOVAH. This is your host brother Ed. When I think of our Father Jehovah's uniqueness, what came to mind was the term 'The Greatest Of All Time'. There is much controversy worldwide over who was the greatest boxer of all time, the greatest basketball player of all time, the greatest home run hitter of all time; the greatest quarterback of all time, the greatest hockey player of all time, the greatest soccer player of all time, the greatest poet, the greatest philosopher, and the list goes on and on and on. They are termed the GOAT, which is an acronym for the Greatest Of All Time. However, the children of God recognize and realize from our individual and personal relationship, that our Father Jehovah is truly, <u>THE</u> Greatest of All time. Why do we think that? James 1:17 gives us the answer in these words; Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. [NLT]. [NLT]. The giver of every good and perfect gift. Everything in which we delight is a gift from him. Ps 145:16 says; You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. [NIV] He opens His hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing. It is His technology that makes our sight possible and the delights therefrom. His technology makes our hearing possible and the delights therefrom. His technology makes touch possible and the delights therefrom. His technology makes taste possible and the delights therefrom. His technology makes smell possible and the delights therefrom. His technology makes the brain/mind relationship a reality and the delights therefrom. His greatness is truly incomparable. In fact, Jehovah himself asks at Isa 46: 5; To whom will you liken Me or count Me equal? To whom will you compare Me, that we should be alike? [BSB] Our Father is not bragging here; He is merely stating an indisputable fact. Please take a moment to read Ps 104 to appreciate all that this encompasses. And with all the wonderful gifts mentioned in Ps 104, and so many more, His desire for us, His children, is lovingly expressed at Isa 48:17&18 where He states; 17Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I am Yahweh your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go. 18 only you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea. [LSB] We, as children of God, must clearly see and understand that the bible too, is a wonderful gift from our God and father, Jehovah. That being said; we're going to jump right into our journey, to <u>scripturally</u> isolate some of the things that make our incomparable God

and father Jehovah, so unique. First, I'd like for us to focus our attention on what Jesus said when a rich young ruler called <u>him</u> good teacher. Notice His reply found at Lu 18:19 19 Why do you call Me good?" Jesus replied. "No one is good except God alone. [BSB] In this verse, Jesus clearly elevates his God and Father to a singular uniqueness unmatched in all creation. Jesus was clearly saying, that when comes to being truly good, He was completely out of contention for that particular designation when compared to His God and Father Jehovah. Faithful spirit beings in Rev 4:11 unitedly proclaimed; 11 "You are worthy, our Lord and Our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you have created all things, and by your pleasure they exist and were created." [HBPT] All the anointed children of God feel exactly the same and join in unison with our spirit brothers in that very same declaration; because One, and only one, is worthy to receive the glory and the honor and the power. The creator of ALL things, Jehovah God, the Almighty, being his name. We agree with our Lord and savior Jesus when He said, 'No one is good except God alone'. And so, we begin this journey through the scriptures to scratch the surface on What makes our God Jehovah so unique.

First off; JEHOVAH, IS THE <u>ONLY ONE</u> IN EXISTENCE THAT <u>NEVER</u> HAD A BEGINNING AND WILL <u>NEVER</u> HAVE AN END. No other entity in <u>existence</u> has that distinction. Notice how beautifully this one-of-a-kind extraordinary uniqueness is presented in scripture. Starting with:

Ps 41:13 states; 13Blessed is LORD JEHOVAH, God of Israel, from eternity and unto eternity. Amen and amen! [HPBT] Then Ps 102:27; 27But you are the same, and your years will never end. Notice Ps 106:48; 48 May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be praised from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "•Amen! "Hallelujah! [HCSB] Look at Isa 41:4; 4Who has prepared and has made? He who called the generations from the beginning. I AM THE LIVING GOD LORD JEHOVAH, The First and The Last, I AM THE LIVING GOD [HPBT] See how well it is put at Isa 43:10; 10You are my witnesses, says LORD JEHOVAH, and my Servants whom I have chosen, and you shall know, and you shall believe in me, and you shall understand that I am he, and before me there has not been a God created, and none shall be after me [HBPT] Again at Isa44:6; 6Thus says LORD JEHOVAH, the King of Israel, and his Savior, LORD JEHOVAH of Hosts his Name: "I AM The First and I AM The Last, and there is no god outside of me [HPBT] Only Jehovah has never had a beginning and will never have an end. How unique is that? Now for point #2:

#### 2] HE IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THAT EXISTS INCLUDING JESUS

Succinctly, Gen 1:1 simply says: <u>1</u>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.[NLT] It was stressed when the 10 commandments were given at Ex 20:11; <u>11</u>for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.[ASV] In heartfelt prayer Nehemiah at Neh 9:6 acknowledges; <u>6</u>Thou art Jehovah, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.[ASV] All things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, came into existence by the hand of Jehovah including Jesus as Col 1:15 brings to our attention when it says; The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [BSB]

Now for our third point; JEHOVAH ALONE IS MOST HIGH

It is very important to acknowledge Jehovah's unique designation, 'THE MOST HIGH'. In a song of king David recorded at 2 Sam 22:14, the one who is MOST HIGH is praised as it states; 14 Jehovah thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered his voice. [ASV] David again at Ps 7:17; 17 thank Jehovah, According to His righteousness, And praise the name of Jehovah Most High! [YLT] Probably the most often cited is at Ps 83:18; 18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth. [KJV] 92:8; 8 And you are LORD JEHOVAH, The Highest, for eternity, and let all workers of evil be scattered.[HBPT] It is noteworthy that some of the most compelling testimony regarding Jehovah being the most High, comes from an truly unexpected source. Mark 5:2-7 contains this extraordinary testimony from this unexpected source as it reads; 2When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. 4For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. 6When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!"[NIV] Oh yeah, even the demons testify and recognize Jehovah as the Most

<u>High</u>. It is noteworthy that even the demons also recognize God's <u>name</u> and the difference between Jesus and Jehovah. Jas 1:19 establishes that fact when it states; <u>19</u>You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. [NIV] The account of the demon possessed girl at Acts 16:17 provides a second acknowledgement of the fact that the demons recognize Jehovah in the capacity as the Most High. <u>17</u>This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation. [BSB] There is only one designated 'THE <u>MOST HIGH</u>' and that is Jehovah. It is especially worthy of note that <u>nowhere</u> in the scriptures is Jesus ever designated The Most High. <u>Nowhere</u>. Neither in the prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures pointing to him, or any of the accounts in the Christian Scriptures regarding Him, is Jesus ever referred to as the Most High, though Jesus is indisputably termed <u>the mighty god at Isa 9:6.</u>

Now for the fourth point; When reading the Bible, most of us never took note of the fact that Jehovah is <u>never</u> spoken of and having a father, Jehovah is <u>never</u> spoken of as having a mother, Jehovah is <u>never</u> spoken of as having brothers or sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, only sons and daughters, and Jehovah is <u>never</u> spoken of as being an heir.

There are <u>NO</u> scriptures to indicate otherwise. He is the only person in all creation existing as such. There is not a <u>single scripture</u> that says Jehovah has a father. There is not a <u>single place in the scriptures</u> where <u>Jehovah</u> acknowledges or <u>refers</u> to having a father. There is not <u>a single place</u> in the <u>scriptures</u> where Jehovah is spoken of as having a mother or a brother, or sister, or aunt, or uncle. Not one. Sons and daughters? Yes. Both in the heavens and on the Earth. A couple of Cases in point; Gen 6:4; <u>4</u>The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and afterward as well—when the sons of God had relations with the daughters of men. And they bore them children who became the mighty men of old, men of renown. And there is also 2 Cor 6:18 which quotes Hosea 1:10 when it says; <u>18</u>And: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." And there are <u>many</u> other scriptures that make reference to the fact that Jehovah has sons and daughters, and not unexpectedly inasmuch as HE, is the Father of All creation.

Point number 5; JEHOVAH PRAYS TO NO ONE, IS SUBJECT TO NO ONE, IS SENT BY NO ONE, HAS NO GOD, BUT IS GOD ALONE

<u>There is not a single scripture</u> in the entire Bible that depicts Jehovah praying. There is not a <u>single scripture in the entire Bible</u> that depicts Jehovah being subject to anyone. There is not a <u>single scripture in the entire bible</u> that depicts Jehovah as being sent by anyone. There is not a <u>single scripture in the entire bible</u> that depicts Jehovah as appealing to His God. There are <u>NO</u> scriptures to indicate otherwise. Nary a one. It is noteworthy, however, that <u>none of the above</u> can be said of Jesus. We will address the uniqueness of their relationship in a future podcast.

In view of the Fact that Jehovah is the Creator of Heaven and Earth and cited Scripturally as the Most High, many have wondered why the bible describes Jehovah as jealous. Have you ever wondered; If He possesses everything, why would He be a *jealous* God? We'll get the answer to that and other facets of His uniqueness in part 2 of this podcast entitled 'Jehovah's uniqueness, where will discuss 1] why Jehovah is termed jealous, 2] we'll scripturally focus on Jehovah's unique unlimited knowledge, wisdom, and power, 3] We'll scripturally focus on His unique position as being the Hearer of prayer, 4] We'll scripturally focus on *His* unique right to set the standard for justice, and 5] We'll scripturally focus on why *He alone* uniquely determines what is right and what is wrong, what is good and what is bad. So until then my brothers and sisters. I believe that you will find part 2 to be an informative journey. This is brother Ed saying so long for now And I look forward to seeing you in part 2.