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In Isaiah 44:6b, God said, "I am the first, and I am the last. And beside me there is no God."

God's claim here is that He is the one and only God. People may claim there are other gods, but there is no other. However, people make other gods to suit themselves, but these gods are only the idols of their imaginations. Satan gladly supplies them with the notions.

When all these other gods of man's imaginations fade away, the one and only true god remains. How do we see Him as being real? It is by faith.

Jesus appeared after his resurrection to the ten disciples without Thomas. [Judas was dead after hanging himself.] Later, he appeared again with Thomas being present. He then said in John 20:29b, "...Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

The common saying, "seeing is believing" does not apply to the gospel of Jesus Christ. That statement is a clear statement of great doubt. There is no faith in it, and it is only by faith that we are saved.

Those who must "see to believe" are deceived. Pray for them that the Holy Spirit will open their spiritual eyes of understanding so that they may be saved and not be lost for eternity in hell.

Faith is believing in what you cannot physically see, yet you know it is true. Without faith, you will never see God.