

re-think No.36

THE MAJOR NAMES OF GOD

from the scriptures

This re-think to be read in conjunction with re-think No. 39 (El-Elyon) and No. 38 (Melchisedec) and also No. 37 (Denominations)

Palm 91:1-2 *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High (EL ELYON) shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty (EL SHADDAI); (2) I will say of The LORD (JEHOVAH or JAHWEH), He is my refuge and my fortress; my God (ELOHIM), in Him will I trust.* God has a purpose for declaring Himself under differing names.

ASPECTS OF GOD that lead to union with FATHER-GOD, THE MOST HIGH GOD.

Let us make a statement right at the beginning of this writing, there is only ONE GOD and the question is **HOW DO WE KNOW HIM?** Under what name, title or expression do we know Him? Are we experiencing Him under many aspects, just one or all ... or are we just knowing about these names?

For example, in Exodus 6:2-3 *And God (Elohim) spake unto Moses and said unto him, I am the LORD (Jehovah) (3) And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty (El Shaddai), but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them.* These forefathers knew God under the name or aspect of EL SHADDAI and not under the name of JEHOVAH ... the I AM THAT I AM. We have observed that many saints of olden times knew God under differing names or aspects.

What is the ultimate relationship with God? Jesus Christ came to bring us to a full relationship with Father-God — His Father and our's. *Our Father who art in Heaven* . . . We are all the **'children'** of God. There is a growing-up and a maturing from 'children' to **'sons' so that we might be adopted by our Father to move as He moves.**

Psalms 82:6 *I have said, Ye are gods (Hb. = ELOHIM); and all of you are children of the Most High (El Elyon).* All mankind are children of EL ELYON for He brought them forth and gave each His Elohim-life — male and female ... image and likeness. Thus we can say that 'I am (with others) Elohim; we are God in this earth . . . the visible expression of the invisible God. The New Covenant saints would declare it this way, 'I am (with others) the Body of Christ. It is only through Christ Jesus can they (us) grow up into mature sons and be one in spirit with EL ELYON who is Spirit.

Names or aspects of God are many but the main ones are given are:-

ELOHIM; where we all start.

JEHOVAH; this name was first given to natural Israel with many other JEHOVAH TITLES/NAMES such as

JEHOVAH-SABBAOTH; JEHOVAH-JIREH; JEHOVAH-RAPHA; JEHOVAH etc.

EL SHADDAI; the female of God.

ADONAI; Lord; Husband . . . the God of relationships.

EL OLAM deals with the plan of the ages; plus the many other 'EL'- names.

EL ELYON; The Most High God, The Highest, The Most High, Father, Source of all life.

**JESUS; JESUS CHRIST; CHRIST JESUS; Son of the Highest.
CHRIST.**

ELOHIM

Adam came from Elohim. ELOHIM is plural. We were all in Elohim before Adam was brought forth. We came forth in Adam . . . in the image and likeness of Elohim . . . we were right in this aspect of God . . . that is why Elohim is a plural name (or aspect).

Romans 11:36. *For out of HIM (Gk.EK) and through (Gk.DIA) Him and into (Gk.EIS) Him are all things; to whom be glory into the ages.*

Mankind was created in the image and likeness in the aspect of God known as ELOHIM. In this aspect of God Himself, He introduces us to His LOVE, unconditional and unchanging love. He brings forth a visible expression of His invisible self in the earth. ELOHIM is the aspect of God through whom creation was brought forth.

He is **the God of covenant** (Gen. 6:13,18; 9:9. 17). Elohim is committed to creation unconditionally . . . He is committed to the restoration of creation and He cannot leave it until it again is *'very good'*.

ELOHIM introduces us to grace, His unconditional love. **Elohim is the God of creation and the God of grace.**

The word *'let'* (let us ...) in Genesis shows that Elohim works not only **upon** His creation but **with** creation as we are in this aspect of God and this expression of the Divine nature/name is in us. A marvelous beginning and Father-God is growing us up by drawing us into Himself through the work of Christ.

JEHOVAH

In Genesis chapter two, we are introduced to a further aspect of God as our Father. **JEHOVAH** or **JAHWEH**. His name, *'I am that I am'* declares the father-image of our God who brings in discipline whereby He expects obedience to His desires, His word. **Jehovah is the God of order, discipline, judgment, punishment and ultimately death;** He sets down the household rules and boundaries. He expects **HOLINESS** and **TRUTH** to be active in His children even in the atmosphere of evil which He too created. He spoke forth His commandments, so then for the wayward He also becomes their judge. JEHOVAH is the righteous judge and as such He cannot be other than just and justice demands absolute truth. In this way, JEHOVAH shows us more of the quality of the Love we have been introduced to. Jehovah identifies with His people in all their growing pains. (Isaiah 63:7-10). Jehovah is the instigator of the new covenant (declared through His mouthpiece Jeremiah in 31:31-34) for He knows the plan of the ages.

Jehovah judges and Elohim creates . . . both aspects move in restoration in this hour. Jehovah will fight for His children and is concerned that they have their daily needs. **Jehovah has His priesthood from the tribe of Levi** (the *Aaronic* priesthood). Jehovah expects and delights in worship that honours him out of appreciation of who He is and what He has done. *Jehovah He is my refuge and my fortress* . . . He is worthy of our trust.

The name, I AM THAT I AM (Jehovah), was the aspect of God that He gave to His people Israel under the old covenant situation. Israel was in covenant with Jehovah. It was a conditional covenant whereby Israel, the children of God, had to **'do'** something in order to receive His acceptance and blessing. Today's covenant (New Testament) principles are hugely different in that they are based upon the grace of God. Jesus Christ was sent from Father-God Himself to fulfil all of these previous requirements (statutes) on our behalf thus setting mankind free from the demands of the law previously given. Christ has

accomplished all things for us so that we simply need to believe and receive by faith . . . no longer having to ‘do’ anything in order to be accepted and receive all the promises from God. What is ‘death’ in the old covenant becomes ‘life’ in the new.

EL SHADDAI

This name means from the Hebrew *the many breasted One* or *the Purer-forth* and brings out the mother-image or female of God. This aspect expresses love in a comforting way along with tenderness and care. El Shaddai is involved basically with increase, comfort and care. This aspect is where we *abide under His shadow*. That is the place where new life comes forth . . . for us the manchild is being formed in us like Paul prayed that ‘*Christ be formed in you*’. THE HOLY SPIRIT’s work is to bring forth the Christ in each one as they are apprehended by God.

As we saw at the beginning of this writing, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob only knew God as El Shaddai and thus were not ‘spanked’ by Jehovah when they stretched the truth with Pharaoh in Egypt! El Shaddai is involved with the Abrahamic promise of every family in the earth being blessed (Genesis 12:3). El Shaddai is portrayed in Revelation 1:13 as a woman with her dress covering her breasts. The mother-aspect of God pours forth love and faith to meet her children’s needs. When a babe is crying, it is the breast that will quiet the child. This aspect will bring forth the ‘milk of the word’ whereby the little one will grow. In the New Covenant the **HOLY SPIRIT** takes over this role . . . He is called the **COM-FORTER**.

ADONAI

This name means *Lord, lord or master*. This aspect of God gives instructions to servants and bond-slaves and builds **RELATIONSHIP** with them on how they are to approach Him. Aspects of worship stem from this relationship. This aspect of God draws a dependence upon Himself as a wife depends on her husband. We experience the Adonai aspect of God when we relate to Him as Master, Teacher or Lord. The word ‘church’ comes from a Greek word *KURIAKE* which means *belonging to the Lord*. The Church is dependent upon her Husband and Lord in all respects. This aspect of God deals with one’s **ATTITUDE** as He aims to bring union between Himself and us and also among ourselves. Some folk today magnify ‘*Gods Order*’ in an unbalanced way. There are leaders who ‘lord it’ over others keeping their congregations in a subservient position. The Adonai aspect of God is towards a change of attitude and the creating of a great relationship in us through love and humility.

EL OLAM

This aspect of God introduces us to God’s timings and growth patterns for this name means *The God of the Ages...* for *OLAM* in Hebrew means *time, age or for ever*. An age is a passing period of time in which God achieves a major forward step in His plan for the ages in our lives. He has brought us to the entering in of this seventh ‘new’ day (age). Scripture refers to Him as **THE EVERLASTING GOD** who controls the ‘plan of the ages’. He broke down *time* into *ages* and purposed for us to attain to certain expressions of Himself as He brings in each new day. God’s **TIMINGS** for each of us are in His hand. Many today revel in letter-word prophesies and timetables of what they have concluded by education rather than revelation from the indwelling Spirit.

EL ELYON

This name is the Hebrew for **THE MOST HIGH GOD** ... also rendered **THE HIGHEST** and **THE MOST HIGH**. **This all-inclusive name belongs to Father-God who is the Architect and Source of all life.** There is no aspect of God higher than this for He is held in the highest place. **El Elyon envelops all the aspects of Himself** and is in fact their source. Included is every one of these marvellous aspects seen in

His various names . . . they are all IN HIM as He is the covering that overshadows all people, all timings, all relationships, all attitudes and so on.

El Elyon **is** in absolute control of Heaven and Earth for He possesses them (Gen. 14:19). So great and mighty is El Elyon that He will triumphantly accomplish His plan for He is **OMNIPRESENT** (He is everywhere present), **OMNIPOTENT** (He has all power and authority) and **OMNISCIENT** (He has all knowledge of every action and thought). El Elyon, in the pattern of the Tabernacle of Moses, is in *the Holiest of All* and it is *a secret place* for only the High Priest may enter in there.

The Most High will often hide Himself from those who are just relating to one or two aspects of Himself. He will be found in the secret place. A 'secret' is something told in confidence to someone who can handle the secret and not splash it around. If it is a secret from God, then He is the One who will share it by revelation to whomsoever He chooses. EL ELYON has a different priesthood who will administer His plan . . . the royal priesthood of **MELCHISEDEC** . . . the king-priest company that is far different from the Levitical priesthood who ministered the word from Jehovah. The Kingdom of God is El Elyon's plan and He brought forth out of Himself, His Son, Jesus, through whom such a plan could only be achieved.

JESUS

He is the Anointed One, the CHRIST. Jesus was Son of God (Christ) and Son of Man (Jesus from Mary) [see **re-think No. 38**]. The CHRIST aspect or expression of God, IS GOD for God is Spirit. The God-Spirit is in every aspect that unveils His being or characteristics through each name or expression of Divine Life. Thus Christ is in every name of God . . . He is constant as He manifests Himself through the ages. Christ or Spirit can thus bridge the time barrier and be the expression of the three 'omni's'. *God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself . . . and Christ was crucified before the foundation of the world.*

It was Jesus who was the mediator between El Elyon and all men irrespective of which aspect of God they related to — if any!. Jesus - Son of man (not the Christ part called 'son of God) that was crucified, who died, who was raised and who ascended to the Father and His throne. Such achievement allowed God to release Himself, His Spirit, into man . . . and He became 'son of God' in each of us 'sons of men'. It is *Christ in you the hope of Glory* . . . not Jesus in you! Jesus was the pattern of how to live out the anointed Christ-life that stems from the Father.

Many churches or fellowships have acknowledged Jesus as 'the Son of God' and have assumed Him to be 'Son of Jehovah' because of the many aspects under that name which Jesus moved in. The truth of the matter is that Jesus was birthed '*Son of the Highest*'. . . Son of El Elyon. How you see God is how you will respond to Him.

This same Jesus whom you have crucified has God raised from the dead and made to be both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). **Jesus was the powerful name of God in the earth because of the anointing of Christ upon Him.** 'In the name of Jesus' authority was because of the anointing of Christ within and upon Him. Jesus was both Lord and Christ during His 3½ year ministry . . . He was referred to as Christ and was called Lord. So what is different now that He has been raised from the dead? Prior to Calvary, Jesus was in 'one pair of sandal's . . . now that Incorruptible Seed (Jesus) has been sown into to the ground and has 'come up' bearing a harvest of Himself. The Lord and Christ that He was then made is CORPORATE and thus will accomplish far greater results all because Jesus fulfilled His role and passed the effects on to us.

LORD JESUS CHRIST . . . Luke 1:32 regarding the birth of Jesus, *He shall be great and shall be*

called *THE SON OF THE HIGHEST* . . . Jesus was born Son of El Elyon with all the inherited characteristics of His Father. Col. 2:9 *For in Him dwells* (houses permanently) *all the fullness of the godhead bodily*. The Greek word rendered ‘godhead’ actually means DEITY, DIVINITY or DIVINE NATURE. Just as El Elyon, the Most High God encompasses all the aspects of the Divine nature (including His DNA), so Jesus inherited the same and He passed them onto us . . . thus *we are complete in Him*.

THE FULLNESS OR TOTALITY OF GOD’S NATURE

It is all found in Christ Jesus . . . **CHRIST** who is the expression of God in the earth or ‘seen’ realm. **‘FATHERSONHOLYSPIRIT’** (one name not three) is His name in the earth. This equates with **CHRIST who is the image of God**. The Father (El Elyon) is the SOURCE of all Life while the SON who came forth from Him is the expression of that life. Father is the THOUGHT (Spirit), Jesus the Son is the EXPRESSION of that thought called WORD and the Spirit is the BREATH that completes the word (I John 5:7) making it different to just thought.

Jesus has brought to us the way into *the Holiest* where Father dwells. The Calvary sacrifice purchased all that we need in order to be *changed from glory to glory into His image* and likeness whereby we can sit with Him in Father’s throne. This was God’s original purpose and He does not change — just the way He accomplishes it all varies.

All these aspects of God and other ones not listed reveal His true nature, character and purposes. God’s desire is that He be unveiled and be seen by His children; so He gave to them His different names and most were given in the time when the Old Covenant was paramount. Israel failed to walk with God in any really successful way under those aspects of God. Even today such limitations are placed upon God’s children by religious men who likewise fail to bring them back into union with the All-in-all Most High God (see re-think No.39).

SUMMARY

There is only one foundation to our relationship with Father-God and that is Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. Even though *All men are CHILDREN of the Most High God*, **THE WORK OF CHRIST IN US** is to mature us, grow us up into the IMAGE OF GOD (2 Cor. 3:17-18) which was God’s original purpose that He has not changed (Genesis 2”26-27). To come forth fully as Christ in the earth, we need to be **ADOPTED** (*HUIOTHESIA*) [it is imperative that you understand this so please read **re-think** No.25] and be placed as **a mature son** (*HUIOS*) -- no longer a child or a servant -- but move **as** our Father with all His provision fully released in and through us. The whole earth/creation is waiting for this manifestation of the mature sons of the Most High God to usher in His *‘finale’* to His plan of the ages that of restoring all things back into Himself.

Allow every aspect of Father’s nature and being to become real in you as you believe what He has said that He has given unto us. **For WE ARE partakers of the DIVINE NATURE through believing the promises** He has given (2 Peter 1:3-4 and context).

WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM (CHRIST-JESUS). The Spirit, God said that so don’t argue with Him!!!