



Prevailer (El Elyon & El Shaddai)

Genesis 14:17-23; 17:1-5

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What impossible situation am I facing?

El Elyon: God Most High

Genesis 14:17-23, "17 After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.' Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. 21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, 'Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.' 22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, 'With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, 23 that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, "I made Abram rich."'" (NIV)

The Hebrew *El* or *Elohim* is translated "God" and means "first one, mighty one, strong one," and the Hebrew *Elyon* is translated "Most High."

The King of Sodom represents my self-sufficiency.

The King of Salem represents my God-dependency.

Which king represents me?

God is my Source. Everything else is a resource that God uses. Confusing the two causes problems.

I can prevail because the Most High God has the high ground. He is higher and bigger than my situation.

The Most High God sits above my situation and has the power to overrule it.

Psalm 57:2, "I will cry to God Most High, to God who accomplishes all things for me." (NAS)

El Shaddai: God Almighty

Genesis 17:1-5, "1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. 2 Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.' 3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.'" (NIV)

The Hebrew *El* or *Elohim* is translated "God" and means "first one, mighty one, strong one," and the Hebrew *Shaddai* is translated "Almighty."

God does not need me to have an illegitimate means to achieve his will. **He will prevail in his time.**

The root of *Shaddai* is *shad*, which means "to nurse, to nourish." At the core of this concept of *El Shaddai* is not only God's ability to deliver me but God's ability to nourish and sustain me until deliverance comes.

If God were to change my name today, he would want to name me: _____.

Psalm 91:1-3, "1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' 3 Surely he will save you..." (NIV)

Isaiah 49:23, "...I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed." (NIV)

Luke 1:34-37, "34 And Mary said to the angel, 'How will this be...?' 35 The angel answered 37 'For nothing will be impossible with God.'" (ESV)