



10 Powerful Names of God

AND THEIR MEANING

How well do you know God? His character? His heart? It is not enough to know about God. You must become intimately acquainted with Him through His Biblical Names (**Psalm 8:9**). When you understand the meanings of God's names, you will then understand His character and His heart. He wants you to know Him. He wants to be in a close personal relationship with you (**Psalm 9:10**).

1. Elohim

God is Elohim—He is creator of heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1).

Have you ever given much thought to the power God used to create the universe? How about God's insanely creative imagination as He designed planet earth? The Majesty of the Cedars of Lebanon and the beauty and variety of the flowers is breathtaking. Whether it is hiking in the mountains, enjoying some time on the beach, or taking a leisurely walk through the park, there is no denying that nature is one way to connect with Elohim.

Elohim (God)—He is your Creator (Genesis 1:27).

What about the intricacies and beauty of the human body? Do you ever feel worthless? Unlovable? If so, please remember that you are supremely valuable for one primary reason. You and I have been created in the image and likeness of God. He loves and cherishes you more than you can fathom because you are His image bearer (**Psalm 139:14a**).

2. Elohim Chayim

God is Elohim Chayim—The Living God (Joshua 3:10).

There is not one religion that exists other than Christianity that can boast of having a God who is alive and active in the lives of its followers. Every faith founder that once lived and walked the earth is now dead and gone. Every stone or wooden god that was worshipped never took a breath of air. You can only have a personal relationship with the living God—Elohim Chayim (**1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Matthew 28:5-6**).

3. Abba (Father)

God is Abba—He is your Father (Romans 8:15).

Mr. and Mrs. Holland adopted an infant baby girl from China 17 years ago and became her forever family. She identifies herself as a Holland child. Their friends can tell from her mannerisms and idiosyncrasies that she is part of the Holland family. The same is true with God. When you place your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, God adopts you into His forever family. You bear His name—Christian. And you are known as one of His children by your behavior! How wonderful to be able to call God such an intimate name—Abba Father! (**Isaiah 64:7-9; 1 John 3:1**).