

# THE POWER OF THE EL GOD

## **KEY TEXT**

**Psalm 9:10 (NKJV) – “And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.”**

**Names carry meaning.**

**A name tells you something about a person’s identity, nature, or authority. But names in Scriptures reveal character, not just identity. To know**

God's name means to experience **HIS NATURE** personally.

In **Psalms 9**, David declares that **TRUST IS BORN OUT OF REVELATION** – “They that know Your name will put their trust in You.”

You cannot trust what you do not know. You can only rest when you know who holds your life.

To know God's name is not just intellectual; it is **RELATIONAL**. It is to know who He has revealed Himself to be – and to rely on that revelation in the dark.

**And one of the most ancient ways God revealed Himself was through the names beginning with “*EL*.”**

**This morning, I would like to deepen your trust in God by sharing about, “THE POWER OF THE EL GOD”.**

**The outline of my sermon will be as follows:**

- **The Meaning of El**
- **How to Deepen our Trust in the “El” God?**
- **Jesus: The Fullness of the “El” God**

## I. THE MEANING OF “EL”

“El” refers to **God**, and in many biblical contexts, it points to **God the Father**, though it can also refer to God’s divine nature more broadly. Let’s break it down clearly:

### *Meaning of “El”*

The Hebrew word אֱל (El) simply means **“God,” “Mighty One,” or “Strong One.”**

It’s one of the most ancient names for God in Scripture — used even before Israel received the covenant name Yahweh (יהוה).

It emphasizes **God's strength, power, and supremacy** — the One who is above all other so-called gods.

### *“El” in Scripture*

**Genesis 1:1 — “In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth.”**

→ **“Elohim”** is the plural form of *El*, expressing the fullness or majesty of God.

**Genesis 17:1 — “I am El Shaddai, God Almighty.”**

→ This is God revealing Himself personally to Abraham.

So, when the Bible uses *El* (alone or in compound names like *El Elyon*, *El*

*Shaddai, El Roi*), it is speaking of the **true, supreme God** — the same One Jesus called **“Father.”**

### *The difference between El and Jehovah (or Yahweh)*

The difference reveals something very beautiful about God’s nature and how He relates to us.

Let’s look at it clearly and simply:

***El*** (אֱלֹ) means **“God,”** [it appears in the Bible as “God”] **“Mighty One,”** or **“Strong One.”** It emphasizes **God’s power, strength, and divine might.** So, **“El”** speaks of who God is by nature —

the Supreme, Mighty One over all creation.

*Jehovah* (from Hebrew יהוה – YHWH, often pronounced *Yahweh*) is **God's PERSONAL COVENANT NAME** revealed to Moses.

It appears in the Bible as **LORD**.

**“I AM WHO I AM.” — Exodus 3:14**

This name means:

- **“The Self-Existent One”** — God who was, is, and always will be.
- It expresses God's **faithful, personal, and relational nature**.

- It's the name God uses when He enters **covenant** with His people — to show that He is not only powerful (*El*), but also **present, faithful, and near**.

*The difference therefore is summarized as:*

- *El* shows God's **GREATNESS** — He is the Almighty One.
- *Jehovah* (Yahweh) shows God's **NEARNESS** — He is the I AM who walks with His people.

You could say:

***“El”* reveals GOD'S POWER, while  
*“Jehovah”* reveals GOD'S HEART.**

Both names describe the same God, just from different angles — one **majestic**, one **intimate**.

**Application:** God is both **El** — the

strong, sovereign **King** — and

**Jehovah** — the loving **Father**

who binds Himself to His children in covenant love. He is not only **POWERFUL** enough to create the world, but **PERSONAL** enough to dwell in your heart.

## **(II) HOW TO DEEPEN OUR TRUST IN GOD?**

# **1. KNOW HIS NAME**

Revelation builds **RELATIONSHIP**.

**Psalm 9:10 (NKJV) – “And those who know Your name.....**

The Hebrew word for “*know*” is ‘*yada*’, meaning **INTIMATE, EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE**.

David isn’t talking about head knowledge, but **HEART REVELATION**.

**Illustration:** You can know a king by title, but only intimacy reveals his heart.

To **know** His name is to have encountered His **character**.

To **trust** Him is to respond to that encounter with **surrender**.

**Christ Connection:** Jesus is the full revelation of every name of God (**John 17:6**). To know Jesus is to know the Father's heart.

In the Old Testament, God progressively revealed Himself through names —each

beginning with *El* (from *Elohim* — the Mighty God).

Each “*El Name*” is a facet of who Christ is —and every revelation invites a **spiritual application** in our lives or an **experience of the character of God personally**.

To know His “*El-names*” is to understand His **power, protection, and promise**.

Let’s look at the *El-names* of God, grouped by His ***nature and power***.

***THE EL-NAMES OF GOD — REVEALING HIS NATURE AND POWER***

## A. The Nature of God (Who He Is in His Being)

| Name      | Meaning                 | Scripture                                                                                                                             | Revelation and Application                                                                                                                    |
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| El        | The Mighty God          | <b>Gen 33:20</b><br><b>Jacob erected an altar after he arrived at Shechem and called it EL-Elohe Israel (God, the God of Israel).</b> | <b>God is strong, above all others. Stop depending on human power. Learn to stand in His might.</b><br><b>He is strong when you are weak.</b> |
| El Berith | The God of the Covenant | <b>Judges 9:46</b><br><b>The people of Shechem worshipped God as EL BERITH during Abimelech's time.</b>                               | <b>God's promises cannot be broken. God is unwaveringly faithful, binding Himself to us in</b>                                                |

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|          |                     |                                                                                                           | <p>everlasting love and keeping every promise fulfilled in Christ.</p> <p><b>God keeps His word even when you falter.</b></p>                                              |
| El Elyon | The Most High God   | <p><b>Gen 14:18–20</b></p> <p><b>Melchizedek calls God “EL ELYON, Possessor of heaven and earth.”</b></p> | <p>God is exalted above every power; none can rival Him.</p> <p>Submit and rest under His sovereignty.</p> <p><b>Worship lifts your eyes higher than your trouble.</b></p> |
| El Olam  | The Everlasting God | <p><b>Gen 21:33</b></p> <p><b>Abraham calls on the name of “EL OLAM” after he reconciled with</b></p>     | <p>His nature never changes; He transcends time.</p> <p><b>God’s</b></p>                                                                                                   |

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|                          |                                                    | <p><b>Abimelech and Phicol over a dispute about a well in Beersheba.</b></p>                                                                                    | <p><b>faithfulness transcends generations. Live with eternity in view, not fear of the moment.</b></p> <p><b>His promises outlast your problems.</b></p>                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>El Shaddai</b></p> | <p><b>God Almighty, the All-Sufficient One</b></p> | <p><b>Gen 17:1</b></p> <p><b>When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "I am EL SHADDAI, walk before me and be blameless."</b></p> | <p><b>He nourishes, sustains, and satisfies every need.</b></p> <p><b>He is more than enough for every need – physical, emotional and spiritual.</b></p> <p><b>Depend, rest and trust in His sufficiency.</b></p> <p><b>Where you end, He begins.</b></p> |

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| <b>El Emet</b>   | <b>God of Truth</b> | <b>Psa 31:5</b><br>A psalm written by David during a time of distress and danger –“You have redeemed me, O LORD GOD OF TRUTH.                                                                                                                | He is trustworthy and true.<br>God’s Word and character are completely trustworthy.<br>Build your life on His unshakable truth.<br>Let every lie in you, bow to His truth. |
| <b>El Kadosh</b> | <b>The Holy God</b> | <b>Isa 5:16</b><br>Isaiah called God- EL KADOSH during Judah’s moral decline to show that while human pride would be humbled, the LORD would be exalted and revealed as holy through His righteous judgment on the nations.<br>“GOD THE HOLY | His nature is pure and set apart.<br>Reverence Him with purity and holiness in thought and action.<br>Holiness is nearness to the Holy One.                                |

**ONE (EL KADOSH) is sanctified in righteousness.”**

**El Roi**

**The God Who Sees Me**

**Gen 16:13**  
**This is Hagar’s encounter with God in the wilderness where – after fleeing Sarah’s harsh treatment – she recognized Him as EL ROI, ‘THE GOD WHO SEES ME,’ realizing that God watched over and cares for the afflicted.**

**He sees our pain even when no one else does. He provides in compassion. You are never invisible or forgotten.**  
**God sees you in the wilderness and calls you by name.**

**El Rachum**

**The Compassionate/ Merciful God**

**Deut 4:31**  
**Moses spoke to Israel on the plain of Moah, reminding them that even if they turned away, God’s covenant mercy would remain, for HE IS A COMPASSIOANTE**

**God’s heart is tender towards our pain, moving Him to forgive, heal and restore us through the mercy of Christ.**  
**Receive mercy, then reflect**

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|                          |                                | <p><b>GOD WHO WILL NOT FORSAKE HIS PEOPLE.</b></p> <p><b>“For the LORD your God is a MERCIFUL GOD (EL RACHUM).</b></p>                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>mercy.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>El Channun</b></p> | <p><b>The Gracious God</b></p> | <p><b>Jonah 4:2</b></p> <p><b>Spoken by Jonah who expressed his frustration when God spared the city, highlighting GOD’S GRACIOUS, COMPASSIOANTE NATURE that forgives even those whom Jonah wanted judged.</b></p> <p><b>“For I knew you are a GRACIOUS GOD (EL CHANNUN).</b></p> | <p><b>God’s grace reaches where you least deserve it.</b></p> <p><b>Be humble and grateful – extend grace to others.</b></p> <p><b>Grace rewrites your story.</b></p> |
| <p><b>El Yisrael</b></p> | <p><b>God of Israel</b></p>    | <p><b>Gen 33:20</b></p> <p><b>Jacob built an altar at Shechem after reconciling with Esau, marking a MOMENT AND COVENANT</b></p>                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>God identifies with His people by name.</b></p> <p><b>You are His covenant child.</b></p> <p><b>You are known,</b></p>                                          |

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|  |  | <b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO GOD FOR PROTECTION AND RESTORED RELATIONSHIP.</b><br><b>“El Elohe Israel”</b><br><b>(God, the God of Israel)</b> | <b>named and claimed by God.</b> |
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*These names tell us **who God is in His essence** — unchanging, holy, faithful, and powerful.*

## **B. The Power of God (What He Does for His People)**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Meaning</b>            | <b>Scripture</b>                                                                     | <b>Revelation and Application</b>                                      |
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| <b>El Gibbor</b> | <b>The Mighty Warrior</b> | <b>Isa 9:6</b><br><b>Isaiah announcing the coming Messiah who would bring divine</b> | <b>He fights for His people and never loses a battle.</b><br><b>Be</b> |

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|                 |                                 | <p>government,<br/>peace and<br/>everlasting<br/>salvation as<br/><b>MIGHTY GOD (EL<br/>GIBBOR).</b></p>                                                                                                                                                  | <p>courageous,<br/>enduring and<br/>confident in<br/>His victory.<br/><b>The battle<br/>belongs to the<br/>Lord.</b></p>                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>El De'ot</b> | <b>The God of<br/>Knowledge</b> | <p><b>1 Sam 2:3</b><br/><b>Hannah's words<br/>to the arrogant<br/>Peninnah after<br/>the birth of<br/>Samuel, telling<br/>her not to let<br/>arrogance come<br/>from her mouth<br/>because the LORD<br/>IS A GOD OF<br/>KNOWLEDGE (EL<br/>DE'OT).</b></p> | <p>He knows all<br/>things<br/>(motives,<br/>thoughts,<br/>intention) and<br/>acts in perfect<br/>wisdom.<br/>Walk in truth<br/>and humility,<br/>since nothing<br/>is hidden from<br/>Him.<br/><b>Wisdom<br/>begins with<br/>reverence for<br/>the All-</b></p> |

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|                    |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Knowing One.</b>                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>El Yeshuati</b> | <b>The God of My Salvation</b> | <b>Isa 12:2</b><br>A song of trust by Isaiah during Judah's time of looming judgment to trust in the salvation of the LORD:<br><b>BEHOLD, GOD IS MY SALVATION (EL YESHUATI).</b>   | He rescues and redeems.<br>God alone saves – body, soul and spirit.<br>Depend on His grace and deliverance, not human effort.<br><b>Your Savior is your strength and song.</b> |
| <b>El Kana</b>     | <b>Jealous/Zealous God</b>     | <b>Exo 20:5</b><br>Moses in giving the 10 commandments to Israel, warned Israel that God's judgment comes against IDOLATRY AND THE SINS OF UNFAITHFULNESS.<br><b>"I, THE LORD,</b> | God's jealousy is protective, not possessive.<br>He guards your heart from idolatry.<br>He calls for exclusive love and purity.                                                |

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|                |                       | <b>YOUR GOD, AM A JEALOUS GOD (EL KANA)."</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>He will not share your heart with lesser loves.</b>                                                                                                              |
| <b>El Sali</b> | <b>God My Rock</b>    | <b>Ps 42:9</b><br><b>Written by sons of Korah – expressing deep anguish and a sense of spiritual separation and honestly crying out to God as HIS ROCK while trusting Him amid oppression and inner turmoil. "The LORD lives; blessed be MY ROCK (EL SALI).</b> | <b>He is my stability and foundation in every storm. He teaches peace in chaos and faith in His unshakable nature. Hide yourself in the safety of His strength.</b> |
| <b>El Chai</b> | <b>The Living God</b> | <b>Joshua 3:10</b><br><b>Before crossing the Jordan River, Joshua emphasized to his people that God will exalt himself</b>                                                                                                                                      | <b>God is not distant. He is alive and active today. He invites you into a living</b>                                                                               |

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|                                    |                           | <p>among His people by demonstrating His power and faithfulness through miraculous deliverance.</p> <p>“Hereby, you shall know that the LIVING GOD (EL CHAI) IS AMONG YOU.”</p>                                                                      | <p>relationship, not a dead religion.</p> <p><b>The Living God breathes life into your spirit.</b></p>                                                                           |
| <p><b>El Tzur/<br/>El Tsur</b></p> | <p><b>God My Rock</b></p> | <p><b>2 Sam 22:47</b></p> <p>David’s song of praise after God delivered him from all his enemies, celebrating the LORD as HIS REFUGE, SAVIOR AND THE ONE WHO BRINGS SALVATION AND HONOR.</p> <p>“The Lord lives; blessed be MY ROCK (EL TSURI).”</p> | <p>God is your unchanging foundation when life shakes.</p> <p>He teaches stability, endurance and steadfast faith.</p> <p><b>Stand firm on the Rock that never crumbles.</b></p> |

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| <b>El Bethel</b> | <b>The God of the House of God</b> | <b>Gen 35:7</b><br><b>Jacob built an altar at Bethel after returning from Paddan-aram, marking a moment of covenant renewal and worship to God for His guidance and protection.</b><br><b>“And there he built an altar, and called the place EL-BETHEL, because there God had revealed himself to him</b> | <b>He meets us where heaven touches earth.</b><br><b>True transformation happens not just in God’s house but when we personally encounter the God of the house Himself.</b> |

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|                        |                             | <b>when he fled<br/>from his<br/>brother.”</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>El<br/>Hakkavod</b> | <b>The God of<br/>Glory</b> | <b>Ps 29:3</b><br><b>A psalm written<br/>by Asaph,<br/>celebrating the<br/>majesty of God’s<br/>voice in nature,<br/>emphasizing that<br/>the Lord’s<br/>powerful<br/>thunderous voice<br/>reveals HIS GLORY<br/>AND AUTHORITY<br/>OVER CREATION.<br/>“The voice of the<br/>LORD is upon the<br/>waters; the GOD<br/>OF GLORY (EL<br/>HAKKAVOD)<br/>thunders....”</b> | <b>God’s<br/>presence fills<br/>the heavens<br/>and the earth.<br/>Live as vessels<br/>who reflect His<br/>presence,<br/>letting His<br/>glory shine<br/>through our<br/>lives rather<br/>than seeking<br/>our own.</b> |

*These names reveal **how God acts in power** — He fights, defends, redeems, sustains, and sanctifies His people.*



## 2. TRUST HIS NAME

Revelation produces **REST**.

Psalm 9:10 (NKJV) – “And those who know Your name will put their trust in You,

Knowing produces **TRUSTING**. Don't try to trust more – **KNOW HIM DEEPER**.

Revelation fuels **FAITH**. Faith is not a leap into the dark but a **REST** upon the **KNOWN CHARACTER OF GOD**.

**Christ connection:** Jesus embodies the trustworthy nature of God. On the cross, He revealed *El Berith* (the Covenant-Keeping God) and *El-Gibbor* (the Mighty God) who fights for us. Because of Christ's faithfulness, we can fully **REST** in Him.

Trust replaces **STRIVING**.

- When you know *El Shaddai*, you stop proving your **worth**.
- When you know *El Roi*, you stop fearing **invisibility**.
- When you know *El Berith*, you stop fearing **failure**.

Each *El-name* reveals part of His "Name" that builds **TRUST**:

- When you know *El Shaddai*, you trust His **provision**.
- When you know *El Roi*, you trust He sees your **pain**.
- When you know *El Olam*, you trust His faithfulness across generations.
- When you know *El Gibbor*, you trust His **power** to defend you.
- When you trust *El Rachum*, you trust His **mercy** after failure.

## 3. SEEK HIS FACE

Revelation secures **PRESENCE**.

**Psalm 9:10 (NKJV) – “And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.”**

**God’s promise is **PRESENCE**: He never abandons those who seek Him.**

**Seeking God is not searching for what is missing but **DRAWING NEAR TO THE ONE WHO IS ALREADY NEAR (Acts 17:27).****

**Application:**

- **Trust flows from presence; presence flows from pursuit.**

- When you continually seek Him, you'll never be forsaken – you'll find His name proven true in every season.
- Even when it feels silent, His character is constant.
- His name guarantees His presence.
- Make His Name your refuge – every “*El*” name is a **room of safety** – enter through Jesus Christ.

### **III. CHRISTCENTRIC REVELATION — JESUS: THE FULLNESS OF THE “EL” GOD**

Every “*El-name*” in the Old Testament finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

He is the living embodiment of all these names.

**Colossians 1:19: “For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him.”**

Let’s see how the “*El*” God reveals Himself fully in Jesus:

| <i>El-name</i>       | <i>Fulfillment in Christ</i>                                                                              |
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| El (God, Mighty One) | Jesus embodies the fullness of God’s nature, power and covenant promises in bodily form. <b>(Col 2:9)</b> |
| El Elyon (Most High) | Jesus is exalted above every name. <b>(Phil 2:9–11)</b>                                                   |

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| <b>El Shaddai (All-Sufficient)</b>    | Jesus says, <b>“My grace is sufficient for you.”</b><br><b>(2 Cor 12:9)</b>         |
| <b>El Olam (Everlasting)</b>          | Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. <b>(Heb 13:8)</b>                  |
| <b>El Gibbor (Mighty God)</b>         | <b>Isaiah 9:6</b> directly names the Messiah “El Gibbor.” Jesus is that Mighty God! |
| <b>El Roi (God Who Sees)</b>          | Jesus saw Nathanael under the fig tree <b>(John 1:48)</b> — He still sees you.      |
| <b>El Yeshuati (God of Salvation)</b> | His very name “Yeshua” means “The Lord is Salvation.”                               |
| <b>El Berith (God of</b>              | Jesus mediates and                                                                  |

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| the covenant)               | secures the new covenant through His blood. <b>(2 Cor 1:20)</b>                                                              |
| El Sali (God My Rock)       | Christ is the cornerstone — the Rock on which we stand. <b>(1 Cor 10:4)</b>                                                  |
| El De'ot (God of Knowledge) | All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge and understanding dwells fully in Jesus. <b>(Col 2:3)</b>                          |
| El Emet (God of Truth)      | Jesus is the embodiment of all truth and the faithful Word of God <b>(John 14:6)</b> . He is “the way, and the truth and the |

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|                                 | life”. No one comes to the Father except through Him.                                                     |
| <b>El Kana (Jealous God)</b>    | Jesus jealously loves His bride, the Church, calling us to exclusive devotion to Him. <b>(2 Cor 11:2)</b> |
| <b>El Chai (The Living God)</b> | Jesus is the resurrection and the life, in whom all life is sustained. <b>(John 11:25)</b>                |
| <b>El Tzur (God My Rock)</b>    | Jesus is our stability – our unshakable foundation. <b>(1 Cor 10:4)</b>                                   |
| <b>El Rachum (The</b>           | <b>Jesus was always</b>                                                                                   |

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| <b>Compassionate<br/>one)</b>         | <b>moved with<br/>compassion to heal,<br/>forgive and restore<br/>humanity. (Mat 9:36)</b>                                                                           |
| <b>El Channun<br/>(Gracious God)</b>  | <b>Jesus is always full of<br/>GRACE and truth,<br/>extending God's<br/>undeserved favor to<br/>all- even to the<br/>adulteress caught in<br/>sin. (John 8:1-11)</b> |
| <b>El Yisrael (God of<br/>Israel)</b> | <b>Jesus unites God's<br/>chosen people and all<br/>nations into one<br/>redeemed family<br/>through His blood.<br/>(Eph 2:14-16)</b>                                |
| <b>El Hakadosh</b>                    | <b>Jesus is perfectly holy,</b>                                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>(The Holy God)</b>                          | <b>set apart and calls us to holiness through His life and sacrifice.<br/>(1 Peter 1:15-16)</b>                                                                 |
| <b>El Bethel (The God of the House of God)</b> | <b>Jesus is the true dwelling place of God among men, for in Him, God's presence is no longer confined to a place but revealed in a PERSON.<br/>(John 1:14)</b> |
| <b>El Hakkavod (The God of Glory)</b>          | <b>Jesus is the manifestation of God's glory in human form, revealing the radiant presence and character of the</b>                                             |

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|  | <b>Father to the world.</b><br><b>(Heb 1:3)</b> |
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**Christ is the face of every *El-name*.  
When you see Jesus, you see the “*El*”  
God made visible.**

**John 14:9 — “He who has seen Me has  
seen the Father.”**

**“And those who know Your name will  
put their trust in You, for You, LORD,  
have not forsaken those who seek  
You.” (Psalm 9:10)**

**In the light of Christ:**

- **To *know His name* = to **KNOW** Jesus  
(Phil 2:9-10).**

- To *trust in Him* = to **REST** in His finished work (**Heb 4:3**)
- To *seek Him* = to **WALK** in daily dependence on His Spirit (**John 14:26**)

**Application:** LIVING AS THOSE WHO KNOW HIS NAME

## **1. Call on His name daily.**

- Speak His El-names in prayer.

**E.g.:** “El Shaddai, be my sufficiency today.”

## **2. Trust His covenant nature.**

- He never forsakes those who seek Him (**Psalm 9:10**).
- When God reveals a name, He also offers a promise.

### **3. Rest in the finished work of Jesus.**

- The names of God are not just promises to claim — they are **persons** fulfilled in Christ.
- Every name leads you back to Him, the **“I AM.”**

### **4. Witness His faithfulness.**

- As you know His name, you’ll reflect His character to others.

- You become living evidence that *El Emunah* (the Faithful God) still reigns.

**Analogy:** The 20 strings of a harp

Imagine a harp with 20 strings. Each string produces a different note – low, high, soft, bold – but when the harpist plays them together, they create one harmonious melody.

Each *El-name* is like one of those strings:

- *El Elyon* – the high note of His **majesty.**
- *El-Shaddai* – the deep tone of His **sufficiency.**
- *El Olam* – the endless rhythm of His **eternity.**

- *El Bethel* – the resonance of His presence.
- *El Hakkavod* – the crescendo of His glory.

And the **Master Harpist – Jesus** – play them all in perfect harmony.

**Lesson:** When you know the *El-names* of God, you don't just learn theology – you begin to hear the **symphony of God's character played through Christ.**

In conclusion, I would like to close with a story.

**Story:** “*The Desert Traveler and the 20 wells*”

A weary traveler once crossed a vast desert, desperate for water. Along the way, he found 20 wells, each springing up just when he thought he could go no further.

- At the first, he found water that was *strong and mighty* – that was *El Gibbor*.
- At the next, water that *overflowed with supply*– that was *El Shaddai*.
- Then water from a *high mountain spring*– *El Elyon*, the Most High
- Later, a well that *reflected the stars*– *El Roi*, the God who sees.

- And another, where he heard a *gentle voice*— *El Bethel*, the God of the house of God.
- Finally, a well that *shone with glory*— *El Hakkavod*, the God of Glory.

At the end of the journey, the traveler realized all 20 wells were connected to one underground source – one living river flowing beneath the desert.

He whispered in awe, *“It’s all one river – it’s all one God.”*

**Lesson:** Each “*El*” name is a different well, but all flow from the same Living Water – Jesus Christ, the fullness of God’s revelation.

**“The Lamb in the midst of the throne shall lead them to living fountains of waters.” (Revelation 7:17)**

**Jesus is the revelation of every divine name of *El* –**

**The invisible *El Elyon* made visible in human form.**

**Every “*El*” meets us in *Emmanuel* – God with us.**

**Every “*El*” name – *El Elyon*, *El Shaddai*, *El Roi* – finds its **heartbeat in Jesus Christ.****

**And when you know His name, you will trust Him and when you trust Him, you will never be forsaken.**

### **MY TESTIMONY**

**The NAMES OF GOD is one of the courses taught in the School for Christian Growth in our church. In this course, we learn all the names of Jehovah. But there was never a course taught about the *El-God*. But that does not limit God from revealing Himself as our mighty God.**

**I am very well versed with the name - Jehovah. Every day when I pray, I always hallow all the compound names of Jehovah. But when it comes to *El*, my**

most familiar knowledge is only *El Shaddai* and *El Elyon* because of **Psalms 91:1** and also because Amy Grant popularized the song on *El Shaddai* in the 1990s.

But in the early 2000s, I had an encounter with **EL ROI in Genesis 16:13** – where Hagar flees when Sarah deals harshly with her **(verse 6)**. The angel finds her by the spring on the way to Shur and asks her where she comes from and where she is going. When Hagar says she is fleeing from her mistress, the angel of the LORD says to her – **“RETURN TO YOUR MISTRESS AND SUBMIT TO HER.” (verse 9)** and then the angel promises her the blessing of

multiplying her descendants. Hagar then builds a well and names it **EL ROI**—***“thou art a God of seeing”***. This verse was quickened to me in the early 2000s when I was harshly treated by my ex-boss over a Singaporean missionary who lied to her and yet my boss took her side. I wanted to run away from her harshness – wanted to quit. I was hurt and was crying in my room when the harshness of Sarah was quickened to me and the command of the God to Hagar – **“RETURN TO YOUR MISTRESS AND SUBMIT TO HER”**- hit my heart spot on. There and then I realized God saw all the pain of harsh treatment; the pain of injustice. I obeyed God. I continued in the call of God. And not

**long after, that very missionary who deceived our boss, ran away from my boss. My boss faxed us a letter of apology for wrongly believing in her. God sees and knows how to vindicate.**

**End**

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