

PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT GOD

Introduction

I have recently come to the realization that many folks seem to have made their whole belief system for approaching God (*Elohim, El Shaddai, El Elyon*) to be based upon, getting His Hebrew name(s) correct.

Please do not misunderstand what I am about to say, and I am in no way minimizing the “so very important” names of God (*Elohim*), who is *El Elyon (The Most High God); El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)*.

There is no denying that the Scriptures put great emphasis on the name(s) of El Shaddai (*Lord God Almighty*). And I am persuaded the reason for that in the Old Testament was to remind the people of “who, how, and what,” God (*Yahweh*) would do to meet all their needs. And so benefit(s) from Jehovah Jireh (*The Lord Will Provide*) were described by His endless power, capability, and eternalness according to his name(s). Remember how He described himself to Moses in Exodus:

Exo 3:13 And Moses said unto God (*Elohim*), Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God (*Yahweh, Lord Jehovah*) of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them?

Exo 3:14 And God (*Elohim*) said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Exo 3:15 And God (*Elohim*) said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God (*El Shaddai*) of your fathers, the God (*Yahweh, Lord Jehovah*) of Abraham, the God (*Yahweh, Lord Jehovah*) of Isaac, and the God (*Yahweh, Lord Jehovah*) of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this (*I AM*) *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations (*not just to Israel*). (*I AM, whatsoever you need, sent Moses*)

Therefore, this brings us to a very important primary question: What is it that the human race needs most?? Answer: a **SAVIOR!!!**

Thus, it is a fact, even though many are ignorant of it, do not want to know, or do not care that Jesus (*Yeshua, Yeshoshuah, Joshua*) has always been, is now, and ever shall be, “who, how, and what” Jehovah Jireh (*The Lord Will Provide*) does to meet the need(s) of His creature(s), and creation. And the Scriptures say this was decided from the foundation(s) of the world.

So then, should not our primary approach to, “I AM”, Yahweh (*Lord Jehovah*) be based upon Yeshua (*Jesus, Yeshoshuah, Joshua*), and Him crucified??

I have no choice except to believe, and trust that Jehovah Jireh (*Lord Will Provide*) for-saw the need to prepare and call learned Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Latin, and other translators/ scholars to put His written word into the languages necessary for all people(s), being led of the Holy Spirit, to have access to his message(s). I do not know whether anyone else, other than Jehovah Jireh, has considered this; but most ordinary

folks do not have the skills to read Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, or Latin if they were not born of these cultures?? Do you suppose El Shaddai (*Lord God Almighty*) that provides everything, is unable to orchestrate whomever He will to translate his word to whatever language(s) he wishes?? In my mind this is as much a part of the great commission as any other task in the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ. But, if one believes they must know perfectly, the many names of God (*I AM*) before He will consider them for salvation; then I suggest one learns them well. Because, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ Jesus is made of none effect to that individual, and he has disobeyed the Lord God Almighty!

Primary Considerations of God We Should Know and Understand

We have come to know from the Bible that El Elyon (*The Most High God*) occupies the highest position above everything that can or cannot be imagined. Everything that exists, has existed, can exist or ever will exist comes from El Olam (*The Everlasting God*), only; and who is Jehovah Jireh (*The Lord Will Provide*).

Gen 1:1 In the beginning (*whenever that was*) God (*I AM*) created the heaven and the earth.

The Bible teaches that there is no other like Him. He cannot be contained nor fully understood. There are many things about God that must be accepted by “**FAITH**”, because no one can attain sufficient academic capability to totally comprehend “God”. He is eternal! Ask learned men of this age, and the past Ages: “What is the meaning of infinite/ eternal/ everlasting”??

We learn from the Bible that without God nothing else would exist, seen or unseen.

Jesus taught his disciples that God is a Spirit and he must be worshiped with the purpose (sincere ness) and attitude (in spirit) of truth. Spirit cannot be physically touched (not tangible), but God showed himself to all the world in the flesh, blood, and bone man, “Jesus”; “The Son of God,” not created, but manifested (made present, or made tangible, conceived of the Holy Spirit) the son of man as the first born of Mary and Joseph, who were earthy citizens and Jews of Israel.

We also see God in the things he created. He created all, and he is the only one able to sustain his creation and the life that is part of it. Creation did not spontaneously bring itself in existence. Men did not evolve from apes or monkeys; God created the ape, the monkey, and man; each separate from the other.

We come to know some things of what God is like by seeing and understanding what he does and has done.

In the Old Testament we see how God established the people "Israel" as a nation, and he has made himself known to other nations of the world through them. And in the New Testament we see him bringing Old Testament prophecies to pass, specifically, in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Some of the words used to describe the character and attributes of God are "holy, just, loving, forgiving, longsuffering, all powerful, all knowing, forever present, full of mercy, and grace. The total of all wisdom, but yet infinitely wise".

We understand from study that the Bible was inspired by God the Holy Spirit; that the Bible presents the existence of God as fact, which needs no proof. It begins with the statement, "In the beginning God created..." And if we believe that the Bible is inspired of God, the fact that we have the Bible, which speaks the truth, is proof of itself. Ideals such as "Thou shall not kill; Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" are words that need no further explanation that they are right behavior for encouraging the truth of God among individuals. And such words testify of the source from whom they came, which is God.

People have always had many ideas about God. They have worshiped many different things thought to be God. The Old Testament identifies God as the one with the Hebrew name "YAHWEH", the creator and ruler over all there is; the LIFE and SOURCE that cause life and light. He gives us the "TRUTH". Darkness, falsehoods, and evil have no part with him; neither, does darkness and evil have strength to overcome him.

Yahweh, the personal name for God in the Old Testament is also spelled "JEHOVAH" in English, and in many translations of the Bible is written "LORD". The original Bible writers also made reference to God by the name "Elohim", but the Jews speak of him in everyday conversation as "Adonai", which means "My Lord". He is the only one that will continue to exist if all else that depends on something for its existence were to be removed, because all else depends on God for its existence. But he depends on nothing else for his existence. He has no beginning and no end.

Since the LORD is God, unbelieving individual's denial of his existence does not make him of non-existence. But the wrath of God is already upon them, because he has not obligated himself to deliver those that do not ask him for deliverance from the destruction, that is written in prophesy to come. Anyone, or any nation that refuses the help of God will be accommodated, and denying his existence is refusing his help. There is a scripture, which says, "He that comes to God must believe that he is, and that God rewards those that diligently seek him".

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that (*faith is*) not of yourselves: *it (faith) is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works (*human efforts*), lest any man should boast (*brag about his faith*). **Thus, God has given the faith; but we must willingly act upon it to search for Him.**

In the Old Testament, God was sometimes referred to as the Father of the people of Israel. Jesus gave this even greater emphasis when he taught his followers to address God

as "Father", especially in prayer, believing in Jesus and using his name (the name of Jesus).

God delights in those that have faith in him. He listens to them through their prayers, and works with them through their actions so that the whole world might have the opportunity to come to know him.

Jesus taught that those who know God will call upon the name of Jesus and they shall be saved. Jesus explained to those that opposed him and his message, saying, "If you had known me you would know the Father, I and my Father are one".