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Title: The Majestic Name of God

Text: Psalm 8

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 - ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^[a] ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

God's various names reveal His multifaceted character. It is like viewing a diamond. As we turn the stone in our hand, we see different facets of its beauty revealed as light is refracted into prisms of color. In like manner, God's many names reveal unique aspects of His nature and character.

JAHWEH is his proper name.

EL is Hebrew for God.

ELOHIM is the plural form of God.

Strong one or one with great authority

Genesis 1:1

EL ELYON

Only true God, possessor of Heaven and earth, maker of Heaven and Earth.

You may find it interesting that the psalmist frequently assures his readers that God can meet their everyday needs, based on the fact that He is the Maker of the heaven and the earth.

Psalm 115:15 - "May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Psalm 121:2 - "My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."

EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)

Shaddai may be derived from the Hebrew word shad, which can be translated as "breast." In this case, the term Shaddai could signify the one who nourishes or supplies. Thus when it is linked with El, it would mean, "the one mighty to nourish" or "the one mighty to feed or nourish"

JEHOVAH JIREH (the Lord provides)

Genesis 22:14 - So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Philippians 4:19 - And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

JEHOVAH ROPHE (The Lord heals)

The word rophe occurs about sixty times in the Old Testament and it always means “to restore,” “to heal,” or “to cure.” It is frequently used in relation to physical healing. It can also be used to relate to moral and spiritual healing. Jehovah reveals Himself to be the only source of wholeness. He alone has the power to change the bitter experiences of life into sweet.

James gives clear instructions for a balanced ministry of prayer for healing.

James 5:13-16 - ¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.