

## In God's Name

### What's in a Name?

- To commemorate some great historical or religious event
- To denote the parent's hope for or assessment of the child's character

### Major Old Testament Designations

- *El, Elohim, Elyon*
- English translation: *God*
- New Testament Equivalent: *Theos*
- Meaning:
  - *El* = One who is strong, powerful

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- Elohim
  - "He who is to be feared"
  - "The Mightiest One"
    - Creation
    - Sovereignty
      - God of all the earth (Is. 54:5)
      - God of all flesh (Jer. 32:27)
      - God of heaven (Neh. 2:4)
      - God of gods and Lord of lords (Deut. 10:17)
- *El Elyon*--the Most High One or Most Exalted One

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- *Adonai*
  - English translation: *Lord*
  - New Testament Equivalent: *Kurios*
  - Meaning: from Hebrew "to rule over"; ruler, Lord, Commander, Master

### Major Old Testament Designations

- Shaddai
  - English translation: God Almighty
  - New Testament Equivalent: *Pantokrator*
  - Its meaning:
    - "To destroy" → *power*
    - "Breast" → God the *provider, nourisher*
    - "Mountain" → *mighty, permanent, immovable*

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- *Yahweh*
  - English translation: *Jehovah (KJV), LORD*
  - *The Tetragrammaton = four letters; 4 Heb. letters – YHWH*
  - Meaning
    - God's self-existence (3:14)
    - He Is That He Is--the same yesterday, today, and forever (Ex. 3:15)

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- *Yahweh-Jireh* – He is...provider (Gen. 22:14)
- *Yahweh -Nissi* – He is...our banner (Ex. 17:15)
- *Yahweh -Tsidkenu* – He is...our righteousness (Jer. 23:6)
- *Yahweh -Shammah* – He is...the One who is there (Ezek. 48:35)
- *Yahweh Sabbaoth* – He is...Lord of Hosts or Armies (1 Sam. 1:3)

## Major New Testament Designations

- *Theos*
  - English translation: God (used mostly of the Father)
  - Meaning: God, One of might and power

## Major New Testament Designations

- *Kurios*
  - English translation: Lord
  - Meaning: One with Power, authority, and with whom we have the relationship of servant

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- *Pater*
  - English translation: Father
  - Meaning:
    - The relationship between the First and Second Persons of the Trinity
    - God's relationship to believers (1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 3:15; Heb. 12:9; Matt. 6:9)

## Major New Testament Designations

- *Pantokrator*
  - From Greek: 1) all; and 2) to rule
  - English translation: Almighty
  - Meaning: Almighty, Ruler of all (2 Cor. 6:18; Rev. 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7,14)

## Our Response

- Psalm 5:11— let all who take refuge in You be glad, Let them ever sing for joy; And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may exult in You.
- Psalm 7:17 – I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.
- Psalm 9:10 – those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.
- Psalm 20:7 – Some *boast* in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.

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- Psalm 34:3 – O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.
- Psalm 69:30 – I will praise the name of God with song And magnify Him with thanksgiving.
- Psalm 148:13 – Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.
- Proverbs 18:10 – The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe.