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Wednesday Night PRAYER SERVICE: The Names of God - Part 1

1. Why Study the Names of God?

2. "Elohim"

A) Meaning/Definition

- The Supreme One, the Mighty One.
- Plural form of "El" which means First/Strongest One. "El" is often not seen alone but is usually at the beginning of another name of God (El Shaddai or El Elyon).
- Genesis 1:1- God alone is eternal- God alone is infinite.
 - God is not like us.
 - God exists outside of time, space, and matter.
 - God created "ex nihilo" He created something out of nothing. Hebrews 11:3
- In chapter 1 of Genesis, it is "Elohim" that is used for God's name.
- What Elohim does it is good.
- "God took chaos and formed something good, and He can do that with our lives." Tony Evans

B) Elohim is in the plural: 2 schools of thought:

- Highlights the triune God
- Highlights and communicates that God encompasses all His attributes.

C) Our Relation to Elohim

- He is our Maker- Genesis 1:27
- Psalm 139: 13-16

"You knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

- Every person has purpose and design.
- We were not created to be separated from God, but to have communion with God.

D) The prayers of the Old Testament saints using "Elohim."

- Calling to the Shepherd Genesis 48:15-16
"And he (Jacob) blessed Joseph and said, 'The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, 16 the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my father's Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.'"
- Calling for help- Psalm 61

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