

ELOHIM: THE CREATOR

HEALER

Have you ever been asked to introduce yourself to people you have not met before? Where do you start? Of course! You tell them your name! Throughout the Bible God reveals Himself to us through disclosing different names by which He is to be known. "In Biblical times a name represented a person's character. God's name represents His character, His attributes, His nature. To know His name is to know Him." (Kay Arthur) Before we look at the first name we encounter in Genesis 1:1, let's briefly explore some verses referring to the name of the Lord.

Exodus 20:7

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Strong's 5375 -TAKE- to bear up, to carry, to take
Strong's 7723 -VAIN- emptiness, falsehood, vanity

Matthew 6:9

⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Strong's 37 -HALLOWED- to venerate, to be holy

Proverbs 18:10

¹⁰ The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Psalms 20:7

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Isaiah 50:10

¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Based on these verses, how helpful would it be to know the names of the Lord and what they can teach us about His character?

Read each of the verses below and as you read underline the phrase "name of the Lord" then note what you learn in each one.

Exodus 20:7 (the 3rd commandment).

How does God command His name to be treated?

Using the word studies to help you, what does it mean to take the name of the Lord in vain?

Matthew 6:9.

How does this prayer tie in with the 3rd commandment?

From these 2 passages how should we view the name of the Lord?

Proverbs 18:10.

How is the Lord's name described?

How can we "run into it"? What is the outcome?

Psalms 20:7. Mark the word "trust" with a 

What type of situation is being described?

What is contrasted with the name of the Lord?

Isaiah 50:10. Mark "trust" as above.

In what circumstances are we to trust in the name of the Lord?

Genesis 1:1-3

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Genesis 1:27,31

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Psalms 139:13-16

¹³ For you formed my inward parts; 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.

Exodus 4:10-12

¹⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I the Lord?" ¹² Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

Let us start at the very beginning.

Read Genesis 1:1-3. Mark "God" with a ▲

List what you learn about God in these verses.

V2 How was the earth described?

V3 How does God transform the darkness?

The name for God in Genesis 1:1 is ELOHIM. "EL" means mighty or strong and Elohim is the most common word used for God in the OT. The "him" ending is plural and indicates more than one, pointing to the triune nature of God. ELOHIM is the mighty God, the Creator.

Read Genesis 1:27,31. Mark God with a ▲

Again list what you learn about God in v27 & 31

How did God feel about all he had made?

What does this teach us about our own identity?

David reflects on the fact that God is his creator and pens these words for his choirmaster to use in worship.

Read Psalm 139:13-16. Mark "you" with a ▲

What has God done for David? List each detail.

V16 What was written in God's book before he was formed?

V14 How does David respond to this truth?

Read Exodus 4:10-12.

What is Moses' objection to being called by God to speak to Pharaoh? How would the truth in Psalm 139 have helped Moses in this situation?

How should this truth impact our response to God?

Isaiah 43:1,6-7

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Revelation 4:11

¹¹ "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Psalms 121:1-3

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Psalms 95:6-7a

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

The next question we will explore is, "Why did God create us?"

Read Isaiah 43:1,6-7. Mark "The Lord, I" with a 

How is the Lord described in v1?

V7 What reason does he give for creating us?

Strong's 3519 -GLORY- to give a correct opinion or estimate of someone or something

How can we live for the glory of God?

Read Revelation 4:11. Mark "you" with a 

The 24 elders are worshipping at God's throne, casting their crowns before him.

What reason do they give for God creating all things?

Strong's 2307 -WILL- will, choice, desire, pleasure

How does it impact you knowing you are here because it gave God pleasure to create you?

In what ways does the name Elohim give us a strong tower to run in to?

Read Psalm 121:1-3. Mark the LORD with a 

Where does the Psalmist look to for his help?

How does knowing that the Lord is creator lead to confidence and trust?

Read Isaiah 40:28-31. Mark "Lord/he" with a 

V28-29 Note the attributes of the Lord listed.

V31 As we wait for him, and trust in him, what is the outcome?

Read Psalm 95:6-7a. What is the Psalmist's response to reminding himself that the Lord is his maker? How does he view his relationship with God – ELOHIM? As you finish this study what is your response?

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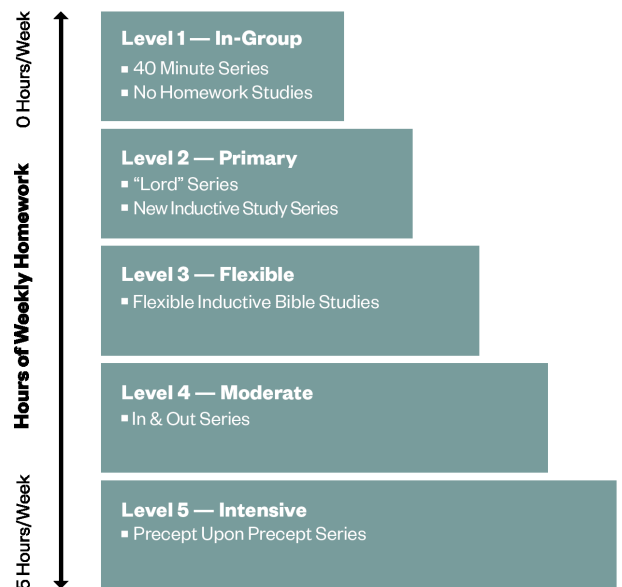
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