

READING PLAN: 30 DAYS IN THE WORD

NAMES OF GOD



THIS DEVOTIONAL BELONGS TO

INTRODUCTION:

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF to us through many different names in the Bible. No single name can describe all that God is. In fact, God uses each and every one of His names to reveal a different part of His character to us.

Over the next 30 days we will look at several of the significant names for God in the Bible, along with the corresponding Bible verses. Our prayer is that this tool will help you grow in your relationship with our Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Eternal & Sovereign Lord.

DAY ONE: Jesus (The Lord Saves)

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

academic exercise if we failed to connect the names to the person of Jesus Christ. The angel told Joseph in a dream to call his son Jesus for a reason. When Joseph and Mary dedicated their son at the temple, the old priest, Simeon, immediately connected salvation with the person of Jesus and praised God that he had lived to see His Savior (See Luke 2:30). If you have not yet given your life to Him, call on Jesus: The Lord Saves. He very much wants to draw you close. Ask Him to forgive your sins, be your Lord and grant you salvation that can be found in no other name but His: JESUS!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 1:1-3, 27-28; Psalm 19:1-6; 95:6; Isaiah 40:28; 54:5; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 11:3

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Why is it important to understand the prophecy about Jesus? What implication does that have for Who He is?

Do you feel you have sin that is too big for the Lord to forgive? If so, confess this sin and receive His perfect love for you!

DAY TWO: Elohim (The Creator)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

THIS NAME APPEARS MORE THAN 2,000 TIMES in the Old Testament and is the first one we find in the Scriptures. The basic meaning behind the name Elohim is one of strength or power of effect. Elohim is the infinite, all-powerful God Who shows by His works that He is the creator, sustainer and supreme judge of the world.

It's also interesting to note that the word Elohim is plural rather than singular. While not explicitly stated, the plural form of Elohim certainly allows for the further revelation of God's triune (three in one) nature. Our God is great and mighty! His power is on display every day and every night in the universe He created. He is Elohim.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 1:1-3, 27-28; Psalm 19:1-6; 95:6; Isaiah 40:28; 54:5; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 11:3

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

How does a good understanding of Genesis 1:1 provide the foundation for our understanding of ourselves as well as the world around us?

Scripture reveals that all things are created by Him and for Him. (Col. 1:16) In what ways are you fulfilling the work that God has purposed for your life?

DAY THREE: El Roi (The God Who Sees)

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."

Genesis 6:13

EL ROI WAS FIRST REVEALED in the Bible by Hagar. She was Sarah's handmaiden, who became pregnant with Abraham's child so (in their minds) they could "help" fulfill the promise of God. Soon after the child was conceived, things became very difficult between Sarah and Hagar. So much so, that Hagar fled into the wilderness. Friendless, homeless, pregnant, not knowing what would become of her, she lay down by a fountain in the wilderness. There, an angel appeared to her to give her comfort and to speak of God's grace and mercy.

Did you know that God sees you right now? God knows your very thoughts. He knit you together in your mother's womb and even knows the number of hairs on your head. In the midst of a world searching for significance, isn't it amazing to know that the God of the universe knows and loves you? That's El Roi, the God Who Sees!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 16:1-16; Psalm 33:18-19; 139:7-12

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Much like Hagar, how does the name El Roi give you hope in the midst of your trials?

How does it feel to know that God really sees you?

DAY FOUR: El Shaddai (God Almighty)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before Me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between Me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Genesis 17:1-2

THE NAME EL SHADDAI APPEARS SEVEN TIMES in the Word of God. If we go back to the Book of Genesis, we see that immutable, unbreakable promise that God made to father Abraham. That promise changed the world. Every Jew upon the face of the Earth is a living testimony of the faithfulness of Almighty God. And this God who keeps His promise to Abraham is the same God that keeps His promises to you and me through Jesus Christ.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 17:1-19, 28:3; 35:11; 43:14; 48:3; Exodus 6:2-3; Ruth 1:20; Job 5:17; Psalm 91:1; Ezekiel 10:5

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Abraham had been waiting 24 years since God first promised him a son when this interaction with God occurred in Genesis 17. What encouragement can we gain from the character and nature of God Almighty?

God is everything you need because He has power over all things. Are you living in confidence knowing that truth today? Is there an area in your life where you need to trust Him more?

DAY FIVE: Jehovah-Jireh (The Lord Our Provider)

But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from Me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord Will Provide"; And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Genesis 22:11-14

JIREH IS FROM THE SAME HEBREW word as Moriah, which is the name of the region where God sent Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. This child of God's promise, whom Abraham and Sarah had waited 25 years for, was about to be sacrificed. But God provided the lamb for Abraham. And God provided His Son Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice to atone for our sins. God will supply all our needs! He is the Lord, our Provider. He is Jehovah Jireh.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 22:1-18; Romans 8:32; Philippians 4:19

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What lesson(s) do these verses have for us today?

In what ways does this scripture help you to trust that the Lord will provide all that you need for today and the days to come?

DAY SIX: Jehovah Yahweh (The Self-Existent One)

"I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:14

THE NAME JEHOVAH is used some 6,800 times in the Bible. It is the personal covenant name of Israel's God. Not only does it speak of God's strength but also to both the sovereignty and the goodness of God. The root of this name means "self-existing One Who never came into being, and One Who always will be." When Moses asked God, "Who shall I say has sent me?" God simply replied with "I am who I am."

YHWH, pronounced Jehovah or Yahweh, is the most intensely sacred name to Jewish scribes and many are forbidden from even pronouncing the name. While this may seem strange to you, it's a good reminder of the reverence and awe due to the Self-Existent One, Jehovah Yahweh.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 3:1-22; 6:1-4; Isaiah 40:3, 10; John 6:35; 8:12, 58; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What makes God's description of Himself so unique and powerful?

How does this name of God impact the way you live today?

DAY SEVEN: Jehovah-Rapha (The Lord Our Healer)

He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

Exodus 15:26

THE CONTEXT OF THIS VERSE finds the Israelites in the desert, when three days had passed without finding clean water to drink. But God showed His glory by transforming (healing) a bitter lake into sweet water to drink. We see this theme throughout the life of Jesus as He healed the sick, the blind and the paralyzed and cast out demons. Jesus also heals His people from sin and death.

Jehovah-Rapha reminds us that where there is death, Christ brings life. In the middle of the desert, God can make a garden bloom. Regardless of your situation, the Lord Our Healer reigns supreme!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 6:2; 41:4; 103:2-3; 147:3; Isaiah 57:18-19; Jeremiah 3:22; 30:17; Matthew 8:7; 10:1; Luke 4:18

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

In what way does Israel's experience in the desert thousands of years ago still encourage us today? How does this name of God impact the way you live?

What area of your life needs healing? Take it to Jehovah-Rapha!

DAY EIGHT: Jehovah-Nissi (The Lord Our Banner)

Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner. He said, "Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."

Exodus 17:15-16

THE LORD IS A REIGNING banner over us all the time. The Hebrew word for "banner" comes from the root word "to be high" or "raised." This was the name given to the altar that Moses erected to commemorate the defeat of the Amalekites at Rephidim. God goes before us and behind us to give us victory in all circumstances of life. Even in the midst of the battle, the banner of the Lord is raised over us. God grants us the victory over the flesh, the world and the devil. Our battles are His battles of light versus darkness and good versus evil. We all have enemies to overcome, but we cannot defeat them by ourselves. We need divine help from the Lord, Jehovah-Nissi!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 14:14; Romans 8:31

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Just like Moses needed Aaron and Hur to help support his hands during the battle, we all need other Christians to support us as well. In what areas of life can you use some support right now?

Who among your friends and family can use your support right now? What are you going to do to help them?

DAY NINE: Jehovah-M'Kaddesh (The Lord Who Sanctifies)

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God. Keep My decrees and follow them. I am the Lord, who makes you holy.

Leviticus 20:7-8

THIS NAME FOR GOD describes both who He is (holy) and what He does (makes us holy). His purpose and priority for you is holiness. This is more than just moral purity; it's being set apart only for God.

1 Peter 2:9 tells us that, as Christians, we are a "chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Holiness is not something we can achieve by our own efforts. It's the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives as He draws us close and makes us more like Himself. Praise Jehovah-M'Kaddesh for His faithfulness to make you holy!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 31:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Hebrews 13:12

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What priority does holiness have in your life?

Ezekiel 36:26-27 promises a new heart and a power from God to enable us to follow Him. How does knowing that God is empowering us help us in our pursuit of holiness?

DAY TEN: Jehovah Shalom (The Lord is Peace)

But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace...

Judges 6:23-24a

THE LORD GREETED GIDEON in peace, so he built an altar and named it "The LORD is Peace." Literally translated, it means "the possession of all necessary things for the peace of a person." When your heart is content, you are at peace. And where does that contentment come from? The grace of God. There's no person more discontent than one who is not experiencing the amazing grace of God. Only in Jesus will you find security, sufficiency and serenity. Jehovah Shalom!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 4:8; 29:11; Proverbs 16:7; 2 Thessalonians 3:16

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What is the difference between worldly peace and peace from the Lord?

Using the presence of true peace in your life as a gauge, how well do you know Jehovah Shalom? What can you do to truly know the Lord is Peace?

DAY ELEVEN: El Deah (The God of All Knowledge)

"Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by Him deeds are weighed."

1 Samuel 2:3

THINK ABOUT GOD'S OMNISCIENCE. He knows everything. God is the God of all knowledge. God inhabits eternity. God sees the beginning, the middle and the end - all at one time. He is all-knowing. He has nothing left to learn. Not one single blade of grass moves without Him knowing it. If you're saved, God knew that you would receive the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing takes God by surprise. God never says, "oops. I never thought of that."

That is why we can have complete confidence and peace, even in the midst of uncertain times when we have no idea how things could possibly work out. We may not know the specifics, but God does! Praise El Deah, the God of All Knowledge!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

This verse comes from a prayer that Hannah prayed after the Lord opened her womb and she gave birth to Samuel. What does this verse teach us about God?

What are some things that you find difficult to understand about the way God has allowed history to unfold? How can personally knowing El Deah help you navigate those questions?

DAY TWELVE: Jehovah-Sabbaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

1 Samuel 17:45

THE WORD SABAOTH means "hosts" or "army" and is used in reference to the angels that are fighting and helping the people of God. It speaks of the sovereignty of God over all the powers of the universe.

This name of God emphasizes the fact that God is fighting for His people with His omnipotence and sovereignty. David understood the greatness of God when he went against Goliath with five smooth stones and a sling. Oh, that each of us would have this same assurance of Jehovah-Sabbaoth in our daily lives!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: 2 Samuel 7:26-27; 1 Chronicles 11:9; Isaiah 6:3; Romans 9:29; 2 Corinthians 6:18; James 5:4; Revelation 1:8; 4:8

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

This statement highlights the primary difference between David and Saul. How should David's confidence in Jehovah-Sabbaoth embolden us today?

Why do we often seek to solve our own problems instead of relinquishing them over to the Lord? How can we learn to depend on Him more?

DAY THIRTEEN: Jehovah-Tsuri (The Lord Our Rock)

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:2

BOTH THE OLD AND NEW Testaments are filled with references to God as a rock. He is permanent, faithful and protective. He is the firm foundation for your life, your hiding place in trouble, your shelter in the storm. Jesus is also pictured as the living stone the builders rejected that has become the cornerstone of the Church. Perhaps the most beautiful thought to contemplate as you address Jehovah-Tsuri is that He has made His followers into "living stones." Scripture says, "you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5).

RELATED SCRIPTURES: 2 Samuel 22:2-4; Psalm 14:6; 40:1-2; 62:1-2, 5-8; Isaiah 26:3-4; Matthew 21:42; 1 Corinthians 10:4

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What are things the world entices and encourages us to build on?

If a non-Christian looked at your life, would they come to the conclusion that you are living your life with the Lord as your Rock? In what ways yes? In what ways no?

DAY FOURTEEN: Jehovah Rohi (The Lord Our Shepherd)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3

PSALM 23 AND JOHN 10 are some of the most beautiful descriptions of God as our Shepherd, Jehovah Rohi. This is a name of God that is associated with His love, mercy and care. God wanted to lead and care for the people of Israel as a shepherd does for his sheep, but the people of Israel repeatedly rebelled against Him. The analogy of God as a shepherd makes us see the great care God has for His people and the gentle nature He has to guide them. The question is, are you following the Good Shepherd?

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 80:1; 95:7; Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:12; John 10:11-27; Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 Peter 2:25

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What is the value of green pastures and quiet waters for sheep? What does that metaphor mean for people?

Do you see yourself as a sheep who needs to rely on a shepherd for provision? How is this verse comforting to you today to know you have a loving Shepherd?

DAY FIFTEEN: El Chay (Living God)

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Psalm 84:2

THIS TITLE SETS GOD APART from all the false (lowercase "g") gods of other religions. In stark contrast to the idols of wood and stone worshiped by the pagan nations in the Old Testament, the Living God is Himself maker of heaven and earth. He alone is the source of our life. We live because He lives. The prophet Jeremiah reminded God's people that "...every goldsmith is shamed by his idols. The images he makes are a fraud; they have no breath in them." (Jeremiah 10:14).

The Living God, El Chay, transcends culture and time. He speaks to you through His Word and walks with you through your struggles. No wonder the psalmist's soul longed for Him!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Joshua 3:9-10; Psalm 42:2; Acts 14:15; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 10:31

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Why do you think the psalmist chose to highlight that God is the Living God?

Joshua 24:23 says, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." What idols do we create for ourselves today? And how can we turn our hearts back to the Living God?

DAY SIXTEEN: Ma'on (Our Dwelling Place)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Psalm 90:1

MOSES CALLED GOD his dwelling place. That is a significant statement considering as an infant Moses lived hidden in slaves' quarters and in a basket in the Nile River. He grew up in a palace but fled to the desert where he spent the last remaining decades of his life wandering in the wilderness. Sometimes we put down roots and believe we own or belong to a specific location. But Moses, throughout his nomadic life, knew the truth: our real home is found only in Ma'on. This was true for Moses and his generation, and it is just as true for us more than 3,000 years later. Whatever your circumstances, hold fast to Ma'on, our Dwelling Place. Wherever you are, you will always be at home!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 27:4; 32:7; 61:4; 91:9-10

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What is the difference between finding times to dwell with God and dwelling with God?

How can you make God your dwelling place as you go about your everyday life today?

DAY SEVENTEEN: El Olam (The Everlasting God)

Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:2

THIS TITLE FIRST APPEARS in Genesis 21:33 and could also be translated as, "The God of all ages and all generations." What a wonderful thing to know that in a changing world, God does not change! Even over the expanse of time, God is still God. Psalm 90:4 reminds us, "For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night." There are no surprises to God. As Corrie ten Boom says, "there's no panic in Heaven." God knows the past and the future at the same time. Jesus is our El Olam. He is the Everlasting God!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 21:33; Psalm 93:2; Isaiah 9:6; 26:4; 40:28-31

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What is the significance of knowing that God is the Everlasting God?

When was the last time you praised God for His presence and provision from creation until today? Let's do that now!

DAY EIGHTEEN: Immanuel (God with Us)

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

THE NAME IMMANUEL appears twice in the Old Testament and once in the New Testament. Immanuel literally means, "God with us." It is one of the most comforting and encouraging names or titles of God. He knew that it was impossible for us to come into His presence because of our sin. So, God, in His outrageous love for us, decided to send Jesus as the "God-man" to earth, fully revealing Himself to us to bridge the gap that our sin causes by giving us a savior in Jesus Christ the King. Here is a beautiful mystery - at no time did Jesus lose His divine nature, yet the Bible also teaches that Christ became fully human. Because Jesus walked this earth, He is familiar with all that affects us. He understands our pain, our temptations and our sorrow. He is Immanuel!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 8:8-10; Matthew 1:22-23

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Why is it important to remember that God is always with us? What difference does that make in the way we live?

How do you engage with Immanuel in your daily life?

DAY NINETEEN: El Gibhor (The Mighty God)

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

THIS SCRIPTURE, WRITTEN more than 700 years before the birth of Christ, prophesies Messiah will be "El" (the one true God) and Gibhor (the Mighty God). As you pray, recognize the prophecy's fulfillment in Jesus as El Gibhor, and see His might in creation before His earthly life began (all things were created through Him and for Him - John 1:3 & Colossians 1:16). See Him as the Mighty God, commanding the weather as He calms the storm, dominating physical elements as He turns water into wine, overpowering diseases of the body and mind (and even the demons of Hell). Contemplate His might in rising from the grave, and thank Him for His power defeating sin and death, giving you security for all eternity and strength for every challenge.

Great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord Almighty!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 10:17; Isaiah 10:21; Jeremiah 32:17-18

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Jeremiah 32:18b

Restate each of these descriptions of El Gibhor in your own words. How were each of these evident in the life of Jesus?

How have you experienced these aspects of Jesus in your own life?

DAY TWENTY: El Chuwl (The God Who Gave You Birth)

But now, this is what the Lord says—He who created you, Jacob, He who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...."

Isaiah 43:1-3a

God is saying, "I made you, I saved you, I'm going to take care of you." God made you for a purpose, and He won't let anything get in the way of that. Even when sin marred God's original creation, God didn't give up on us. God is never surprised and is able to redeem all that He allows. Isn't that a wonderful arrangement?

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 139:13-18; Ephesians 2:10

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

The Lord tells us not to fear. With so much evil in the world how do you not fear?

How does it make you feel to know that the all-knowing, all-powerful God not only created you but loved you so much that He sent His Son to suffer and die for your sins so that He could have a relationship with you for all eternity?

DAY TWENTY-ONE: Jehovah-Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteous)

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior."

Jeremiah 23:5-6

THIS COMPOUND NAME relates to God as a Judge, as our justice and the God of all justice. It comes out of a messianic prophecy about the true justice that one day the Messiah was going to bring to His people.

We are not righteous in and of ourselves. Our righteousness comes from God and God alone. God is a righteous God and He Himself will declare His people righteous by the blood of Christ.

Are you feeling that you can't live the perfect Christian life? That's right where you need to be! God never asked you to live the Christian life apart from Him. He wants to be your strength. He wants to live the Christian life through you and do for you what you could never do for yourself. Jehovah-Tsidkenu!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 15:6; Deuteronomy 6:25; 2 Samuel 22:21; Psalm 4:1; 7:17; 9:4; 11:7; 24:5; 31:1; 36:10; 71:15; 89:16; Matthew 6:33; Romans 8:10; 1 Corinthians 1:30

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

How is it comforting to know that God is not only our Judge, but also our justice and the God of all justice?

Are there areas in your life where you tend to rely on your own ability instead of the Lord's provision? What can you do today to remind yourself of Jehovah-Tsidkenu?

DAY TWENTY-TWO: Adonai (Lord Master)

"....I gave you My solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign Lord, and you became Mine."

Ezekiel 16:8b

WHEN YOU CALL GOD ADONAI, you acknowledge both His leadership and His ownership as your Lord, Master and Ruler. While this should cause you to approach God with great reverence, it can also evoke emotions of deep gratitude because you recognize His loving ownership. There is great freedom and comfort in surrendering to Adonai because you know that He is Good. You can thank Him for the times He has brought you through difficulties, protected you or even corrected you for your benefit.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 8; Isaiah 40:3-5; Habakkuk 3:19; Colossians 1:16

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

If God is our Master, what confidence does that give you to walk through the difficult seasons of life?

What areas of your life do you need to relinquish control over to God?

DAY TWENTY-THREE: Jehovah-Shammah (The Lord is There)

"...And the name of the city from that time on will be: the Lord is there."

Ezekiel 48:35b

GOD REVEALED TO EZEKIEL that the name of the new Jerusalem will be, "the Lord is there."

Psalm 139:7 asks, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?" And what is the answer? Nowhere!

God is omnipresent. He's everywhere. There is not a murmur He doesn't hear, a movement He doesn't see nor a motive He doesn't already know. When we are lonely, His presence cheers us up as He is always there, always close, always working. Never forget that wherever you are, Jehovah-Shammah!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 28:15; Psalm 23:4; 46:1; 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Matthew 18:20; John 14:16-17: Acts 17:24-28

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What are the times when it is most difficult to remember that God is always with you? What can you do to remind yourself of His presence?

How does knowing that God prepared a future city called Jehovah-Shammah impact the way you live today?

DAY TWENTY-FOUR: Attiq Yomin (The Ancient of Days)

"As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took His seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of His head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze."

Daniel 7:9

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS is the Aramaic name given to God by the prophet Daniel, contrasting His everlasting powers with the fragile existence of the empires of the world.

What do you think about when you hear this name for God? Isaiah 46:9-10 says, "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'" In a world filled with uncertainties, we find great comfort in our God, the Ancient of Days.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:8

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

How does knowing God as the Ancient of Days help us navigate life today?

What are the uncertainties in your life that you need to give over to Attiq Yomin?

DAY TWENTY-FIVE: Logos (The Word)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE the Bible and love Jesus, this name for God is one of the most meaningful names in all of Scripture. It encompasses the entire story of God's relationship with man from the beginning of creation in Genesis 1:1—when God spoke the world into existence—to Christ's spoken promise to "come quickly" in the final verses of the Book of Revelation. Jesus is the fulfillment of the words of prophecy written in the Old Testament, the Word made flesh in the New Testament, the Word of hope for all who believe in His Second Coming and the eternal Word securing the promise of Heaven. Seek Him in His Word, the Bible, and you will find Him to be the truth.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: John 1:1-3, 14

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What are some specific truths we can learn about Jesus from this verse?

What importance does scripture have in your life? How can you press more into Logos today?

DAY TWENTY-SIX: Messiah (The Anointed One)

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

John 4:25-26

THESE TWO VERSES are part of the account in John's Gospel of Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. He openly admitted to her that He was the Messiah, the deliverer whom God had been promising to send to His people for hundreds of years. (See Isaiah 42:1; 61:1-3; Daniel 9.) The disciples learned over the course of Jesus' ministry that the salvation they expected (delivery from Roman masters and an earthly kingdom) would be far exceeded. After Christ's death and resurrection, they finally understood the Messiah's true aspiration: delivery from sin and to an eternal Kingdom. Do you ever miss the true role of Messiah by focusing on what you want Him to do for you today and forgetting what He came to do for you eternally? Go to the Anointed One in prayer and thank Him for ultimate salvation!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 2:1-2; Daniel 9:25; John 1:41

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Why do you think that Jesus chose this moment and this person (the Samaritan woman at the well) as the first time to reveal Himself as the Messiah?

What principles can we learn from Jesus about initiating spiritual conversations during "everyday" moments?

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN: Christos (The Anointed One)

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31

JOHN USES TWO NAMES: Jesus, which refers to His human name, and Christ (or Messiah), which refers to His divine title. Jesus Christ is fully man and fully Messiah at the same time. Christ, which means the Anointed One, is His divine title. Jesus is God in human flesh. This is the fundamental doctrine of our faith - that God stepped out of Heaven and took upon human flesh.

Jesus did what we were unable to do ourselves, live a perfect life without sin, so that His death would become the perfect atonement for our sins.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Luke 2:11; 9:20; John 4:42; 6:69; 11:27; Acts 5:42; Romans 8:39; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 6:14; Philippians 2:5-11; 3:7-9; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Timothy 1:15-16; 2:5; Hebrews 13:8; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 5:20

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What doubts or questions are you struggling with right now about Christos, the God-Man who died for our sins and rose again from the dead?

Read the other biblical references listed above. How would you answer a friend who claims that Jesus was a good teacher but NOT the Anointed One?

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT: Abba (Father)

Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Galatians 4:6

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT about God as your Father? "Abba" is the Aramaic word meaning "Daddy" or "Father." It's a term of warm affection, close relationship and respect for one's father. For some, that may sound like an irreverent way to address God. But Jesus called God, "Our Father," in Matthew 6:9 and He gave us that same right. "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name...'"

It's amazing that we can call the great God of the Universe, Abba, Father!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Is your concept of "Abba, Father" influenced more by your earthly father or your what scripture says about your Heavenly Father?

Why is knowing He is the ideal, ultimate loving Father essential to the way we see ourselves? How does this shape all that you do?

DAY TWENTY-NINE: El v (The God Most High)

For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:16-17

EL ELYÓN SPEAKS of the supremacy of God. He is above all. The word literally means the strongest of the strong and the highest of the high.

Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of the most high God, referred to God twice as "El Elyón" in Genesis 14. What a wonderful reminder that He is the transcendent God. He is above everything in all creation. He is the Most High God. Jesus is our El Elyón!

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 14:20; Psalm 47:2; 61:2; 92:1

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What does it mean that "in [Christ] all things hold together"? (v.17)

How does knowing God's position above all things put things in perspective today? In what ways have you placed other things above Him?

DAY THIRTY: Alpha & Omega (The Beginning and End)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8

MANY GREAT MEN AND WOMEN have done amazing things throughout our history and are worthy of admiration, but Jesus should not be on that list. He isn't just a great man. He is Jesus, the first and the last.

Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. Omega is the last. Jesus was giving us a glimpse of His fullness, implying that He includes everything that can be. And He is God's final word for all eternity. In this name we also see that whatever Jesus starts, He also finishes.

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 44:6; John 1:1; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 12:2; Revelation 1:11-17; 21:6; 22:13;

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Why is it important to understand that Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the beginning and the end?

As Alpha & Omega, Jesus has overcome! 1 John 5:4 reminds us, "for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." How can you live today knowing you have victory in Jesus?

THANK YOU for taking this journey with us. Our hope and prayer are that your relationship with and understanding of The Living God has been strengthened through this study.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



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