

Names & Attributes of God

Names of God

- **Yahweh/Jehovah:** The primary and most Holy Name of God used more than 6,800 times in scripture...meaning *“Lord, the ‘I AM’, the self existent All Powerful One that reveals and makes Himself known”*, speaking of the timelessness of God...the very foundation of all existence. He is who He is and He doesn’t change. God is...He is the same yesterday, today and forever! This name speaks to the omnipotence of God- The All Powerful One
- **Elohim:** 2nd most used name, used more than 2,000 times in scripture. It is the first used in Genesis 1:1- “In the beginning, God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth.” It means: God, Judge & Creator- the All Powerful Supreme One Who has no equal. God as Creator and Designer is also the law giver and reigns supreme as judge over all things.
- **Adonai:** Lord, Master- a plural word literally meaning- “My Lords”. Used predominantly in prayer and became the replacement word for when the Name Yahweh became too holy to say. Adonai is a declaration that God is Lord and Master over everything.
- **El Elyon:** The Most High Sovereign God, the Most Exalted God. It expresses the extreme sovereignty and majesty of God and His highest preeminence--surpassing all others.
- **El Olam:** The Everlasting Eternal God, The God of Eternity, God of the Universe, the Ancient of Days, the One who has no beginning and no end!
- **El Shaddai:** Lord God Almighty, the All-Sufficient One, My God who sustains me. This name refers to God completely nourishing, satisfying, and supplying His people with all their needs as a mother would her child, denoting a God who freely gives nourishment and blessing and is our sustainer.

- **Qanna:** Zealous, Jealous- related to a marriage relationship--as a husband is jealous for his wife; God wants all our praise for Himself and no other.
- **Jehovah Jireh:** The Lord Will Provide- God is our provider for all our needs. This name was declared by Abraham because God provided a substitute sacrifice to take Isaac's place. Jesus is our Jehovah Jireh...the sacrificial Lamb who took our punishment on the cross!
- **Jehovah Mekoddishkem:** The Lord Who Sanctifies You- who sets you apart and makes you holy.
- **Jehovah Nissi:** The Lord My Banner (as people set their focus on God, He gives them encouragement & hope), The Lord My Miracle--as we look to God, He is the One who gives us what we need, He does the miracles! He is the Way Maker, the Miracle Worker!
- **Jehovah Raah (Rohi):** The Lord My Shepherd, Companion & Friend- one who feeds or leads his flock to pasture and is a "friend" or "companion." This speaks of God's desire for intimate relationship with us.
- **Jehovah Rapha:** The Lord That Heals- The Great Physician who restores & heals the physical and emotional needs of His people.
- **Jehovah Sabaoth:** The Lord of Hosts, The Lord of Armies & Powers- This name speaks of God's universal sovereignty over every army, both spiritual and earthly. The Lord of Hosts is the king of all heaven and earth. God reigns above them all as King.
- **Jehovah Shalom:** The Lord Is Peace- He is complete...the absence from strife, conflict, fear and torment. We can live and abide with the soul peace that comes from God alone, not as the world gives, but that which comes through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- **Jehovah Tsidkenu:** The Lord Our Righteousness-- He is the One who makes us righteous...who sets us apart and puts us in right standing with Him.

Attributes of God

God is Self-Existent & Eternal: “He exists independently of other beings or causes and He exists forever, without end”

Scriptures:

- “Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God.” Isaiah 40:28
- “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8
- Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Psalm 90:2
- The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: “I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts. Isaiah 57:15
- So I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. His rule is everlasting and his kingdom is eternal. Daniel 4:34
- God alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen. 1 Tim 6:16

God is Transcendent: “to go above, to rise above, to be above”

Scriptures:

- Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 1 Chronicles 29:11
- Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. Psalm 145:3
- “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

God is Omnipresent: “Present everywhere at the same time”

Scriptures:

- The eyes of the Lord are in every place, watching the evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3
- “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built! 1 Kings 8:27
- “Am I a God who is only close at hand?” says the Lord. “No, I am far away at the same time. Can anyone hide from Me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?” says the Lord. Jeremiah 23:23-24
- The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; Acts 17:24

God is Omnipotent: “Able to do all and to have all power”

Scriptures:

- For with God nothing shall be impossible. (Luke 1:37)
- With God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)
- God has spoken plainly, and I have heard it many times: Power, O God, belongs to you.
- Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: “Praise the Lord! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.”

God is Omniscient: “All knowing”

Scriptures:

- O Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.... Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! (Psalm 139:1-6)
- Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite, beyond comprehension! (Psalm 147:5)
- Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. (Hebrews 4:13)

- Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! "For who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)

God is Sovereign: "Reigns supreme over all things"

Scriptures:

- "O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by Your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for You!" Jeremiah 32:17
- Look now; I myself am he! There is no other god but me! I am the one who kills and gives life; I am the one who wounds and heals; no one can be rescued from my powerful hand! Deuteronomy 32:39
- "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned. And if I announce that I will plant and build up a certain nation or kingdom, but then that nation turns to evil and refuses to obey me, I will not bless it as I said I would. Jeremiah 18:6-10
- His rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal. All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, 'What do you mean by doing these things?' Daniel 4:35

God is Immutable: "Not subject to change"

Scriptures:

- "I am the Lord, and I do not change." (Malachi 3:6)
- He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. (James 1:17)
- God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we

who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. (Hebrews 6:17-18)

- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)