

THE NAMES OF GOD PART 1

“ELOHIM”

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 1; ISAIAH 14, 45; PSALM 131:1-3

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INTRODUCTION

- God's names reflect His character.
- God's name is and should be set apart; it should carry great weight for us.

I. HE IS POWERFUL

- Genesis 1:1-5, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. Then He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.”...”
- Elohim is how God chooses to introduce Himself to people.
- Elohim was acceptable, but insufficient for the totality of who God is.

II. HE IS RESTORER

- Restoring Nature: Since the garden, God [Elohim] has been doing restorative work
- Genesis 1:1-2, “...²The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters...”
- Isaiah 45:18-19, “...He created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in, not to be a place of empty chaos...”
- Look at all I have done: Will you be faithful toward me the way I have been faithful toward you?

- John 5:19, So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He does only what He sees the Father doing...”

III. HE IS PERSONAL

- Genesis 1:26-27, “...God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them...”
- God creates out of desire, not need. A desire to know and be known!
- Isaiah 45:5-6, “I am the Lord [YHWH]; there is no other God [Elohim]...all the world from east to west will know there is no other God...”
- Matthew 28:18, Jesus... “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth...I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
- God in His person, and in His desire to be known exists and reveals Himself as Father, Son, and Spirit.

IV. HE GIVES IDENTITY

- First: There is a God, and it's not you!
- Second: He created you; He determines your identity!
- Isaiah 14:12-17, “How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star...¹³For you said to yourself, ‘I will...be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵Instead, you will be brought down...”
- Psalm 131:1-3 NRSV, “O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high...²But I have calmed and quieted my soul...”

CLOSE

- God [Elohim] is:
 - Turning chaos into order.
 - Creating clarity out of confusion.
 - Forming Life out of nothing.
 - Restoring out of destruction.
- Colossians 1:15-17, “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God...”
- The story of God begins with Elohim and ends with Abba, The Father: Creator, Healer.