

The Names of God

El Roi

*“Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees;
for she said, ‘Have I also here seen Him who sees me?’”
Genesis 16:13*

Day 1

Pray before you begin your study this week.

The name El Roi first appears in Genesis 16:13, but the story begins in verse 1. Read Genesis 16:1-6. Summarize the passage: who were the characters, what were the circumstances, why were they in this circumstance, what was the result of their actions, etc.

Days 2

Pray.

Read Genesis 16:7-16

Who found Hagar? What does that tell you about Him?

If God is El Roi, then why did He ask her the question in verse 8?

What was the Angel of the LORD's instruction to her in vs. 9?

What was His promise to her? vs. 10

Describe the son she was to have. Vss. 11-12

Why did Hagar name God: El Roi?

Verse 14 says the well was also named this, but adds more description. What is revealed in the name of the well?

What stands out to you in the interaction with Hagar and the Angel of the LORD?

Day 3

Pray.

Look up the following verses and record what they say about the God who sees.

1 Sam. 16:7

2 Chron. 16:9

Job 34:21

Job 28:24

Ps. 33:13

Ps. 121:4

Prov. 15:3

Is. 42:16

Matt. 6:4

Heb. 4:13

Hagar experienced God as El Roi first hand. How have you seen God as El Roi in your life? Do you believe He sees everything?

Reflection: The general definition of integrity is doing the right thing when no one is looking. How do you act knowing that God sees when no one else does? Are there areas in your life that you hide behind closed doors? Confess those things to the LORD and commit to changing them.

Day 4

Pray.

One of the gifts that God has given us is the gift of sight; however, our sight is limited compared to God's, in that it cannot see the big picture. Hagar's sight was this way. Look at verses 4-5 from our text and record what they say about human sight.

Humanly speaking, we are incapable of seeing as God sees. God sees the heart, He sees the emotions, He sees the inner struggles. We, on the other hand, are only capable of reacting to what we see in the moment, the outer circumstances that often times catch us off guard.

According to the following verses, what are our eyes to be fixed upon?

Ps. 27:8

Ps. 101:3

Ps. 119:18

Ps. 121:1-2

Ps. 123:1-2

Prov. 3:21

Matt. 6:22

Matt. 6:33

2 Cor. 4:18

Col 3:2

Heb. 12:1-2

How does fixing our eyes on these things help us in our struggles?

Day 5

Pray.

There are times when we feel like God doesn't see. You're not alone, David also felt this way. Read the following Psalms and record David's struggles and how he saw (viewed) God through them.

Ps. 13

Ps. 22:1-5

Ps. 42