

## THE NAMES OF THE FATHER

### Part IX

#### Genesis 17:1-9

Introduction: Not only is a person recognized by their given name, but also by their titles. They may have bricklayer, carpenter, accountant, computer programmer, doctor, or pastor attached to their name, and these titles more clearly identify and define who the person is and what that person does and how we may relate to them. Likewise, the plethora of titles and names of God in the Scriptures assist us in knowing who God is and how He relates to us.

#### I. The names of God

##### A. *EI Elyon*- Most High God

1. When a husband calls his wife “honey,” it reflects the intimacy of their relationship.
2. When Satan and his demons, God’s prime enemies, address Him, they usually use the term *EI Elyon*, which means Most High God. They call Him *EI Elyon* because that title reflects the attributes of God that they lust after.
3. The prefix *EI* comes from *Elohim*, which means “Strong Creator.” *EI Elyon* means “highest” or “most.” It is the superlative degree, as in high or highest. *Elyon* means that the Lord is “God of gods” or “the Ultimate God.”
4. The superlative word *Elyon* is used in the book of Ezekiel. It too speaks of the highest pool, the highest gate, the highest porch, and the highest house. The heavens are higher than the earth (comparative), but God is highest (superlative). The term reveals that God is the highest, and, everyone else is below Him. Because God is *EI Elyon*, He has the power to rule and the right to receive worship from all below Him.
5. When the title *EI Elyon* first appears in Scripture, the King James Version identifies it with Him who is “Possessor of heaven and earth.” Genesis 14:19. One church father translates this phrase “Founder of heaven and earth,” and the New International Version speaks of the “Creator” of heaven and earth. *EI Elyon* is a name for God that is often associated with His creation, revealing that He is both sovereign and Owner of heaven and earth.
6. The word “possessor” can also be translated by the word “whole.” Therefore, to possess heaven and earth is to have a rightful claim to the ownership of *all* there is. Genesis 14:19-22.
7. In the New Testament, Stephen’s sermon to the unbelieving Jews proclaimed that God was not limited to their Jewish temple. Acts 7:48. His point was that God did not always limit Himself to a manmade temple, so the new emerging church would not be limited to the Old Testament temple. The name *EI Elyon* identifies the church with the world, which is the target of the Great Commission. Mark 16:15-18.

##### B. Satan knows *EI Elyon*’s power.

1. Satan knows that in addition to natural armies on this earth there are heavenly beings in heaven that makes up the army of God and serve as God’s agents. These intelligent beings rejoiced at creation. Job 38:7. They appeared before God. Job 1:6, 2:1. Angels are higher than man (comparative), but God is the highest (superlative), greater than angels and men.
2. Satan and his demons have power too. Ephesians 6:12. God’s power is greater than everything Satan has.
  - a. He is God of god’s. Psalm 136:2.
  - b. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Revelation 19:6.

Conclusion: There should not be any doubt in our minds as to the ultimate power of our God. He is the “Great I AM” the “All in All.” We should trust Him and totally rely upon Him. The world is hungry and in need of finding reality. We know that can only be found in Almighty God.