



The Names of God

In the Bible, a person's name is a description of his or her character. Likewise, the names of God in Scripture are various descriptions of His character. These names will give you powerful insights about His character. It will also provide you with a rich assortment of truths that you can use to praise and honor our glorious God.

In this section, you are given the names of God along with a basic description of that name. You are also given Scripture references where that name is used. This list of Scripture references is not exhaustive. This list is intended to help you get started learning His names and using these truths to praise Him.

God

"Elohim" The God of Absolute and Total Power

Genesis 1:1, 2, 27, 28, 31; 9:6; Exodus 20:2; Numbers 27:16; Deuteronomy 23:5; Joshua 24:19; 1 Samuel 6:20; Psalm 7:9-11, 42:9, 47:7-9; 50:6, 77:13-14, 99:9; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Isaiah 37:16, 40:28, 41:13, 45:21, 46:9, 49:5, 52:10; Jeremiah 3:23, 32:27

In English translations, the word "God" is a translation of the Hebrew word "Elohim." This is the name for God as Creator. It reveals that God is the God of absolute power who has created everything. This name exalts the power of God. The God of the Bible is a God of power who can do all that He has purposed. God's power flows from His person accomplish all His purposes.

The Most High God

"El Elyon" The Sovereign Ruler

Genesis 14:18-20; Numbers 24:16; Deuteronomy 32:8; Psalm 9:2, 21:7, 47:2, 50:14, 56:2, 57:2, 87:5, 91:9, 78:35, 82:6, 83:18, 97:9; Isaiah 14:14; Daniel 4:17, 24-25, 32-35, 7:18, 22, 25, 27

In English translations, the English phrase "The Most High" or "The Most High God" is a translation of the Hebrew name "El Elyon." This name for God reveals that He is the sovereign ruler over all things. Since God has created all things, He can therefore control all things. Nothing is greater than God is. No one is greater than God is. Because of this, He rules over all things. This name of God shows that nothing can stop or overcome God and His will. He works out all things according to His own will. God causes all things to work together for the good of His people.

The GOD Who Sees

"El Roi" The Ever-Seeing God

Genesis 16:1-14

The phrase "The God who sees" is the English translation of the Hebrew "El Roi." This name of God teaches that He sees all and knows all. There is not one single thing that escapes His attention. He is the God who always sees. You can never escape His gaze for a single moment. This should convict you and comfort you.



GOD Almighty
"El Shaddai" The God of Sufficiency

Genesis 17:1, 28:3, 35:11, 43:14, 48:3, 49:25; Job 11:7, 33:4, 34:10; Psalm 91:1

When you see the phrase "God Almighty" in an English translation, it is a translation of the Hebrew words "El Shaddai." This name of God exalts His sufficiency. God is able to bless and to bless beyond the asking and thinking of His people. God is sufficient to deal with every problem, task, or need. He can take a situation where there are no answers and no hope and do great and mighty things.

Lord
"Adonai" The Rightful Lord
Genesis 18:14, 19:16, 20:4, 20:18; Leviticus 11:44, 19:2-4, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 32, 20:8, 26; Deuteronomy 5:9, 11, 6:15, 7:6-8; Psalm 37:33, 40:5, 17, 89:1, 6, 103:13, 146:18, 147:1, Romans 14:9

When you see the word "Lord" in an English translation, it is a translation of the Hebrew word "Adonai." This name of God refers to His total possession of all things. Because He has created all things, controls all things, and owns all things, He has the right to expect and demand submission and worship. He must be submitted to; He is the Master of all.

The LORD
"Yahweh (Jehovah)" The Eternal and Unchanging God

Genesis 2:7; Exodus 3:14-15, 6:2, 15:11, 20:2, 33:19, 34:5-7; Deuteronomy 10:17, 28:10; 1 Kings 2:13; Psalm 10:16, 103:6, 130:3-5, 146:10; Isaiah 33:22, 43:4, 45:24; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Daniel 9:14; Amos 5:8; Malachi 3:6

It is important to notice the difference between "Lord" and "LORD." The reason that both these words appear in English translations is to show that two different Hebrew words are being translated. When you see "Lord," this is a translation of the Hebrew word "Adonai." Yet, when you see "LORD," it is a translation of the Hebrew word "Yahweh" or "Jehovah." "Yahweh" or "LORD" is the most frequently used name for God in the Old Testament. This name refers to the fact that God is self-existent, that He has no beginning and no end, and that He has always existed in and of Himself. God always has been, always is, and will always be. God is eternal and does not change. He eternally stays the same. He is always true to His character, His Word, His promises, and His people. God is always with the believer and will always keep His promises to the believer. God will never fail to do what He has promised.

The LORD Will Provide
"Jehovah-jireh" The Providing God

Genesis 22

This name of God reveals that He provides for His people. This is clear from the account of Abraham's life that is found in Genesis 22. When Abraham needed a ram to sacrifice, God provided one. This name of God teaches that God can provide everything that you need. He is able to meet your every need along with the needs of those for whom you pray. A person will never have a need that is too great for God. Notice that this is a combination of the word "LORD" and "provide." This shows that the unchanging God will always provide for His people. He cannot fail in this. He has



provided, He is providing, and He will always provide.

The LORD Who Heals
"Jehovah-rapha" The God of Healing

Exodus 15:26; Deuteronomy 32:39; Psalm 103:3, 147:3

This name of God reveals that He is the Healer of His people. God can heal a person physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Only God can heal a person, a nation, or a church. He and He alone has the power to do this. Again, this is a combination of "Jehovah" and the Hebrew word for "healing." This is declaring that God does heal and delights in doing this. God has healed, God is healing, and God will heal. You can cry out to Him for healing and trust Him for this. There is no case too hopeless for the God of healing.

The LORD Is My Banner
"Jehovah-nissi" The God of Victory

Exodus 17:15

In biblical times, a banner was an object, a flag, or a pole with a bright shining object at its top. This was used as a rallying point for an army. When the army was going into battle, it would gather at the banner. Then, the army would march behind the banner into battle. The eternal, unchangeable God is the Banner of His people. We must look to Him and trust Him as we fight the battles of faith. This name for God shows that He is able to give the victory. He is able to empower His people to overcome every enemy that they must face. God can give victory to His people. He has given victory, He is giving victory, and He will give victory. No enemy can overcome you when you trust in and call upon the God of victory. He is a God who can give victory over any and every enemy. He has all power in heaven and earth. He can grant victory!

The LORD Who Sanctifies You
"Jehovah-mekoddishkem The God of Holiness

Exodus 31:13

The word "sanctify" means "set apart." This name of God refers to the fact that He is working to make His people holy. God has determined to make His people holy. He desires that they grow in freedom from sin and live obedient lives. This is God's primary desire for your life. He wants you to deal with the sin in your life. He wants to deal with the sin in the lives of others. He can grant the power to do this. You can depend on the God of holiness to help in the battle against sin and temptation.

The LORD Is Peace
"Jehovah-shalom" The God of Peace

Judges 6:22-24

In the dark hours of Israel's history, God revealed Himself to Gideon as "Jehovah-shalom," the LORD is peace. Gideon and the entire nation needed peace. The hour was dark and the situation was desperate. Yet, God granted Gideon and the entire nation peace in the midst of trying circumstances. God can give you and those you pray for a peace that passes understanding no matter what the circumstances. The circumstances of your life can be utter chaos on the outside,



but, on the inside, you can be calm and restful due to God's peace. This can only be found in God. This can always be found in God. There is no other source for true and unshakable peace. God has given peace, God is giving peace, and God will give peace.

The LORD of Hosts
"Jehovah-sabaoth" The General of the Angelic Army

1 Samuel 1:3, 11; 2 Samuel 5:10; 2 Kings 19:31; Psalm 24:10, 46:7, 11, 84:1, 3, 8, 12, 148:2; Isaiah 14:27; Haggai 1:2, 5, 7, 9, 17, 2:4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 23; Zechariah 1:4, 4:6-9; Malachi 1:4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 2:2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, 3:1, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 4:1, 3

This name of God teaches us that God is the General of the armies of heaven. The "hosts" refers to the angelic army that God has created controls, and commands according to His will and purpose. No matter how powerless you may feel, God is able to help you. No matter how inadequate your resources may be, God has an army of angels that He can send to aid you, help you, and rescue you. You can find deliverance no matter what the circumstances of your life or the life of those for whom you are praying. Your God is the mighty General of an army that is always able and willing to do whatever He commands.

The LORD Is My Shepherd
"Jehovah-raah" The God of Constant Care

Psalm 23

This name of God shows that the eternal God is your Shepherd. This means that God has an intimate love for you. He exercises a continual care and protection over your body and soul. He is the One who is leading you and sustaining you. In this psalm, David reveals all the blessings that God grants to His people as their Shepherd. God has always been, He is now, and He will always be the Shepherd of His sheep. This will not change regardless of a person's circumstances or feelings.

The LORD Our Righteousness
"Jehovah-tsidkenu" The God of Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:6

This name reveals that God gives righteousness to His people. To be accepted with God, one must be righteous. This is impossible for the sinner. Yet, when the sinner turns to Jesus Christ from sin and trusts in Him, that person is credited with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. You stand perfect and complete before God. In this way the believer is accepted and received by God into a personal relationship. He brings us into relationship with Himself through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. You are totally forgiven, accepted, and loved by God. However, God does not stop there. He works to make the believer righteous in his life. He works to lead the believer to right thinking, right feeling, and right behavior based on the Word of God. This is God's desire and demand. He can and will enable His people to obey His Word.



The LORD Is There
"Jehovah-shammah" The God of Hope

Ezekiel 48:35

God revealed this name to the people of God while they were in captivity. They would be there for seventy years. The temple that they thought could never be destroyed had been demolished. The people felt that the situation was hopeless. They felt abandoned by God and alone. Yet, God reveals that He would again be at Jerusalem (**John 14:1, 14**). This meant that they would return to Jerusalem. They would rebuild this temple and once again worship the Lord God. They did have a future. They did have hope. Because of God, you can have hope. You have a future with God. This is true of those that you pray. He is working out His purpose for you in this life. He is going to bring you into His presence one day. You will spend eternity with Him, worshipping Him and perfectly enjoying Him.

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