



Sermon Series:

The Names of God

- 3 February: Elohim, The Majestic God
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Romans 15:4-6:

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.



⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,
⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Genesis 17:1-7

EL - SHADDAI
GOD ALMIGHTY



Exodus 6:2-3:

God also said to Moses, “I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty (*El-Shaddai*), but by my name the LORD I did not make myself fully known to them.

Genesis 17:1-7: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the **LORD** appeared to him and said, “I am **God Almighty**; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

³ Abram fell facedown, and **God** said to him, ⁴ “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ **I will make you very fruitful**; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your **God** and the **God** of your descendants after you...”

Romans 4:13: It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, **but through the righteousness that comes by faith.**

Galatians 3:7: Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:29: So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ **If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**



Shaddai shares the same root in Hebrew as the word for a mother's sustaining presence.



Raw power is not emphasized in the name so much as His saving, sustaining, and strengthening power.

1. Is God strong enough to save? Gen. 15:1

- **Abraham received a promise that could only be achieved by a miracle.**
- **God does for us what only God can do.**
- **God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.**
- **God's salvation invites confidence, comfort, and courage**

The sad story of impatient saints

- Abraham believed in God's promise to him and God saved him through his faith, Genesis 15:6
- Despite God's promise to them, Abraham and Sarah still doubted, became impatient, and acted unwisely, agreeing that Abraham should have a son through Hagar, Sarah's handmaiden. Genesis 16
- Ishmael was born contrary to the will of God, but God still loved Ishmael. There has been conflict between Ishmael and Israel ever since.

How are we to respond to God's promises and life's challenges?

- Don't let your fears determine the trajectory of your life.
- God saves us for a reason, to set us free to become in Christ what we could not become in ourselves alone.
- Believe God: Faith enables us to become what we can become no other way – pleasing to God.

2. Is God strong enough to sustain His people? Gen. 17:1-5

- Abraham and Sarah had a change of perspective: Thirteen years of living with the failure of the flesh
- They had a change of condition: Thirteen years of becoming older and weaker – it would not appear that it would be possible to have a child, but with God all things are possible.
- They needed also a change in their dependence: they needed to learn to lean on God.



“A primary qualification for serving God with any amount of success, and for doing God’s work well and triumphantly, is a sense of our own weakness.”

C.H. Spurgeon

3. Is God strong enough to support His people? Gen 17:6-7

- He enables us, Genesis 17:1, “I am El-Shaddai. Walk before Me, and be blameless.”
- Gen. 17:6: “I will make you exceedingly fruitful”
- We have something incredible to do as His people because we have Someone with incredible power living inside us.
- 1 John 4:4: “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”

Joseph Scriven: 1819-1886



What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and
griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in
prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless
pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in
prayer.



**In your weakness is God's strength
made perfect.**

**Where does your impatience show
itself?**

**Where does God need to show
Himself as El Shaddai in your life?**

**Have you in your weakness learned
to lean upon God as your El-Shaddai?**