

# What's In A Name?

God's Character Is Revealed By His Names  
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1. We have no spiritual power in ourselves.
2. All spiritual power is God's.
3. We only have access to this power through His name.

## Message Truth:

Our purpose in life is "to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." We will not obey God if we do not believe Him. We cannot believe God if we do not love Him. We cannot love God if we do not know Him. We study the names of God so that we can know Him more and better. The Hebrew people use several names to communicate God's character, goodness and glory. Each name describes a distinct facet of God's character. Focusing on each of these names individually as we pray and think about God helps us give God glory. Praying God's names as affirmations of praise gives Him glory and helps us enjoy Him! Praying the names of God will help us better understand His character and increase our faith. Praying the names of God helps us to better understand the OT and can increase our faith as we pray. Why is this important?

<sup>15</sup> *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.* James 5:15 (KJV)

## Reasons God Answers Prayer

1. The prayer acknowledges God's:
  - Honor - God's good name, integrity

- Character - qualities of God
  - Glory - outshining of God's attributes
  - Sovereignty - supreme power, rank, authority
2. The prayer is supported by the intercession of Jesus because of His priesthood.
  3. The prayer is supported by the intercession of the Holy Spirit.
  4. The prayer comes from one who is related to God and Christ.
    - Father - Child
    - Master - Servant

## Compound Names

**El Shaddai**

**God A**

"Shaddai" means "the self-sufficient."

This is the name by which God was known to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> *God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD." <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as **God Almighty**, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.*

Exodus 6:2-3

<sup>1</sup> *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am **God Almighty**; walk before me and be blameless.* Genesis 17:1

**El Tseba'ot**

**Lord of H**

<sup>45</sup> *Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of **the LORD of hosts**, the **God** of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. <sup>46</sup> "This day the **LORD** will deliver you up into my hands, . . .* 1 Samuel 17:45-46 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of **the LORD of hosts**, who is enthroned on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

1 Samuel 4:4 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" <sup>16</sup> He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup> Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

2 Kings 6:15-17 (ESV)

**El 'Elyon** **M\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_ God**

<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of **God Most High**, <sup>19</sup> and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by **God Most High**, Creator of heaven and earth. <sup>20</sup> And blessed be **God Most High**, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. <sup>21</sup> The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." <sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, **God Most High**, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath

Genesis 14:18-22

**El 'Olam** **E\_\_\_\_\_ God**

<sup>33</sup> Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the **Everlasting God**.

Genesis 21:33 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the **everlasting God**, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Isaiah 40:28 (ESV)

**El 'ai** **L\_\_\_\_\_ God**

<sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the **living God**.

1 Samuel 17:36

**Not only is God living, but He give us the power to live after death.**

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God." <sup>30</sup> At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, <sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? **He is not the God of the dead but of the living.**"

<sup>33</sup> When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

Matthew 22:29–33

**El Elohe Yisrael** **God, the G\_\_\_\_\_ of I\_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>18</sup> Blessed be the **LORD God, the God of Israel**, Who alone works wonders.

Psalms 72:18 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before **God, the God of Israel**.

Psalms 68:8

**El Gibbor** **H\_\_\_\_\_ God**

<sup>21</sup> A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the **mighty God**.

Isaiah 10:21 (NASB)