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“Attributes”

Attribute: Any property quality or characteristic that can be ascribed to a person or thing as strength and bravery are two of his attributes. *Webster Dictionary*

→ ETERNAL GOD - (el – OH- lam) - El Olam

Deuteronomy 33:27 “eternal God”; Psalms 90:1-4 “everlasting to everlasting”

Genesis 21:33 – “Everlasting God”; Isaiah 46:4 “always”; Isaiah 40:28-29;

John 6:40 “believe and have eternal life”; Psalms 100:4-5 “His love endures forever”;

2 Peter 3:8 “time of no consequence to the Lord”; Romans 1:20 “His invisible attributes”; John 17:3 “the only true God”;

Ephesians 3:11 “the eternal purpose”; Psalms 145:13-14 “everlasting kingdom”;

Psalms 100 “God’s everlasting love”; Psalms 103:13-18 “eternal god who knows our limitations”; Revelation 1:4-8 “everlasting God and His Son Jesus”

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- **Praise God for the love which endures forever, in spite of our shortcomings – Psalms 100**
- **Thank God that we may know the Love of Christ which surpasses all understanding Ephesians 3:11-21**

PRAY

Ask God to deepen your hope of heaven – Ecclesiastes 3:11

Eternity is the term which refers to God’s relation to time. Past, present and future are known to Him equally (2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 1:8). Time is like a parade that human beings see only one segment of at a time. But God sees time in its entirety.

El Olam is the Hebrew name for the God who has no beginning and no end, the God for whom a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day. His plans, decrees and promises stand forever without interruption or end. Because He is the Almighty God nothing can or will ever prevent the blessing He has for those who love Him and have chosen His way.

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Man is immortal—that is, his soul will never die; but God is eternal—He has neither beginning nor ending. God existed before the mountains (the most durable thing known in Moses’ day); in fact, He gave birth to the mountains. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we become a part of eternity and possess eternal life. *Wiersbe, Warren W.: Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament. Wheaton, IL : Victor Books, 1993, S. Ps 90:1*

Deuteronomy 33:27:

^aThe eternal God is your (a) ^fdwelling place, ^bAnd underneath are the everlasting arms; ^cAnd He drove out the enemy from before you, ^dAnd said, ‘Destroy!’¹

^a Ps 90:1, 2, ^f Or refuge, ^b Gen 49:24, ^c Ex 34:11; Josh 24:18, ^d Deut 7:2

New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. Dt 33:27

“God” = Elohim; “Dwelling Place” = refuge; “Everlasting” = perpetual(without intermission) or eternal, having infinite duration, valid or existing at all times (timeless)

Psalm 90:1-4:

1) Lord, You have been our ^{1a}dwelling place in all generations.

2) Before ^athe mountains were born ^fOr You ^bgave birth to the earth and the world, Even ^cfrom everlasting to everlasting. You are God. 3) You ^aturn man back into dust And say, “Return, O children of men.” 4) For ^aa thousand years in Your sight Are like ^byesterday when it passes by, ^fOr as a ^cwatch in the night.

^f Or *hiding place*; some ancient mss read *place of refuge*; ^f Deut 33:27; Ps 71:3; 91:1; Ezek 11:16; ^f Job 15:7; Proverbs 8:25; ^f Or *And*; ^f Gen 1:1; Ps 102:25; 104:5; ^c Ps 93:2; 102:24, 27; Jeremiah 10:10; ^f Gen 3:19; Job 34:14, 15; Ps 104:29; ^a 2 Pet 3:8; ^b Ps 39:5; ^f Or *And*; ^c Ex 14:24; Judges 7:19; ^f *New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. Ps 90:1-4*

Word study:

“Dwelling Place” = refuge, *Lord, thou hast been to us a habitation, or dwelling-place, a refuge or help, in all generations.*²; “Everlasting” = forever, always, indefinite, never ending, eternity
“Return” = When God is, by sickness or other afflictions, turning men to destruction, he does thereby call men to return unto him, that is, to repent of their sins and live a new life.³

²Henry, Matthew: *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible : Complete and Unabridged in One Volume.* Peabody : Hendrickson, 1996, c1991, S. Ps 90:7

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90:4 Man’s life is fleeting and brief in contrast to the eternity of God. Peter alludes to this verse (2 Pet. 3:8) in reference to the promise of Christ’s return. *Believer’s Study Bible. electronic ed. Nashville : Thomas Nelson, 1997, c1995, S. Ps 90:4*

Jesus said, I am the:

“**Alpha and Omega**”: These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and thus the *only* God. The phrase itself is not found in the OT, but the basic formula from which it is derived is found in Isa. 44:6 and 48:12. In the NT, only the author of Revelation uses this name for God (1:8; 21:6); he also applies it explicitly to Jesus Christ (22:13; cf. 1:17; 2:8).

Greeting the Seven Churches ... establishing primacy...

Revelation 1:8 - “*I am the Alpha and the Omega,*” says the Lord God, “*who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.*”

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS EVERLASTING LOVE – His promises will never fail us because of the fidelity of His nature and He is ETERNAL

Psalm 145:13-14:

13) Your kingdom is ¹an ^aeverlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations. 14) The LORD ^asustains all who fall And ^braises up all who are bowed down. 15) The eyes of all ¹look to You, And You ^agive them their food in due time. 16) You ^aopen Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹Lit a kingdom of all ages; ^aPs 10:16; 29:10; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Pet 1:11; ^aPs 37:24; ^bPs 146:8; ¹Lit wait; or hope for; ^aPs 104:27; 136:25; ^aPs 104:28;

New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. Ps 145:13-16

“Kingdom” = royal power, dominion; “Sustain” = support, uphold

³Henry, Matthew: *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible : Complete and Unabridged in One Volume.* Peabody : Hendrickson, 1996, c1991, S. Ps 90:7

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GOD MOST HIGH – (El el-YOHN) - EL ELYON

Psalm 97:9 “exalted far above..”; **Psalm 91:1-4** “He who dwells with..”,

Genesis 14:18-20 “priest of God Most High”; Daniel 4:34 “I blessed the Most High”;

Luke 6:35-36 “sons of the Most High”; **Psalm 57:2** “prayer for rescue from persecutors”;

Psalm 91:9-10 “Even the Most High”; **Isaiah 55:8-9** “My thoughts are not your thoughts..”
Psalm 7:10; Psalm 92:1; Psalm 107; **Hebrews 1:2-4** “The Son..exact representation of His being”

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- **Thank God for the ways He has shown you mercy and because your life is hidden in Christ**
- **Praise Him and exalt Him above all gods, because He reigns far above all.**

PRAY **Ask God for deeper understanding of who He is**

There is nothing that is above our God! In the New Testament Jesus is known as the Son of the Most High, while the Holy Spirit is the power of the Most High. All who belong to Jesus Christ are revealed as the sons and daughters of the Most High. When you praise the Most High, you are praising the one whose power, mercy and sovereignty cannot be matched.

HALLELUJAH! NOW TELL ME..... WHO ARE YOU?

El Elyon. El Elyon (Heb., ‘God Most High’), originally a compound for the high god El, was worshiped in Jerusalem before David’s conquest (ca. 1000 B.C.). In Genesis 14, Melchizedek is the priest-king of Jerusalem who blesses Abraham in the name of ‘God Most High, Maker of Heaven and Earth,’ the ‘God who gave Abraham’s enemies into his power. In J’s rendition of this story, El Elyon is identified with Yahweh. After the Israelite takeover of Jerusalem, the El Elyon tradition is associated with Yahweh (Ps. 47:2-3). *Achtemeier, Paul J. ; Harper & Row, Publishers ; Society of Biblical Literature: Harper's Bible Dictionary. 1st ed. San Francisco : Harper & Row, 1985, S. 686*

Yahweh. The most important name for God in the OT is the tetragrammaton YHWH (occurs about 6,800 times), usually pronounced ‘Yahweh,’ though the known pronunciation was lost in the postexilic period. Due to the increasing sanctity attached to the name and the consequent desire to avoid misuse, the title *Adonai* (Heb., ‘My Great Lord’) was pronounced in place of the

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tetragrammaton. In written texts the vowels of *Adonai* were combined with the consonants YHWH to remind readers to pronounce *Adonai* instead of Yahweh. The incorrect hybrid, ‘Jehovah,’ arose from Christian misunderstanding in the late Middle Ages. The respect for the sanctity of the personal name of God is reflected in modern Judaism. *Achtemeier, Paul J. ; Harper & Row, Publishers ; Society of Biblical Literature: Harper's Bible Dictionary. 1st ed. San Francisco : Harper & Row, 1985, S. 685*

Acknowledge HIM!....

Psalm 97:9

9) *For You are the LORD ^aMost High over all the earth; You are exalted far ^babove all ^cgods.*

^aPs 83:18; ^bEx 18:11; Ps 95:3; 96:4; 135:5; ^cOr supernatural powers;

New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. Ps 97:9

Psalm 91:1-4 - A promise

1) *He who dwells in the ^ashelter of the Most High Will abide in the ^bshadow of the Almighty.*
abides protection

2) *I will say to the LORD, “My ^arefuge and my ^bfortress, My God, in whom I ^ctrust!”* 3) *For it is*

He who delivers you from the ^asnare of the trapper And from the deadly ^bpestilence. 4) He will
To deliver from sin & guilt bait layer

^a*cover you with His pinions, And ^bunder His wings you may seek refuge; His ^cfaithfulness is a*
feathers
^d*shield and bulwark.*

Bulwark = a defensive structure of wall that comprises a part of a fortification

^aPs 27:5; 31:20; 32:7; ^bPs 17:8; 121:5; Is 25:4; 32:2; ^cPs 14:6; 91:9; 94:22; 142:5; ^dPs 18:2; 31:3; Jer 16:19; ^ePs 25:2; 56:4; ^fPs 124:7; Prov 6:5; ^g1 Kin 8:37; 2 Chr 20:9; Ps 91:6; ^hIs 51:16; ⁱPs 17:8; 36:7; 57:1; 63:7; ^jPs 40:11; ^kPs 35:2

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Lest we become too full of ourselves, in spite of our spiritual growth ...

Isaiah 55:8 ff

8) “For My thoughts are not ^ayour thoughts, Nor are ^byour ways My ways,” declares the LORD.
9) “For ^aas the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts. 10) “For as the ^arain and the snow come down from
heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout,
And furnishing ^bseed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11) So will My ^aword be which goes
forth from My mouth; It will ^bnot return to Me empty, Without ^caccomplishing what I desire,
And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. 12) “For you will go out with ^ajoy
And be led forth with ^bpeace; The ^cmountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy
before you,⁴

^aIs 65:2; 66:18; ^bIs 53:6; ^aPs 103:11; ^aIs 30:23; ^b2 Cor 9:10; ^aIs 45:23; Matt 24:35; ^bIs 44:26; 59:21; ^cIs 46:10;
53:10; ^aPs 105:43; Is 51:11; 52:9; ^bIs 54:10, 13; Jer 29:11; ^aIs 44:23; 49:13

¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update*. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. Is 55:8-12

Luke 6:35

35) “But ^alove your enemies, and do good, and lend, ^bexpecting nothing in return; and your
reward will be great, and you will be ^bsons of ^cthe Most High; for He Himself is kind to
ungrateful and evil men.

^aLuke 6:27; ^bOr not despairing at all; ^bMatt 5:9; ^cLuke 1:32

¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update*. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. Lk 6:35

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→ LIVING GOD – (EL CHAY) - EL CHAY

2 Kings 19:15-16 “the living God”; Jeremiah 10:9-11 “the LORD is the true God”;

Joshua 3:9-10 “the living God is among you”; Romans 8:9-11 “come hear the living God”;

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 “written in our hearts”; Psalms 42 “thirst for the living God”;

Daniel 6:20 “servant of the living God”; Hebrews 9:14 “serve the living God”;

Matthew 16:16 “You are the Christ..”; Jeremiah 10:14 “not the living God”;

Psalms 84:2 “My soul longs..”; 1 Timothy 4:10 “our hope”;

Hebrews 9:14 “serve the living God”; Matthew 26:63 “by the living God”;

2 Corinthians 6:16 “I WILL DWELL IN THEM”; Hebrews 10:31 “hands of the living God”;

Revelation 7:2 “seal of the living God”

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- **Thank God for His Word which is living and sharper than a two edged sword**
- **Praise God for the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you! – Romans 8:9-11**

PRAY For His help and guidance in living the Spirit filled life

This title (truth) sets our God apart from all other gods... He (Elohim) alone is the source of life... we live because He lives. In Jeremiah 10:14 - The prophet Jeremiah reminded God’s people that “every goldsmith is shamed by his idols. His images are a fraud; they have no breath in them”

What qualifies as an idol or false god? See Exodus 20:3-5

Anything that comes between you and God can be described as an idol or god.

Think about how ludicrous it is to ascribe authority and place your trust in an inanimate object; it cannot hear, speak, reason or act. Jeremiah 14:22, Jeremiah 18:15

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Exodus 20:3-5

3) “^aYou shall **have** no other ^bgods ¹before Me.

4) “^aYou shall not make for yourself ¹an **idol**, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

5) “^aYou shall not **worship** them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a ^bjealous God, ^cvisiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

^aDeuteronomy 6:14; 2 Kings 17:35; Jeremiah 25:6; 35:15; ^bExodus 15:11; 20:23; ¹Or *besides Me*; ^aLeviticus 19:4; 26:1; Deut 4:15–19; 27:15; ¹Or *a graven image*; ^aEx 23:24; Josh 23:7; 2 Kin 17:35; ^bEx 34:14; Deut 4:24; Josh 24:19; Nah 1:2; ^aEx 34:6, 7; Num 14:18, 33; Deut 5:9, 10; 1 Kin 21:29; Jeremiah 32:18

New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. **Ex 20:3-5**

Word study:

3) “have” *epizeteo* (gk) = to look for, run after, seek earnestly

“before” = ahead of, in preference to – or – in the presence of

4) “idol” = usually an image carved of wood or stone – also translated as “graven image” which speaks to the act of manufacturing, thus a graven image is an image or idol manufactured by human hands. A God says do not do it! You are fooling yourself with the idea of control, which plays into our pride. If I can conceive of it manufacture it and determine what properties and powers it has, then I can determine how to interact with it to achieve or receive what I desire (it all about control) I get to have it on my terms. This applies to anything which interferes or takes precedence over our obedient following after or interaction with God (*theos*).

5) “worship” *shachah* (shaw khaw) – Heb. = to bow down, to prostrate oneself before superior in homage, yield, revere

“iniquity” *avon* (aw-vone) Heb. = two fold meaning here – the act of worshiping a false god is described as a perverse act; the term also connotes “guilt”. Thus. *for I the LORD* (YAHWEH/YAHOVAH) *am a jealous God* (Elohim –Creator God) God will visit

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Jeremiah 10:9-11

- 9) *Beaten^a silver is brought from^b Tarshish, And^c gold from Uphaz, The work of a craftsman and of the hands of a goldsmith; Violet and purple are their clothing; They are all the^a work of skilled men.*
- 10) *But the LORD is the^a true God; He is the^b living God and the^c everlasting King. At His wrath the^a earth quakes, And the nations cannot^a endure His indignation.*
- 11) *^a Thus you shall say to them, “The^a gods that did not make the heavens and the earth will^b perish from the earth and from under the² heavens.”*

^a Is 40:19; ^b Ps 72:10; Is 23:6; ^c Dan 10:5; ^d Ps 115:4; ^a Is 65:16; ^b Jeremiah 4:2; ^c Ps 10:16; 29:10; ^d Jeremiah 4:24; 50:46; ^e Ps 76:7; ^f This verse is in Aram; ^a Ps 96:5; ^b Is 2:18; Zephaniah 2:11; ² Or these heavens

New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. **Jeremiah 10:9-11**

God (El Olam) is the only eternal God! All others will fall at His judgment.

1 Timothy 4:10 – “A Good Minister’s Discipline”

10) *For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed^a our hope on^b the living God, who is^c the Savior of all men, especially of believers.*

^a 2 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Tim 6:17; ^b 1 Tim 3:15; ^c John 4:42; 1 Tim 2:4

New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. **1 Timothy 4:10**

Romans 8:9-14

9 *However, you are not^a in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God^b dwells in you. But^c if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.*

10 *^a If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is^b alive because of righteousness.*

11 *But if the Spirit of Him who^a raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, ^b He who raised^c Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies¹ through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

12 *So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—*

13 *for^a if you are living according to the flesh, you^b must die; but if by the Spirit you are^b putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

14 *For all who are^a being led by the Spirit of God, these are^b sons of God.*

^a Rom 7:5; ^b John 14:23; Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16; Gal 4:6; Phil 1:19; 2 Tim 1:14; 1 John 4:13; ^c John 14:17; ^a John 17:23; Gal 2:20; Eph 3:17; Col 1:27; ¹ Lit life; ^a Acts 2:24; Rom 6:4; ^b John 5:21

^c Rom 8:1, 2, 39; 16:3; ¹ One early ms reads because of; ^a Rom 8:6; ¹ Or are going to; ^b Col 3:5; ^a Gal 5:18; ^b Hos 1:10; Matt 5:9; John 1:12; Rom 8:16, 19; 9:8, 26; 2 Cor 6:18; Gal 3:26; 1 John 3:1; Rev 21:7

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→ THE LORD IS PEACE – (yah-WEH- sha-LOME) YAHWEH SHALOM

Judges 6:24 “the Lord is Peace” Philippians 4:4-9 “peace of God”;

Galatians 5:22 “fruit of the Spirit”; Proverbs 3:13,17 “blessing”;

Isaiah 26:3 “steadfast mind”; Colossians 3:12-17 “peace of Christ”;

Romans 5:1-5 “justified by faith”; Psalms 4:8 “In peace”;

Jeremiah 29:11 “I know the plans I have for you”;

Isaiah 53:5 “chastened for our well being” Luke 2:14-17 “Glory to God”

PRAY **For the peace of Christ to reign in your heart**

JUDGES 6:24:

In the days of Gideon, the Israelites in his area were oppressed by Midianites. The reason, was that they refused to listen to God but worshiped the pagan gods and goddesses of the land.

Young Gideon was openly skeptical when an Angel of the Lord appeared, called him “mighty warrior,” and announced that the Lord was with him. Gideon wondered aloud first about God’s presence. He was at that time hiding on his own land while he threshed grain from his own wheat, for fear a party of the enemy might come by and take it from him. Why was Israel in such a state if the God of miracles really was with them?

Gideon was also skeptical about his own prowess. Far from being a “mighty warrior,” Gideon was a nothing: the least in the weakest clan in Manasseh.

Gideon was even skeptical about the promise of the Lord, “I will be with you,” and about His promise to strike down the enemy (v. 16).

Gideon respectfully asked for a sign—that is, some miraculous evidence that what this stranger was saying was true. This should not be taken as a lack of faith. Deuteronomy 18 indicates that prophets in Israel—those who claimed to speak for God—could and should be tested. A prophet was supposed to make some statement which came true, giving supernatural indication he or she was God’s spokesperson (Deut. 18:21-22).⁵

⁵Richards, Larry ; Richards, Lawrence O.: *The Teacher's Commentary*. Wheaton, Ill. : Victor Books, 1987, S. 184

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Prologue - 6:17-21. Gideon requested a **sign** to confirm the Lord’s promise. This request was granted (cf. v. 21). Meanwhile Gideon’s uncertainty regarding the exact identity of his supernatural Visitor prompted him to offer typical Near-Eastern hospitality. The word for **offering** or gift (*minhâh*), which he proposed to **set . . . before** the Visitor, could refer to a freewill offering in Israel’s sacrificial system, or it could refer to tribute offered as a present to a king or other superior (cf. 3:15). The large amount of food prepared by Gideon—goat’s **meat** and **broth**, and **bread** made **from an ephah** (one-half bushel) of **flour**—reflected both his wealth in a destitute time and the typical excessiveness of Near-Eastern hospitality. He no doubt planned to take the leftovers home for his family! But **the Angel of the LORD touched** the food offering **with the tip of His staff** and consumed it by **fire**, thus providing the sign Gideon had requested (6:17; cf. Lev. 9:24; 1 Kings 18:38). Then **the Angel . . . disappeared**.

The Point - 6:22-24. Gideon’s consternation probably reflected his fear of impending death because of seeing the divine presence (cf. Ex. 33:20). When **the LORD** assured **Gideon** he was **not going to die . . . Gideon built an altar** and named it **the LORD is Peace**.⁶

6:24 The-LORD-*Is-Peace* is literally *Yahweh Shalom*. Gideon’s new sense of security in his relationship with the Lord is effectively expressed by the term *shalom*, meaning wholeness, security, well-being, prosperity, peace, and friendship.⁷

⁶Walvoord, John F. ; Zuck, Roy B. ; Dallas Theological Seminary: *The Bible Knowledge Commentary : An Exposition of the Scriptures*. Wheaton, IL : Victor Books, 1983-c1985, S. 1:392

⁷*Spirit Filled Life Study Bible*. electronic ed. Nashville : Thomas Nelson, 1997, c1991

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Philippians 4:4-9

4) ^aRejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5) Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. ^aThe Lord is ^lnear. 6) ^aBe **anxious** for nothing, but in everything by ^bprayer and **supplication** with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7) And ^athe **peace of God**, which surpasses all ^lcomprehension, will ^bguard your **hearts** and your ^cminds in ^aChrist Jesus. 8) Finally, brethren, ^awhatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is ^llovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, ²dwell on these things. 9) The things you have learned and received and heard and seen ^ain me, practice these things, and ^bthe **God of peace** will be with you.⁸

^a Phil 3:1, ^l 1 Cor 16:22 mg; Heb 10:37; James 5:8f, ^l Or at hand, ^l Matt 6:25 ^b Eph 6:18; 1 Tim 2:1; 5:5
^a Is 26:3; John 14:27; Phil 4:9; Col 3:15; ^l Lit mind; ^l 1 Pet 1:5; ^c 2 Cor 10:5; ^a Phil 1:1; 4:19, 21; ^a Rom 14:18; 1 Pet 2:12; ^l Or lovable and gracious; ^l Lit ponder these things; ^a Phil 3:17; ^l Rom 15:33
New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. Php 4:4-9

“Anxious” = fearful, troubled; “Supplication” = seeking, asking, entreating; “Guard” = to keep, protect ; “Heart” = central seat of spiritual life; “Mind” = that which thinks thoughts/purposes.

“Peace of God” = product of God in our lives/hearts; “God of Peace” = God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit – “theos” – the supreme Divinity!

Galatians 5:22

But ^athe fruit of the Spirit is ^blove, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23) gentleness, ^aself-control; against such things ^bthere is no law. 24) Now those who ^lbelong to ^aChrist Jesus have ^bcrucified the flesh with its passions and ^adesires. 25) If we live by the Spirit, let us also ^lwalk ^aby the Spirit. 26) Let us not become ^aboastful, challenging one another, envying one another.⁹

^a Matt 7:16ff; Eph 5:9; ^b Rom 5:1–5; 1 Cor 13:4; Col 3:12–15; ^l Acts 24:25; ^b Gal 5:18; ^l Lit are of Christ Jesus; ^l Gal 3:26; ^b Rom 6:6; Gal 2:20; 6:14; ^l Gal 5:16f; ^l Or follow the Spirit; ^a Gal 5:16; ^a Phil 2:3; ^l New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update. LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. Ga 5:22-

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Pray for the peace of Christ to rule in your heart –

Colossians 3:12-17 – 12

So, as those who have been ^achosen of God, holy and beloved, ^bput on a ^cheart of compassion, kindness, ^dhumility, gentleness and ^epatience; 13) ^abearing with one another, and ^bforgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; ^bjust as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14) Beyond all these things put on love, which is ^{1a}the perfect bond of ^bunity. 15) Let ^athe peace of Christ ^brule in your hearts, to which ²indeed you were called in ^bone body; and ³be thankful. 16) Let ^athe word of ¹Christ richly dwell within you, ²with all wisdom ^bteaching and admonishing ³one another ^cwith psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, ^asinging ⁴with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17) ^aWhatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, ^bgiving thanks through Him to God the Father.

^a Luke 18:7; ^b Eph 4:24; ^c Luke 1:78; Gal 5:22f; Phil 2:1; ^d Eph 4:2; Phil 2:3; 1 Cor 13:4; 2 Cor 6:6; ^a Eph 4:2; ^b Rom 15:7; Eph 4:32; ¹ Lit the uniting bond of perfection; ^a Eph 4:3; ^b John 17:23; Heb 6:1; ^a John 14:27; ¹ Or act as arbiter; ² Lit also; ^b Eph 2:16; ³ Or show yourselves thankful; ^a Rom 10:17; Eph 5:26; 1 Thess 1:8
¹ One early ms reads the Lord; ² Or in; ^b Col 1:28; ³ Or on another, singing with psalms...; ^c Eph 5:19; ^a 1 Cor 14:15; ⁴ Or by; lit in His grace; ^a 1 Cor 10:31 ; ^b Eph 5:20; Col 3:15

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A Prayer of Blessing

22) Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23) “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus ^ayou shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

24) The LORD ^abless you, and ^bkeep you;

25) The LORD ^amake His face shine on you, And ^bbe gracious to you;

26) The LORD ^alift up His countenance on you, And ^bgive you peace.’

27) “So they shall ^{1a}invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them.”

^a 1 Chr 23:13; ^a Deut 28:3–6; Ps 28:9; ^b 1 Sam 2:9; Ps 17:8; ^a Ps 80:3, 7, 19; ^b Ps 86:16; ^a Ps 4:6; 44:3
^b Ps 29:11; 37:37; ¹ Lit put; ^a 2 Sam 7:23; 2 Chr 7:14;

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“Keep” = to be kept/ guarded; “Make His face shine upon you” = has to do with restoration, shows favor; “and be gracious to you” = to have mercy on, grant strength to and to save
“Countenance” = presence/favor

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THE LORD IS THERE – (yah-WEH SHAM-mah) - YAHWEH SHAMMAH

Ezekiel 37:21-28, 48:35 “My sanctuary is in their midst forever” **Isaiah 43:2** “**I will be with you**”; **Isaiah 63:9** “angel of His presence”; **Psalm 139:12** “He is here”; **Matthew 1:23** “Immanuel” **Matthew 25:41-43** “they cannot be here”; **Ephesians 2:19-22** “fellow citizens because of Him” **Revelation 21:1-4** “the tabernacle of God is among men”

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- Thank God for His desire to be with us, commitment to us and for His provision
- Praise Him for His compassion

PRAY

- For God to reveal to you the ways He has been with you, even in the darkness.

Ezekiel 48:35 “the LORD (Yahweh / Jehovah) is there”

35) “The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the ^aname of the city from that day shall be, ‘¹The ^bLORD is there.’ ” ¹⁰

Strictly speaking Yahweh Shammah is a name for a city rather than a title for God. But it is so closely associated with God’s presence and power that it has often been equated with a name for God. The name in the New Testament most closely associated with it is Immanuel “God with us”, a name that was given to Jesus. Yahweh Shammah – The LORD is there, reminds us that we were created both to enjoy and to manifest God’s presence. *Praying the Names of God – Ann Spangler 2004 Zondervan Publishing*

He is here!

He is not some great mystical distance away from us out of reach, a ruler or potentate ruling from arms length; issuing edicts and decrees designed to manipulate and manage waiting for our failure so that He can pounce in and build His esteem on our misdeeds.

No; God longs to be in close proximity and fellowship to us! We were created for fellowship with Him. OK – so God (Elohim – Mighty Creator), God (El Shadday – the Almighty), God (El Olam – Eternal God) wants to be close to us... what’s in the way?

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EZEKIEL 37:21-28

21) “Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will ^atake the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; 22) and I will make them ^aone nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and ^bone king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms. 23) “They will ^ano longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but ^bI will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.

24) “My servant ^aDavid will be king over them, and they will all have ^bone shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them.

25) “They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons’ sons, forever; and ^aDavid My servant will be their prince forever. 26) “I will make a ^acovenant of peace with them; it will be an ^beverlasting covenant with them. And I will ^bplace them and ^cmultiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.

27) “My ^adwelling place also will be with them; and ^bI will be their God, and they will be My people. 28) “And the nations will know that I am the LORD ^awho sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.” ’ ’ ”

^a Is 43:5, 6; Jer 29:14; Ezek 36:24; 39:27; Amos 9:14, 15; ^a Jer 3:18; 50:4, 5; Ezek 36:10; ^b Ezek 34:23, 24; 37:24; Ezek 36:25; ^b Ezek 36:28, 29; ^a Another reading is *backslidings*; ^a Jer 30:9; Ezek 34:24; 37:25; Hos 3:5; ^b Ps 78:71; Is 40:11; Ezek 34:23; ^a Is 11:1; Ezek 37:24; Zech 6:12; ^a Ezek 16:62; 20:37; 34:25; ^b Ps 89:3, 4; Is 55:3; 59:21; Ezek 16:60; ^a Lit give; ^c Jer 30:19; Ezek 36:10, 11, 37; ^a Ezek 20:40; 43:7; ^a John 1:14; Rev 21:3; ^b Ezek 37:23; 2 Cor 6:16; ^a Ex 31:13; Ezek 20:12;

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God is with us, our protector and provisioner.... Hallelujah!

Isaiah 43:2

“When you ^apass through the waters, ^bI will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you ^awalk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

^a Ps 66:12; Is 8:7, 8; ^a Deut 31:6, 8; ^a Is 29:6; 30:27–29; Dan 3:25, 27

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Physical manifestation **Jesus son of God** – Adonai (Lord).....

Matthew 1:23

23) “^aBEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH ^bCHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME ^fIMMANUEL,” which translated means, “^cGOD WITH US.”

^a Is 7:14; ^b Is 9:6, 7; ^f Or Emmanuel; ^c Is 8:10

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Infilling and empowerment ... **the Holy Spirit**

Luke 24:49

49) “And behold, ^aI am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but ^byou are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

^a John 14:26; ^b Acts 1:4

26) “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, ^bwhom the Father will send in My name, ^fHe will teach you all things, and ^dbring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

^b Luke 24:49; John 1:33; 15:26; 16:7; Acts 2:33; ^c John 16:13f; 1 John 2:20, 27; ^d John 2:22

Ephesians 2:19-22

19) So then you are no longer ^astrangers and aliens, but you are ^bfellow citizens with the ^fsaints, and are of ^cGod’s household, 20) having been ^abuilt on ^bthe foundation of ^cthe apostles and prophets, ^dChrist Jesus Himself being the ^ecorner stone, 21) ^ain whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into ^ba holy ^ftemple in the Lord, 22) in whom you also are being ^abuilt together into a ^bdwelling of God in the Spirit.

^a Eph 2:12; Heb 11:13; 1 Pet 2:11; ^b Phil 3:20; Heb 12:22f; ^f Or holy ones; ^c Gal 6:10; ^a 1 Cor 3:9; ^b Matt 16:18; 1 Cor 3:10; Rev 21:14; ^f 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 3:5; ^d 1 Cor 3:11; ^e Ps 118:22; Luke 20:17; ^f Eph 4:15f; Col 2:19; ^b 1 Cor 3:16f; ^f Or sanctuary; ^f 1 Cor 3:9, 16; 2 Cor 6:16; ^b Eph 3:17

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Additional Names, Titles & Attributes:

A Merciful and Faithful High Priest – Hebrews 2:17

The Mediator – 1 Timothy 2:5

The Friend who sticks closer than a brother – Proverbs 18:24

The Fountain – Zechariah 13:1

The Firstborn over All Creation – Colossians 1:15

Immanuel God with us – Matthew 1:23

One having authority – Matthew 7:28-29

Wisdom – Proverbs 8:1-36; Colossians 1:13-19.2:1-3

Branch of Righteousness – Jeremiah 23:5-6

Servant – Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-7, 53:1-12

Glory – Exodus 16:7; psalm 104:31; Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 25:31; 1 Corinthians 2:8; Hebrews 1:3

NATURAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD:

God is Spirit - Jesus taught that god is Spirit – John 4:24.

God has no body, no physical or measurable form. Thus, God is invisible. He became visible in human form in Jesus Christ, but His essence is invisible.

24) *“God is ¹spirit, and those who worship Him must worship ^ain spirit and truth.”*¹¹

¹Or *Spirit* ^aPhil 3:3

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God is Changeless – Progress and change may characterize some of His works, but God Himself remains unchanged (Hebrews 1:10-12)

*10) And, “YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; 11) THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT, 12) AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”*¹²

^aPs 102:25 ^aPs 102:26^a ^bIs 51:6; Heb 8:13 ^aPs 102:26, 27 ^bHeb 13:8
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He does not change otherwise he would not be perfect. Thus what we know of God can be known with certainty. He is not different from one time to another.

God is All Powerful

Jeremiah 32:17”nothing is too difficult for you”; Zechariah 8:6”thus says the LORD of Hosts”

Luke 1:37 “nothing will be impossible with God”; Romans 4:21”God is able”

Genesis 18:14

God’s power is unlimited,. He can do anything that is not inconsistent with His nature, character and purpose (Genesis 18:14).

14) “^aIs anything too ¹difficult for the LORD? At the ^bappointed time I will return to you, ²at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

^aJer 32:17, 27; Zech 8:6; Matt 19:26; Luke 1:37; Rom 4:21 ^bGen 17:21; 18:10 ²Lit when the time revives
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God is All-Knowing

Job 37:16 “ the wonders of one perfect in knowledge”; Job 38&39 “the LORD answers Job”;

Romans 11:33-36 “wisdom and knowledge of God”

Psalm 48:1”Great is the LORD”;

Psalm 145:3 “His greatness is unsearchable”;
infinite”

Psalm 147:5”His understanding

Isaiah 40:28”His understanding is inscrutable”

Romans 11:33)

Oh, the depth of ^athe riches ^bboth of the ^cwisdom and knowledge of God! ^dHow unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34) For ^eWHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35) Or ^fWHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM ^gTHAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36) For ^hfrom Him and through Him and to Him are all things. ⁱTo Him be the glory ^jforever. Amen.

^a Rom 2:4; Eph 3:8 ^b Or and the wisdom ^c Eph 3:10; Col 2:3 ^d Job 5:9; 11:7; 15:8

^e Is 40:13f; 1 Cor 2:16 ^f Job 35:7; 41:11 ^g Lit and it will be paid back

^h 1 Cor 8:6; 11:12; Col 1:16; Heb 2:10 ⁱ Rom 16:27; Eph 3:21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Tim 4:18; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Jude 25; Rev 1:6; 5:13; 7:12 ^j Lit to the ages

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Because God is everywhere at the same time, He knows everything simultaneously, That God has the power to know the thoughts and motives of every heart is evident from Scripture, see Job 37:16, Psalm 147:5 and Hebrews 3:12

Psalm 147:5 - ^aGreat is our Lord and abundant in strength; His ^bunderstanding is ^cinfinite.

^dPs 48:1; 145:3 ^eIs 40:28 ^fLit innumerable

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God is Everywhere – God is not confined to any part of the universe but is present in all His power at every point in space and every moment in time. Psalm 139:7-12

7) ^aWhere can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8) ^aIf I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in ^bSheol, behold, ^bYou are there. 9) If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, 10) Even there Your hand will ^alead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me. 11) If I say, “Surely the ^adarkness will ^boverwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,” 12) Even the ^adarkness is not dark ^bto You, And the night is as bright as the day. ^bDarkness and light are alike to You.

^a Jer 23:24 ^a Amos 9:2–4 ^b I.e. the nether world ^b Job 26:6; Prov 15:11; ^a Ps 23:2, 3; ^a Job 22:13 ^b Lit *bruise*; some commentators read *cover*; ^b Job 34:22; Dan 2:22 ^b Lit *from*; ^b 1 John 1:5

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Thus, God does not belong to any one nation or generation, He is the God of the whole earth – Genesis 18:25

God is Eternal – Eternity refers to God’s relation to time. Past, present and future are known equally to Him – 2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 1:8

2 Peter 3:8) But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, ^abeloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and ^ba thousand years like one day. ¹⁴

^a 2 Pet 3:1 ^b Ps 90:4 ¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update.* LaHabra, CA : The Lockman Foundation, 1995, S. **2 Peter 3:8**

Revelation 1:8

“I am ^athe Alpha and the Omega,” says the ^bLord God, “^cwho is and who was and who ^bis to come, the Almighty.”

Time is like a parade that human beings see only a segment of; but God sees time in its entirety from beginning to end. Time is irrelevant to God!

^a Is 41:4; Rev 21:6; 22:13 ^b Rev 4:8; 11:17 ^c Rev 1:4 ^b Or *is coming*

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MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD:

God Is Holiness.

The word “holy” comes from a root word that means “to separate.” Thus, it refers to God as separated from or exalted above other things (Is. 6:1–3). Holiness refers to God’s moral excellence. Being holy, God demands holiness in His own children. And what He demands, He supplies. Holiness is God’s gift that we receive by faith through His Son, Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:24).

God Is Righteousness.

Righteousness as applied to God refers to His affirmation of what is right as opposed to what is wrong. The righteousness of God refers to His moral laws laid down to guide the conduct of humankind, as in the Ten Commandments. Righteousness also refers to God’s administration of justice. He brings punishment upon the disobedient (Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4; Rom. 2:6–16). Finally, God’s righteousness is redemptive. In the Book of Romans the righteousness of God refers to God’s declaring the believer to be in a state of righteousness as though he had never been unrighteous (Rom. 1:16–17; 3:24–26). This is possible because of the sacrificial death of Jesus on our behalf.¹⁵

God Is Love.

Love is the essential, self giving nature of God. God’s love for humankind seeks to awaken a responsive love of people for God. Divine love runs like a golden thread through the entire Bible. Nature is eloquent with the skill, wisdom, and power of God. Only in the Bible, however, do we discover God giving Himself and all He possesses to His creatures, in order to win their response and to possess them for Himself.

God loved and gave; He loved and sought—just as a shepherd seeks his sheep. God loved and suffered, providing His love by giving His all on the cross for the redemption of humanity. God, in His love, wills good for all His creatures (Gen. 1:31; Ps. 145:9; Mark 10:18).

God Is Truth.

All truth, whether natural, physical, or religious, is grounded in God. Thus, any seemingly inconsistent teaching between natural and physical sciences and God’s revelation of Himself is more apparent than real. Truth is magnified in an absolute way through God’s revelation.

¹⁵Youngblood, Ronald F. ; Bruce, F. F. ; Harrison, R. K. ; Thomas Nelson Publishers: *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*. Nashville : T. Nelson, 1995

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God Is Wisdom.

God’s wisdom is revealed in His doing the best thing, in the best way, at the best time, for the best purpose.

Some people have knowledge, but little wisdom, while the most wise at times have little knowledge. But God is “the only wise God” (1 Tim. 1:17). In creation, history, human lives, redemption, and Christ, His divine wisdom is revealed. Human beings, lacking wisdom, can claim God’s wisdom simply by asking (1 Kin. 3:9; James 1:5).

Believers’ understanding of God continues to increase throughout their earthly pilgrimage. It will finally be complete in eternity when they stand in the presence of God.¹⁶

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- Express your thirst for the Living God - Psalm 42
- Acknowledge Jesus as the Son of the Living God – Matthew 16:13-16
- Remember that you are the temple of the Living God – 2 Corinthians 6:16
- Worship the Living God Hebrews 12:18-24
- Give thanks and praise God for His presence in the midst of trouble – Isaiah 43:2

PRAYER

Ask God to make you and instrument of His love, revealing His presence through your acts of kindness

¹⁶Youngblood, Ronald F. ; Bruce, F. F. ; Harrison, R. K. ; Thomas Nelson Publishers: *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*. Nashville : T. Nelson, 1995