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Connect Resource

Dates: Sunday 4th August to Sunday 18th August 2024

Purpose of this campaign: To know Father God as Creator, Lord and Almighty God as foundational aspects of his nature and how he relates to us and our lives.

Key text for this campaign: Genesis

Week 1: Father God – The Creator (Genesis 1)

Week 2: Father God - The Lord (Adonai) (Genesis 15)

Week 3: Father God – God Almighty (El Shaddai) (Genesis 17)

Key historical context, commentary or references:

Throughout the book of Genesis Father God reveals himself with different names. Each name reveals a different facet of the Father of the Trinity. Names carry the **origins and purpose** of someone's life. They are not just his name, title or label but they are a reflection of God's character and nature. As we look at the names of God, we can discover who God is and how he relates to us.

https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/name_god.cfm

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/god/what-are-all-the-names-of-god.html>

The Bible contains various names for God, each of which represent a unique way through which God reveals Himself to humanity. We are going to focus on three names/traits of God revealed in book of Genesis.

Names For God The Father

Elohim – The Creator God (Genesis 1:1)

Yahweh – The LORD God (Genesis 2:4)

Adonai El Elyon – The LORD Most High God (Genesis 14:22)

Adonai – Lord (Genesis 15:2)

El Roi – The God Who Sees (Genesis 16:13)

El Shaddai – God almighty (Genesis 17:1)

El Olam – The Everlasting God (Genesis 21:33)

Jehovah-Jireh – The Lord Who Provides (Genesis 22:14)

The Shiloh – The Peacemaker (Genesis 49:10)

The God of Abraham (Exodus 3:2)

Ehyeh asher Ehyeh – I Am That I Am (Exodus 3:14)

Jehovah-Rapha – The Lord Who Heals (Exodus 15:26)

Jehovah-Nissi – The Lord Our Banner (Exodus 17:15)

El-Kanno – The Jealous God (Exodus 20:5)

Adonai Mekaddishkhem – The LORD Your Sanctifier (Exodus 31:13)

Go'el – Kinsman redeemer (Leviticus 25:26)

El Rachum – The God Of Compassion (Deuteronomy 4:31)

El Hanne'eman – The Faithful God (Deuteronomy 7:9)

El Haggadol – The Great God (Deuteronomy 10:17)

Yahweh Shalom – The Lord is Peace (Judges 6:22-24)

El De'ot – The God of Knowledge (1 Samuel 2:3)

Go'el Haddam – The Avenger of Blood (1 Samuel 6:20)

Glory of Israel (1 Samuel 15:29)

Adonai Sal'I - The LORD my Rock (Psalm 18:2)

Yahweh Roi – The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1)

King of glory (Psalm 24:10)

El Hakkavod – The God of Glory (Psalm 29:3)

El Emet – The God of Truth (Psalm 31:5)

El Chaiyal - The God of My Life (Psalm 42:8)

El Sali – The God of My Strength (Psalm 42:9)

Yahweh Sabaoth – The Lord of Hosts (Psalm 46:7)

El Yeshuatenu – The God of Our Salvation (Psalm 68:19)
El Yisrael – The God of Israel (Psalm 68:36)
Adonai Osenu – The LORD Our Maker (Psalm 95:6)
El Hashamayim – The God of the Heavens (Psalm 136:26)
Shepherd (Ecclesiastes 12:11)
El Hakkadosh – The Holy God (Isaiah 5:16)
The Rock of Ages (Isaiah 26:4)
Adonai Elohei David – The LORD God of David (Isaiah 38:5)
Redeemer (Isaiah 47:4)
LORD of hosts (Isaiah 47:4)
The Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 47:4)
Go'el Yisrael – The Redeemer of Israel (Isaiah 49:7)
Adonai Avinu – The LORD Our Father (Isaiah 64:8)
Yahweh Tsidkenu – The Lord Our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:5-6)
Yahweh Shamma – The Lord is There (Ezekiel 48:35) El Elyon – Most High God (Daniel 4:34-35)
Attiyq Youm – Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:9)
El-Channun – The Gracious God (Jonah 4:2)
Ruler of Israel (Micah 5:2) El Echad – The One God (Malachi 2:10)
Abba – Daddy (Mark 14:36) Father of Mercies (2 Corinthians 1:3-4) Majesty (Hebrews 8:1)

Week 1: Father God - The Creator

Date: Sunday 4th August 2024

Key Scripture: Genesis 1:1-8 (Creation Account)

Historical Context, Commentary + supporting references:

So, how does the trinity fit in creation?

We affirm that God is Father, Son & Holy Spirit. God reveals Himself as Father in scripture, maintaining a personal relationship and transcending human gender, as we are created in His image, male and female (Gen 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 32:18; Matt 6:9-13). This fatherhood is intimate and nurturing, highlighted in the creation order and familial structure established in Genesis (Gen 1:1-3a, 26-27; 2:18-25) and affirmed by the Nicene Creed. With respect to the doctrine of the Trinity, this means that when we speak about God as “Father,” we can speak about the eternal “Son” who comes to us in the man Jesus (who taught us to call his Father “our Father”), and when we speak about the “Spirit” who is the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, we are not constrained by human language of gender, (for God is neither male nor female). We use analogical language from human experience to talk about the kind of relationship that exists between the members of the Trinity and between the triune God and us human beings—a relationship that is like the intimate relationship between parents and their children.

In view of a texts like Col 1:15-17, Romans 11:36 & 1 Cor 8:6 we can derive the following understanding: God the Father, speaks, creates and governs, the Son redeems and reconciles, and the Spirit guides and sanctifies. The Church, as God’s family, is called to live in obedience and harmony under this unchanging Trinitarian guidance, reflecting the order, love, and purpose established through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Supporting points to key point:

Genesis 1:1-4 (full account 1-31)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Father God reveals himself throughout the Bible with different names and in this campaign, we are going to go through three names of God in Genesis as a solid foundation for our understanding in the nature and ways of Father God.

In the Genesis account God is introduced as creator, it simply says “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” This incredible statement introduces Father God as creator of all things, no arguments, no explanations. God is all-powerful, all-knowing, Lord of heaven and earth, the one who created all life, our master and creator.

God The Father Brings Order To Creation

God the Father brings order and purpose to creation, establishing a family in the Garden to reflect divine love and harmony. Throughout history, the Trinity—Father, Son, and Spirit—guides and sanctifies, weaving a golden thread from Genesis to Revelation.

Creation unfolds as God establishes order and family, reflecting divine love and purpose. God governs, redeems, and guides, calling us to live in harmony and obedience. From Genesis to Revelation, His story reveals love, power, and mercy.

In the first creation story of Genesis, (Gen 1:1-3a) God speaks the world into being and begins to set things up within creation, establishing order and culture, culminating in the creation of humans within the Garden. (Gen 1:26) God establishes a kind of family (Gen 1:26-27, Gen 2:18-25) through whom the rest of creation will be affected. This family, Perdue says is,

“grounded in the order of creation (Gen 1:26–28; 2:21–24). It...defined social and economic roles for human interaction, with the common goal of group survival and continuation; received religious legitimation through divine actions in history, rehearsed in story and ritual; and responded to divine imperatives that shaped socio-religious life and moral behaviour.”¹

The Declarations Of The Creation Account

- Amongst all of the teachings on how the earth was formed, Darwinism, Big Bang Theory and other religions. The Bible declares the following:
- The Creator God of the Bible exists
- The entire universe, heaven, created spiritual beings, and all life on earth originated of creation.
- God declared that His creations were good
- God began creating without the use of any previously existing matter
- God’s creative activities cannot be explained by natural laws; neither are they subject to the natural laws
- The Bible reveals that the God of the Bible designed all things

¹ Mengestu, A. (2013) God as Father in Paul. Pickwick Publications.

- Genesis 1:1 is the beginning point of time
- We are created in God's image, to be like him (imago Dei)
- We were created male and female
- We were created to be in communion with God and with others.

3 Movements of Salvation History

Movement 1: Creation and Fall (The Father's Heartache)

- Creation: From the Father's loving hand, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1). With care, He shapes humanity, "So God created mankind in his own image..." (Genesis 1:27).
- The Fall: His heart breaks as His children disobey, "She took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it." (Genesis 3:6).
- Promise of Redemption: Even in pain, He promises hope, "He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15).

From the Father's vantage, we see a perfect creation marred by disobedience. His heart aches as His beloved children fall, yet His love remains steadfast, planting the seed of redemption.

Movement 2: Redemption and Covenant (The Father's Sacrifice)

- Suffering Servant: The Father sends His beloved Son, knowing the cost, "He was pierced for our transgressions..." (Isaiah 53:5).
- New Covenant: His promise renewed, "I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah." (Jeremiah 31:31-34).
- God's Love: The depth of His love revealed, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..." (John 3:16).
- The Last Supper: His plan for redemption through sacrifice, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood..." (Luke 22:20).

From the Father's perspective, we witness the ultimate act of love and sacrifice. He sends His Son to fulfill the promise, establishing a new covenant and offering redemption to His wayward children.

Movement 3: Consummation and New Creation (The Father's Joy)

- New Heaven and Earth: The Father's plan comes to fruition, "Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth...'" (Revelation 21:1).
- End of Suffering: His heart overflows with joy as pain ends, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes..." (Revelation 21:4).
- No More Curse: The curse lifted, and His presence restored, "No longer will there be any curse..." (Revelation 22:3).
- Alpha and Omega: His eternal nature affirmed, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last..." (Revelation 22:13).

In the final movement, the Father's joy is complete. His creation is restored, His children are redeemed, and He dwells among them in a renewed heaven and earth. The story that began with heartache ends in eternal joy. God the Father speaks order into the chaos, crafting a world brimming with life and beauty. He establishes a family in the Garden, a cornerstone for creation's harmony. Through this family, He defines roles and instills purpose, grounding human existence in divine love and order.

In creation, the Father speaks and governs, the Son redeems and reconciles, and the Spirit guides and sanctifies. The church, as God's family, is called to reflect this divine order and harmony, living under the unchanging guidance of the Trinity. When we call God "Father," we invoke the relationship established by the Son and animated by the Spirit, a relationship as intimate as that between parents and children. God reveals His love, holiness, power, and mercy throughout history, weaving a story that runs like a golden thread from Genesis to Revelation.

Key scriptures God as creator

Revelation 4:11, Nehemiah 9:6, Psalm 33:6, Psalm 119:1, Jeremiah 10:12

Connect Questions

4th August 2024

Father God - The Creator

GATHER:

- How does it change things for us if we were created and not an accident?
- We can be very privileged in Australia regarding God's creation. Are there experiences you can share, when God's creation spoke to you of His character?

GROW:

- Do you give God your obedience as your creator or do you struggle with believing that He knows better?
- Are your habits reflecting your identity as beloved creation, granted dominion over the great garden of the world or are you taking things like water, food, animals, weather & places of natural beauty for granted?

GO:

- With the Olympics underway, and technology companies constantly trying to outdo each other, now might be a good cultural moment to ask those around you what they think is the purpose of life? (It is better to ask the question and listen to their answer before jumping in with the gospel).
- Do you know someone who thinks they are a cosmic accident? How can you reflect to them, the value God places on them?

Week 2: Father God – The Lord (Adonai)

Date: Sunday 11th August 2024

Key Point of this week: To understand Father God as Lord of our lives and to have a fresh commitment of his sovereignty in our lives.

Key Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6 (God's covenant with Abraham)

Historical Context, Commentary + supporting references:

Adonai word study: The word is interchangeable with Yahweh, Jehovah and Adonai. The Hebrew word for Adonai is used throughout the Old Testament for human (or angelic) lords including in 1 Samuel 24:8 where David spares Saul, he comes out of the cave and calls him 'lord.' Sarah calls Abraham, 'my lord,' when the angels visit Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah, he calls them 'lords' in Genesis 19:2.

ADONAI אֲדֹנָי, *ad ō nā' ī* (אֲדֹנָי, H151). A divine name, tr. "the Lord," and signifying "sovereignty," "master." Its etymology is obscure, but its meaning is certain—God is the ruling Lord. It appears first in [Genesis 15:2, 8](#), and is used often afterward. Its vowels are found in the MT with the tetragrammaton יהוה, H3378, forming the word "Jehovah." Whenever Heb. readers found these letters, they always substituted for them the word "adonai," as the name of God was regarded as too sacred to be pronounced.

Many Scripture authors used it as an expression of humble awe, as in "O Lord, Our Lord," or, "O God, my God." The name Adonai, and its variations, is found in more than 400 verses throughout God's Word. Adonai also hints at the notion of ownership, and being the steward of what is owned. This is borne out in so many Bible passages that show God as not only our Master, but protector and provider as well.

1 Samuel 12:24

"But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you."

Psalms 8:1

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

Supporting points to key point:

Genesis 15:1-6 NIV

15 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,^[a]

your very great reward.^[b]”

*² But Abram said, “**Sovereign Lord**, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit^[c] my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”⁸ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”*

⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring^[d] be.”⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Check out the Genesis 15 commentary:

<https://biblehub.com/commentaries/genesis/15-1.htm>

Is God Lord of your life? Is he in charge, is he the master? One of the most prominent names used for Father God in the Old Testament is the name **Adonai**. Adonai is a Hebrew word that translates as "Lord" of "Lord Master" from its derivation "sovereignty". People throughout the Old Testament used the word Adonai when addressing humans who were master or lord over them. See the study above for more.

The idea of being owned can conjure up pictures of one person possessing another, and that kind of slavery has no place in today's world. But we need to remember that the concept of Adonai has to do with God's position of leadership in, not oppression of, our lives. Scripture clearly says that God is always present and that He is still rightfully Lord over all. We are to submit to Him, our good Father, not to any other human or idol. His Word also teaches us why this is part of God's best plan for us.

Abraham submitted to God in Genesis 15 as “Sovereign Lord,” he knew that God was in charge, he knew that he would do what he promised, he believed in the word of the Lord. We are created to need God as our master, a good master that cares for us and delights over us.

1. We are created to need Him as our Lord and Master

It's said that there is a God-sized hole in each of us. It isn't there to make us feel weak and hopeless, but to lead us to the One who can fill that need. Trying to fill ourselves up any other way will only lead us into danger: bad judgment, lack of sensitivity to God's leading, and ultimately, surrendering to sin.

2. God is a good Lord and Master

One truth about life is that everybody eventually serves someone, and we have a choice about who that will be. Imagine serving a master who returns your loyalty with unconditional love, comfort, and abundant provision. That is the loving Lordship that God offers, and we don't want to miss out on it.

3. Jesus taught that God was His Lord, Master and Father

So many times in His earthly ministry, Jesus acknowledged God as Adonai. The Son willingly came to Earth in obedience to His Father.

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ([John 14:10](#)) Jesus showed His disciples what it looked like to be fully submitted to God as Master. He taught that by following Him and surrendering ourselves to God, we would receive great blessings.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ([John 15:11](#))

Other Scriptures of Father God as Lord:

Isaiah 42:8

Psalms 9:10

Isaiah 12:2

Psalms 83:18

Psalms 148:13

Romans 10:9

Isaiah 26:4

Week 3: Father God – God Almighty (El Shaddai)

Date: Sunday 18th August 2024

Key Point of this week: To understand Father God as God Almighty, all-powerful God that calls us to live in awe and refuge in his power.

Key Scripture: Genesis 17:1-8 (full story 1-27)

Historical Context, Commentary + supporting references:

The reason the meaning of the name El Shaddai is so important is because there is an all-inclusive aspect attached to that name. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, one of the definitions of the word almighty is having absolute power over all. This one definition alone causes the name of El Shaddai to stand out among many of the other names of God.

The term is a compound of two words: “El,” which is a generic term for God in Hebrew, and “Shaddai,” which is derived from the root word meaning “breast” or “mountain.” Among Christians, the most common interpretation of *Shaddai* today is “mighty,” and *El Shaddai* would translate to “God Almighty.” Coinciding with this, one suggested root meaning for *El Shaddai* is “The Overpowerer,” meaning God will do what He purposes to do, overpowering all opposition.

Some interpret *Shaddai* as “sufficient,” and God is the “All-sufficient One.” Either interpretation – mighty or sufficient – works, because the Almighty is the God who is enough! He is more than sufficient to meet any need. He is power and provision. In great compassion, He sustains, nourishes and protects. He takes our weakness and gives us strength. He takes our inadequate resources and in his sufficiency uses them for His great and powerful purposes.

If pastors preach the whole counsel of God, they will remind God’s people to see Him as He is: the reigning ‘Lord God Almighty’ who will someday exert His great power and reign forever. He is the God who chooses us to make us a holy people and He transforms us with His power. He is to be honoured with reverence and awe – holy “fear of the Lord.”

God has many names and attributes. He is the Almighty ([Genesis 49:25](#)), the Creator of heaven and earth ([Genesis 14:19](#)), Builder of everything ([Hebrews 3:4](#)), the King of heaven ([Daniel 4:37](#)), God of all mankind ([Jeremiah 32:27](#)), and the Eternal King. ([Jeremiah 10:10](#)). He is the only God ([Jude 1:25](#)), the Eternal God ([Genesis 21:33](#)), the Everlasting God ([Isaiah 40:28](#)), and Maker of all things ([Ecclesiastes 11:5](#)). He is able to do more things than we can ask or even imagine ([Ephesians 3:20](#)). He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed and miracles that cannot be counted ([Job 9:10](#)). God’s power is unlimited. He can do anything He wants, whenever He wants ([Psalm 115:3](#)). He spoke the universe into existence ([Genesis 1:3](#)). Furthermore, He answers to

no one as to His plans and purposes: “All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘What have you done?’” ([Daniel 4:35](#)).

Supporting points to key point:

God's nature is unchanging and the names he reveals himself in the Bible describe his nature. We've been tracing the story of Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This is the same God, who does not change; the great 'I am.' What does it mean for God to be “Almighty” in our lives. For Father God to be all powerful, unlimited in power, knowledge, wisdom and understanding, he is our all-sufficient one, we need nothing else.

Genesis 17:1-8 NIV

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty^[a]; 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^[b]; your name will be Abraham,^[c] 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. ⁸ The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

See these commentary notes: <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/genesis/17-1.htm>

Here are some points about God Almighty:

- **God's power is all-powerful (omnipotent)**

When we understand that God, our Creator and Savior, is omnipotent, our chaotic and constantly changing world doesn't seem quite so scary. No matter how vulnerable or ill-equipped we feel, no matter the challenges and problems we face, we can rest in this truth: God is matchless in power, unconquerable, and always victorious. This God, the omnipotent, all-knowing, all-loving and faithful King, reigns over all and holds us securely in His hand. Understanding this helps us stand, unshakable, above all that threatens to defeat and destroy us.

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/what-does-it-mean-that-god-is-omnipotent-omnipotence.html>

- **Understanding that God is all-powerful causes reverence**

The omnipotence of God causes a response of *reverence*. In Job 40:2 the Lord said to Job, "Shall a faultfinder contend with the ALMIGHTY?" The fact that God is almighty means that we may not contend with him. He may perplex us and we may question him in lowliness for understanding, but not for indictment. We may not accuse our Maker. When we try, we set ourselves or some court of appeals above God, and that is a horrendous sin against the deity of God. As Paul says, "Shall what is molded say to its molder, 'Why have you made me thus?' Has the potter no right over the clay to do with it as he pleases?" (Romans 9:20-21).

But reverence is a foreign emotion to fallen human beings. Most people do not have any experience of reverence. Wherever God is considered a pal or a sidekick or a grandfather or the religious drug of the uneducated, he cannot be revered. There are many affections you can feel for a little God, but reverence is not one of them.

Isaiah says, "The lord of hosts . . . let him be your fear and let him be your dread." (8:13). Reverence is the combination of admiration and fear, awe and dread, wonder and terror. It's an emotion that we were made to experience. And in its absence, we create motion pictures and take vacations which do their best to provide a substitute. We long to be awe-struck. We long for some friendly terror and some joyful dread. And the only way we will ever experience it is to know the Lord as GOD ALMIGHTY, the omnipotent.

- **Encourages us to rest in his refuge of God's protecting power in times of need**

The omnipotence of God means *refuge*. The opposite of *recompense* for those who have refused the terms of God's treaty is *refuge* for those who have accepted. Psalm 91:1-2, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the ALMIGHTY, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust!'"

Has it ever hit home to you what it means to say, "My God, who loves me and gave himself for me, is almighty"? It means that if you take your place under the shadow of the ALMIGHTY, you are protected by omnipotence. There is infinite and unending security in the almightiness of God.

The omnipotence of God means eternal, unshakable refuge in the everlasting glory of God no matter what happens on this earth. And that confidence is the power of radical obedience to the call of God. Is there anything more freeing, more thrilling, or more strengthening than the truth that GOD ALMIGHTY is your refuge—all day every day in all the ordinary and extraordinary experiences of life! Nothing but what he ordains for your good befalls you. And afterward he will receive you to glory!

If we believed this, if we really let this truth of God's omnipotence get hold of us, what a difference it would make in our personal lives and in our ministry as a church! How humble and powerful we would become for the saving purposes of God! Paul speaks of

"the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe." Arthur Mathews describes the secret of one of the revivals in northern India like this: It was owing to "three renewed human wills that by faith linked themselves as with hooks of steel to *the omnipotent will of God*. . . yearning, pleading, crying and agonizing over the church in India and the myriads of lost souls." The omnipotence of God means refuge for the people of God. And when you really believe that your refuge is the omnipotence of GOD ALMIGHTY, there is a joy and a freedom and a power that spills over in a life of radical obedience to the Jesus Christ. The omnipotence of God means reverence, recompense, and refuge for his covenant people. I invite you to accept the terms of his covenant of grace: turn from sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the omnipotence of GOD ALMIGHTY will be the reverence of your soul, the recompense of your enemies, and the refuge of your life—forever.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/my-name-is-god-almighty>

Key Scriptures on God Almighty:

Genesis 17:1

Genesis 28:3

Exodus 6:2-3

1 Chronicles 29:11

Jeremiah 32:27

Psalms 91:1-2

Jeremiah 32:17

Psalms 80:19

Connect Questions

18th August 2024 Father God – God Almighty (El Shaddai)

GATHER:

- Share if you're comfortable, any experiences of God's protection of His people.
- We all easily slip into putting ourselves on God's throne. What does reverence for God look like in the twenty-first century?

GROW:

- Are there any areas of my life that I don't bring before God because "He couldn't help with that"? Do you need to change your thinking about God's power?
- What does it look like for you to "rest in the shadow of His wings" when circumstances are difficult?

GO:

- What verses could you share with someone who is struggling to trust things can turn out for the best and not the worst? How would you reassure someone that God is capable of helping them?
- People from other cultural backgrounds can find revering someone an easier concept. We don't have shrines or carved images in our homes. What examples could you give of the place of an almighty God in your life?