

THE NAMES OF GOD - II

Ps. 91:14

I. REVIEW

- A. Because he hath known my name.
 - 1. Our relationship with God contingent on understanding his name
 - 2. To know his name helps to predict his actions or nature
 - 3. Ps. 9:10 - *"And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee..."*
- B. The living God progressively known through actual historical events in which He discloses Himself and His purposes
 - 1. Name describes nature, character, what to expect
 - 2. Many different names to denote different natures
- C. Six basic Hebrew names for God.
 - 1. El (generic for God)
 - 2. Elohim (plural)
 - 3. El Shaddai (God Almighty)
 - 4. El Elyon (Most High God)
 - 5. Yahweh (Lord)
 - 6. Adonai (Lord)

II. HEAR O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE GOD

- A. Our Yahweh is the Elohim, and there is only one.

III. EL

- A. Generic term for God
- B. A god in the widest sense, whether true or false
- C. "The strong one", "a mighty being"
- D. Vagueness of "el" frustrating, since gave little or no indication of the god's character
- E. Among Israelites, El often used of their God in describing Him and as an element in compound names
- F. Gen. 16:13 - *"And she called the name of the lord that spake unto her, Thou God (El) seest me:..."* (Hagar)
 - 1. Perhaps she did not know God personally; only generically.
 - 2. Do not many say they know Him, but in a vague sense?

IV. ELOHIM

- A. Depicts God in the role of Creator, Maker; and Preserver of man and the world
- B. Plural for Eloah (42 times in Job)
- C. Gen. 1:1 - *"In the beginning God..."*

V. EL SHADDAI

- A. Gen. 17:1 - "...the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God (El Shaddai)"
1. Ex. 6:3 - *I appeared unto Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty...*"
 2. God of plenty; more than enough
 3. God of blessing and multiplication
 4. Nourisher - "many breasted one"
 5. Overshadower
 6. Powerful deity who was able to perform whatever he asserted
- B. Served as patriarch's covenant name for God
 Abrahamic covenant marked by degree of closeness between God and human participants
 Demanded obedience that enabled Abraham to walk in his presence, and live blameless moral and spiritual lives
- Scriptures
- Gen. 28:3 - *"And God Almighty (El Shaddai) bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee..."*
- Gen. 35:11 - *"And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins..."*
- Gen. 48:4 - (Jacob to his sons before sons return to Joseph in Egypt) - *"And God Almighty (El Shaddai) give you mercy before the man..."*
- Gen. 48:4 (Jacob to Joseph in Egypt) - *"And Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty (El Shaddai) appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, and said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession."*

GOD WILL BE TO US WHAT WE NEED HIM TO BE.

If you need provisions and nurturing, He is El Shaddai.

If you need the Lord strong in battle, He is Yahweh.

If you need Him as healer, He is Jehovah-rapha.

If you need peace, He is Jehovah-shammah, and He is the Prince of Peace.

If you need counseling, His name is Counselor.

If you need God as the all encompassing God; God of all, over all, and for all--He is El Elyon.

This is my name forevr--I AM THAT I AM!