

The Doctrine of the father - Part 1

Title: How much do we know of God the Father ?



Text: Gen. 1:1 NIV:

The History of Creation

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

The Bible reveals the nature and character of God through various names and titles, each reflecting different aspects of His divine attributes and relationship with humanity. These names are found throughout the Old and New Testaments and are integral to understanding the multifaceted nature of God as presented in the Scriptures.

Some of the names of God:

1. Elohim (אֱלֹהִים):

Elohim is the first name for God found in the Bible, appearing in **Genesis 1:1**: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." This name emphasizes God's power and might as the Creator of the universe. Elohim is a plural form, which some scholars suggest hints at the complexity of the Godhead, aligning with the Christian doctrine of the Trinity.

2. Yahweh (יהוה):

Yahweh, often rendered as "LORD" in English translations, is the personal and covenantal name of God revealed to Moses in **Exodus 3:14**: "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'" This name signifies God's eternal, self-existent nature and His faithfulness to His promises. Yahweh is central to the identity of God in the Hebrew Scriptures.

3. Adonai (אֲדֹנָי):

Adonai, meaning "Lord" or "Master," is used to denote God's authority and lordship over all creation. It is often used in place of Yahweh out of reverence, as seen in passages like **Psalms 8:1**: "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!"

4. El Shaddai (אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי):

El Shaddai, translated as "God Almighty," emphasizes God's ultimate power and sufficiency. This name is first introduced in **Genesis 17:1** when God appears to Abram: "I am God Almighty; walk before Me and be blameless." It underscores God's ability to fulfill His promises and provide for His people.

5. Jehovah Jireh (יְהוָה יִרְאֶה):

Meaning "The LORD Will Provide," this name is found in **Genesis 22:14**, where Abraham names the place where God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac. It highlights God's provision and care for His people.

6. Jehovah Rapha (יְהוָה רִפְּאֵךְ):

Translated as "The LORD Who Heals," this name is found in **Exodus 15:26**: "For I am the LORD who heals you." It reflects God's power to heal and restore, both physically and spiritually.

7. Jehovah Nissi (יְהוָה נִסִּי):

Meaning "The LORD Is My Banner," this name is used in **Exodus 17:15** after the Israelites' victory over the Amalekites. It signifies God's protection and leadership in battle.

8. Jehovah Shalom (יְהוָה שְׁלוֹמִים):

This name, meaning "The LORD Is Peace," is found in **Judges 6:24**, where Gideon builds an altar to the LORD. It emphasizes God's role as the source of peace and wholeness.

9. Jehovah Tsidkenu (יְהוָה צְדִיקֵנוּ):

Translated as "The LORD Our Righteousness," this name appears in Jeremiah 23:6, referring to the coming Messiah who will embody and impart God's righteousness to His people.

10. Jehovah Sabaoth (יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת):

Meaning "The LORD of Hosts," this name is used to describe God's command over the armies of heaven and earth. It is found in passages like **1 Samuel 1:3**, highlighting God's sovereignty and power in spiritual warfare.

11. Abba (ʾΑββᾱ):

In the New Testament, Jesus introduces a more intimate name for God, "Abba," meaning "Father." This term is used in **Mark 14:36** and **Romans 8:15**, reflecting the close, personal relationship believers can have with God through Christ.

12. Theos (Θεός):

The Greek term for God, used throughout the New Testament, emphasizes the monotheistic belief in one true God. It is foundational to the Christian understanding of God's nature and His revelation through Jesus Christ.

These names for God, each with its unique significance, collectively reveal the depth and richness of God's character as portrayed in the Bible. They serve as a means for believers to understand and relate to God in various aspects of life and faith.



A. The name God in Gen. 1:1:

1. **The Hebrew word “Elohim”** translates to “The Strong One.” This verse exemplifies God’s strength, power, and majesty. He is the creator.

2. **ELOHIM** is a plural reference in the Hebrew language. It doesn't mean there are numerous gods, but rather a reference to the majesty of God.

3. **The name "God"** is a generic name that can refer to the one true living God or to a false deity. The context in which it is used will determine which God we are talking about.

B. **The name Lord:** The Self-Existent One (**Joshua 5:14**) He is involved in making and keeping the covenants with Israel and keeping them.

Joshua 5:14 NIV:

14 "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

C. **The name Yahweh:** Hebrew word; To be, I am the One Who Is:

Ex. 3:14 NIV:

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"



Names derived from “Yahweh”:

YAHWEH SABBATH, the LORD of Hosts:

(The Captain of the Angelic Army)

1 Sam. 1:3 NIV:

3 Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD.

YAHWEH ELOHIM: The Lord God of Israel:

Judges 5:3 NIV:

Isa. 17:6 NIV:

YAHWEH JIREH: The Lord Provides:

Gen. 22:14 NIV:

SHEKINAH GLORY: HE that resides with His people:

Ex.16:7, 24:7 NIV:

YAHWEH NISSI: The Lord is my Banner:

Ex.17:15

JEHOVA RAPHA: The Lord Healeth Thee:

Ex.15:23-26 NIV:

II. Our Lord Jesus taught the following about the Father:



HE is Spirit:

Jn.4:24 NIV:

HE is Omnipotent:

Mt.19:26 NIV:

HE is Omniscient:

Mt.10:29 NIV:

HE is Holy:

Jn.17:11 NIV:

HE is Righteous:

Jn.17:25 NIV:

HE is Loving:

Jn. 3:16,17:23 NIV:

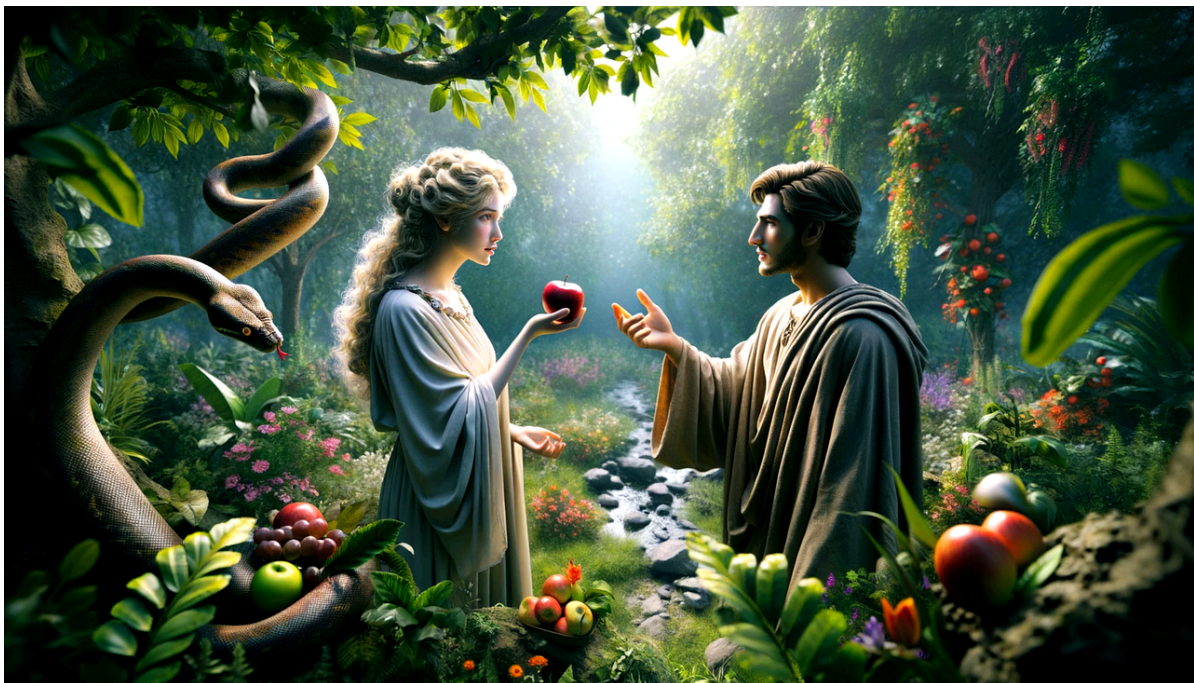
HE is Good:

Mt. 6:26, 28-30, 10:29-30 NIV:

H. W. Graham Scroggie writes:

“The outstanding truth that Christ taught about God is that He is Father.

This term, applied to Him, **appears 189 times in Matthew, 44 times in Mark, 4 times in Luke, and 124 times in John.**”



III. HE is the Father of all life.

Ps. 19:1 NIV:

The Perfect Revelation of the Lord

1 For the director of music. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Ps. 36:9 NIV:

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Ps. 148:2-5 NIV:

2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

Jn. 5:26 NIV:

26 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Acts 17:24-25 NIV:

24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.

25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

Eph. 4:17 NIV:

Instructions for Christian Living

17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

Col. 1:16 NIV:

16 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 tends and cares for vegetation:

Ps.104:14 NIV:

¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate bringing forth food from the earth:

Ps. 104:4:16 NIV:

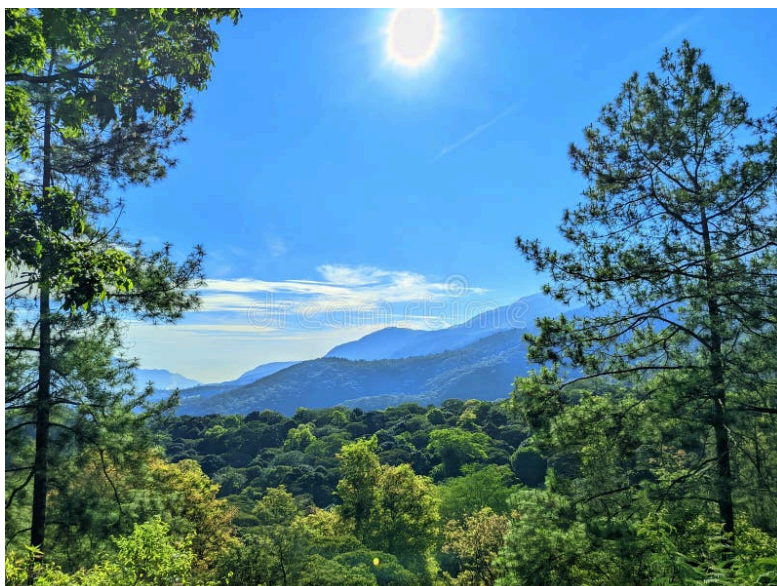
¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

Mt. 6:28-30 NIV:

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you you of little faith?





HE tends and cares for brute nature:

Ps. 104:14 NIV:

¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate bringing forth food from the earth:

Ps. 104:16 NIV:

¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

Ps. 104:18 NIV:

¹⁸ The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.

Ps. 104:20-21 NIV:

20 You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

21 The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

Ps. 104:27 NIV:

27 All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

Mt. 6:26 NIV:

26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Mt. 10:29 NIV:

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.



HE tends and cares for the weather:

Ps. 135: 6-7 NIV:

6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.

7 He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

Ps. 147:8 NIV:

8 He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

Ps. 147:16 NIV:

16 He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.

Ps. 147:18 NIV:

18 He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

Ps. 148:8 NIV:

8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

HE tends and cares for the seasons:

Gen. 8:22 NIV:

22"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Acts. 14:17 NIV:

17 Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.



How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?



How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven, and that you have Eternal life with our father in Heaven.

For Jesus Says to all of us: Jn.14:6 NIV:

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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