

The Names of God

El Elyon

*“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine;
he was the priest of God Most High.”
Genesis 14:18*

Day 1

Pray before you begin your study this week.

The name El Elyon occurs 53 times in the Old Testament, including 22 mentions in the Psalms and 14 times in the Aramaic language in Daniel 3-7.

Look up the meaning of El Elyon and record your findings here.

What are your personal thoughts about God as El Elyon?

Days 2

Pray.

Almost half of the verses with this name are in the book of Psalms.

Who wrote the majority of the Psalms?

Why do you think this name was significant to him?

Look up the following Psalms to get an idea of David's view of El Elyon. What does he say about Him?

Ps. 7:17, 9:2

Ps. 18:13

Ps. 21:7

Ps. 47:2

Ps. 50:14

Ps. 57:2

Ps. 83:18

Ps. 91:1

Ps. 97:9

Day 3

Pray.

The first mention of God Most High, El Elyon, is found in Genesis 14:18. Read verses 18-20. What do these verses reveal about God?

The word *Possessor* can also be translated *Creator*. In addition to earth, water, sky, animals, and plants...man is also God's creation. Read 1 Peter 2:9. How do you feel knowing that not only are you His *creation*, but that you are also His *possession*? What is the result, according to this verse, of being His own possession?

Read Ps. 96. Record what the psalmist writes about God's glory, how we are to glorify Him, and why we should glorify Him.

Day 4

Pray.

This name for God is used by Abraham, the psalmist, and other men of the Bible. But there is another that addresses God as God Most High. Read Is. 14:12-14. Who does this text speak about? What was his pursuit? What was his end?

When we call God, God Most High, it indicates that there is **nothing** higher, He is **MOST** High. Everything else is lesser in authority, creativity, wisdom, might, etc.

Nebuchadnezzar recognized God as the Most High in Daniel 3:26. Read Daniel 3. What were the circumstances that led to his declaration?

Reflection: When you are in difficult, seemingly impossible, circumstances, and the Lord delivers you from them, how do you react? Is your first thought, "Thank you God for your mercy and compassion!"? Or is your first thought, "Whew, glad that's over!"? You are loved and adored by God Most High, a God that is higher than your circumstances, higher than your fears, higher than anything that comes against you. If God can rescue three men from a fiery furnace, He can certainly rescue you! Take time to thank Him!

Day 5

Pray.

The exact phrase *God Most High* is used 4 times in the New Testament. One instance of this name is found in the Gospels of Mark and Luke where they both give an account of the same story. Read Mark 5:1-13 and Luke 8:26-33. Summarize what is happening in this story. Who calls Jesus the Son of the Most High God?

What does this tell you about the demons and the spiritual realm?

Day 6

Pray.

One last thing I want you to consider. Look up the following verses and record what they say about where God puts His name.

1 Kgs. 8:28-29

1 Kgs. 9:1-3

2 Chron. 7:16

Jer. 7:12

Now look at 1 Cor. 6:19. What does it say about our bodies?

Combine the two thoughts about where God puts His name and what scripture says about our bodies. Think on that for a while. What does that mean? How does that truth affect the way you choose to serve and worship the God Most High?