



## Power & Purpose (Elohim)

Genesis 1:1-3, 26-28

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### Psalm 75:1, “We praise you, God, we praise you, for your Name is near...” (NIV)

Names are important.

In the Bible, a name revealed nature and character.

God chose to reveal himself to us using different names.

Different names are used depending on the relationship and the situation.

### Why Know God’s Names?

#### ▪ Love Factor

John 17:26, “I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them...” (ESV)

#### ▪ Respect Factor

Exodus 20:7, “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain...” (KJV)

Matthew 6:9, “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’” (NIV)

#### ▪ Worship Factor

Psalm 8:1, “Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (NIV)

#### ▪ Trust Factor

Psalm 9:10, “Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.” (NIV)

Psalm 20:7, “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.” (NIV)

#### ▪ Deliverance Factor

Proverbs 18:10, “The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.” (NIV)

God’s names represent the manifestation of his presence in whatever situation I experience. I am not alone.

No matter what I go through in my life, God has a name for my situation.

Genesis 1:1-3, “1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” (NIV)

**The Hebrew *El* or *Elohim* is translated “God” and means “first one, mighty one, strong one.”**

Deuteronomy 10:17, “For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome...” (NIV)

***Elohim* is the name of power.**

God can create something out of nothing in my life.

God can create order out of disorder in my life.

**God created me and will sustain me with his power.**

Isaiah 52:6, “But I will reveal my name to my people, and they will come to know its power...” (NLT)

Genesis 1:26-28, “26 Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule... 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule...’” (NIV)

God is one, but he is also a Trinity in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***Elohim* is the name of purpose.**

**God created me to give me purpose as I oversee his mission in his world. Am I doing it?**

Psalm 8:1-9

**Do I need power? Do I need purpose?**