

How to Come to Know God Better

PASSING THE TESTS OF YOUR CALLING INCREASINGLY REVEALS THE NATURE OF GOD

(NKJV) Ro 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

(NKJV) 2 Th 1:11 Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power, 12 that the **name** of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Names represent the character and nature of a person. But one simple name cannot represent the fullness of the character and nature of God. If the heavens cannot contain him how can a name. He is too much for any one name!

I. **ELOHIM** Knowing God in the beginning as Elohim
(NKJV) Ge 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The first revelation we have of God is Elohim

Berishit Elohim Barak Et Ha shimim BaettaAretz

- A. Three Heavens
 - 1. Our Atmosphere. Gen 1:8
 - 2. Where the Principalities and powers are Eph 6 12
 - 3. Where God is 2 Cor 12 2
- B. **EL** - Power, Mighty, Strong. Having to do with creation and governing power
 - 1. From Gen 1:1 to 2:4 Elohim is used 35 times
 - 2. **Elohim** created the universe, who says, and it is done. Who brings into being that which is not
(NKJV) Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
 - 3. Associated with Creation. Creation of the world and animals
 - 4. Is plural - Gods
 - 5. Occurs 2570 times. Gen 1, 32 times. Translated in KJV as God
- C. Also associated with the creation of Angels
(NKJV) Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.
(NKJV) Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of **God** shouted for joy?
 - 1. Angels in Hebrew translated Sons of God - **Elohim**
 - 2. Angels have a different relationship to God than man. They are sons of **Elohim** the creator.
- D. Thus, like the animals they do not have the ability to have the Holy Spirit dwell with in them

III. **Jehovah God**

(NKJV) Ge 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- A. Now a new name! The first time the word **LORD** is used
 - 1. It is used to refer to the Covenant relationship of God to man
 - 2. The Hebrew word Jehovah (Yhwh) for LORD
 - 3. Now **JEHOVAH ELOHIM** formed man
 - 4. This means a special relationship Jehovah Elohim has with man.
 - a. We are not sons of **Elohim**, we are sons of **Jehovah Elohim**
 - b. Angels are sons of **Elohim**
 - c. Believers are sons of **Jehovah Elohim**
 - 5. Thus Angels do not know him as **Jehovah**. We have a special relationship to God. Angels cannot have a revelation of God. They do not know him in the manner we do!
 - a. Angels cannot call him father, only man can. Angels cannot preach the Gospel they can only tell of it and ask a man to preach it
 - 6. **Jehovah** is connect to fellowship and covenant relationship
 - a. **Jehovah** is not connected to creation, and Elohim is not connected to fellowship
- B. Adam is introduced to **Jehovah** not **Elohim**
- C. Notice also **Jehovah's** plan for man.
 - 1. What day was man created on? 6th
 - 2. What day did he now enter into after his creation? Sabbath! Jehovah did not want man to strive with labor but to enter into rest!

D. See now

Genesis 3:1-9

(NKJV) Ge 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the **LORD God** had made. And he said to the woman, "Has **God** indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

- 1. Here we see Satan saying **Elohim**, because he does not know or understand **Lord God**.
- 2. He rebelled against **Elohim**

(NKJV) Ge 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, **God** has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

- 3. Now notice Eve's reference to her **LORD God** is **Elohim**. She does not know him and she disobeys him. She rejected him in her heart, first.

WHEN YOU DO NOT KNOW GOD YOU SIN AGAINST GOD

- 4. This is not a personal way of speaking of God.
- 5. When you do not know him you rebel against him

(NKJV) Ge 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For **God** knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like **God**, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

E. Now we see the relationship Jehovah God coming

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the **LORD God** as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the **LORD God** among the trees of the garden. 9 But the **LORD God** called to the man, "Where are you?"

(NKJV) Ge 3:13 And the **LORD God** said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

He speaks to her

(NKJV) Ge 3:14 So the **LORD God** said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

He speaks to protect the man

(NKJV) Ge 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the **LORD God** made tunics of skin, and clothed them. 22 Then the **LORD God** said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—

He provides for the man

(NKJV) Ge 3:23 therefore the **LORD God** sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

F. Genesis 6:1,2

(NKJV) Ge 6:1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of **God** saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. 3 And the **LORD** said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." 4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of **God** came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. 5 Then the **LORD** saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the **LORD** was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the **LORD** said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the **LORD**. 9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with **God**. 10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth also was corrupt before **God**, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 So **God** looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had

corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And **God** said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Noah’s Test

14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. 21 And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.” 22 Thus Noah did; according to all that **God** commanded him, so he did.

(NKJV) Ge 7:1 Then the **LORD** said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation. 2 You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; 3 also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. 4 For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.” 5 And Noah did according to all that the **LORD** commanded him. 6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth. 7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. 8 Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, 9 two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as **God** had commanded Noah. 10 And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 On the very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark— 14 they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. 15 And they went into

the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life. 16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as **God** had commanded him; and the **LORD** shut him in.

- Genesis 7:5** 5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.
1. Animals for preservation for them to continue to exist
 2. Here are the animals for sacrifice. Dealing with the blood!
 - a. Covenant - Jehovah
 - b. Fellowship - Jehovah
 - c. Relationship - Jehovah
 - d. Sacrifice – Jehovah Gen 8:20
(NKJV) Ge 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
 3. Creation knows him as **Elohim**, Believers know him as **Jehovah**
 - a. The world is from God. They comes from **Elohim**
 - b. We are of **LORD God**. Is of Jehovah
 - (1) Jesus never said take from me
 - (2) But take of Me
 - (a) Because is Jehovah
 - (3) Always from Elohim
 - (4) Always of Jehovah
 4. You may know him as **Elohim** - creator and not know him as **Jehovah – Lord**

ONLY BY ENDURING AND COMING THROUGH TESTING DO YOU COME TO KNOW THE LORD BETTER

(NKJV) Ge 9:18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. 20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. 21 Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

J. Noah gets drunk

(NKJV) Ge 9:24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25 Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." 26 And he said: "Blessed be the **LORD**, The **God** of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. 27 May **God** enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."