

Bible Doctrines I
Fundamental Bible Baptist Institute
Class Twelve
The Doctrine of God
Part IV: The Names of God

Text: Proverbs 18:10 *“The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”*

Introduction: As we conclude our study of the Doctrine of God (Theology), we will study the “Names of God”. The names of God reveal His personality, His character, His attributes, and His essence. They tell us Who He is and what He does. God gave Himself these Names to help us communicate with Him.

I. El: “to be strong, power, might”.

“El is the oldest name and English form for God...expressing the general idea of God, El is linked on to other descriptive titles of God.” – Herbert Lockyer

II. Elohim: “the strong one” (this is plural and used 2500 times in the Old Testament)

- A. Genesis 1:1 *“In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth.”*
- B. This word is plural therefore suggesting the Trinity.
- C. This name is used 2,500 times in the Old Testament and literally implies “the plentitude of might”.

III. El Elijon: “the most high God”

- A. Genesis 14:18 *“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **the most high God.**”*
- B. Deuteronomy 32:8 *“When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.”*
- C. *“This points to God’s exalted nature and His sole Object of our reverence and worship.”* – Herbert Lockyer

IV. El Shaddai: “the Almighty God”

- A. Genesis 17:1 *“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the Almighty God**; walk before me, and be thou perfect.”*
- B. This name *“portrays Him as the Strength-Giver, the Satisfier, the All-Sufficient One Who enriches and makes fruitful.”* – Herbert Lockyer
 - 1. Genesis 28:3-4 *“And God Almighty 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; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.”*
 - 2. John 15:2 *“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.”*
- C. This Name speaks of His Omnipotence and Might! He controls all the powers of nature! We do not speak of “Mother-Nature”; but rather of “God Almighty”.

IV. El Olam: “The everlasting God”

- A. Genesis 21:33 *“And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on **the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.**”*
- B. Psalm 90:2b says *“...from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”*

V. Jehovah: “LORD”

- A. In Exodus 3:14-15, Moses introduced God to Israel as Jehovah: *“And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The***

***LORD** God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.”*

- B. Jehovah means “the Self-Existent One”. It literally means “I will be that I will be” and represents His constancy. This was the personal Name of the God of Israel.
- C. This is why Malachi says in Malachi 3:6 “*For I am the LORD, I change not.*”

Most of the following Names are compound names describing how that God is able to meet man’s every need:

VI. Jehovah-Elohim: “LORD God”

- A. Genesis 2:4 “*These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that **the LORD God** made the earth and the heavens.*”
- B. This Compound Name “*emphasizes God’s Creator relationship, His relationship to Israel, as well as moral authority over man and His redemptive power.*” – Herbert Lockyer
- C. Genesis 2:16-24; 3:8-21

VII. Jehovah-Jireh: “The LORD will see or provide”

- A. Genesis 22:14 “*And Abraham called the name of that place **Jehovah-jireh**: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.*”
- B. This is one of the teacher’s favorite Names of God. This Name proves that the LORD is able to provide everything that His creation needs AND the story that accompanies it implies the provision of sacrifice. – Herbert Lockyer

VIII. Jehovah-Rapha: “The LORD that healeth thee”

- A. Exodus 15:26 “*And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.*”
- B. “*While the context speaks of physical healing, the deeper healing of the soul is implied.*” – Herbert Lockyer

IX. Jehovah-Nissi: “The LORD our Banner”

- A. Exodus 17:8-16 “*Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it **Jehovah-nissi**: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*”
- B. Jehovah-Nissi is the mighty Victor over the Amalekites of our flesh! We are more than conquerors in and through Jehovah-Nissi.

X. Jehovah-Shalom: “The LORD our Peace”

- A. Judges 6:24 “*Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it **Jehovah-shalom**: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.*”
- B. “*The Lord, Who became our Peace, provides peace for the guilty sinner.*” – Herbert Lockyer
- C. Colossians 1:20 says “*And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*”

XI. Jehovah-Raah: “The LORD is my Shepherd”

- A. Psalm 23:1 “*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*”
- B. John 10:11 says “*I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*”
- C. I am thankful that Jesus is Jehovah-Raah!!!

XII. Jehovah-Tsidkenu: “The LORD our Righteousness”

- A. Jeremiah 23:6 “*In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*”
- B. II Corinthians 5:21 illustrates just how the Lord became our righteousness: “*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*”
- C. While man has no righteousness of his own, Christ is our Righteousness.

XIII. Jehovah-Saboath: “The LORD of Hosts”

- A. I Samuel 1:3 “*And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.*”
- B. Psalm 24:10 says “*Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*”
- C. This Name speaks of God’s power above every realm both spiritual and physical.

XIV. Jehovah-Shammah: The LORD is Present

- A. Ezekiel 48:35 “*It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.*”
- B. This is a wonderful name which promises God’s abiding Presence with His people. In fact, Hebrews 13:5b says “*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*”
- C. Psalm 16:11 says “*Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*”
- D. Matthew 28:20b “*lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*”

XV. Adonai-Jehovah: “Lord GOD”

- A. Genesis 15:2 “*And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?*”
- B. Adonai means “Master”. The Lord, as our Master, requires our obedience and service. John 13:13 says “*Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.*”

XVI. Pater: “Father”

- A. Deuteronomy 32:6 “*Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?*”
- B. Isaiah 63:16 “*Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.*”
- C. While there is no doubt that this describes the LORD’S relationship with His people, Israel, I am thankful that this speaks of His relationship with the redeemed as well. I Corinthians 8:6 says “*But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*” Ephesians 3:14-15 says “*For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.*”

XVII. Immanuel: “God with us”

- A. Isaiah 7:14 “*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*”
- B. Matthew 1:23 “*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*”