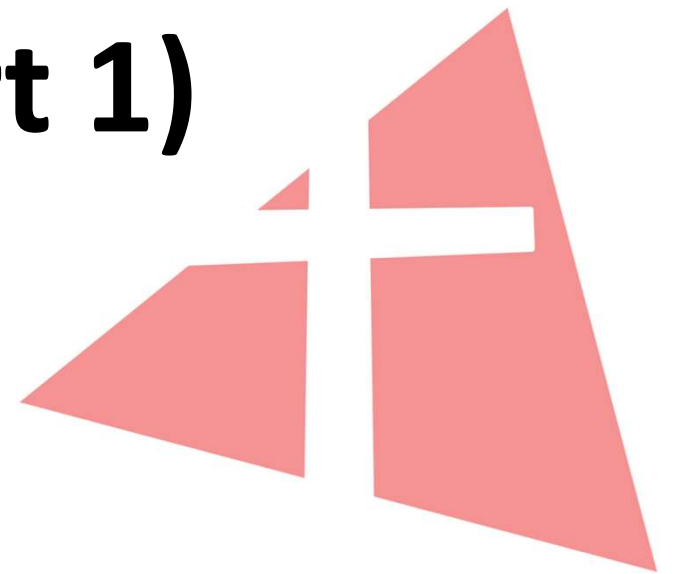


The Names of God (Part 1)

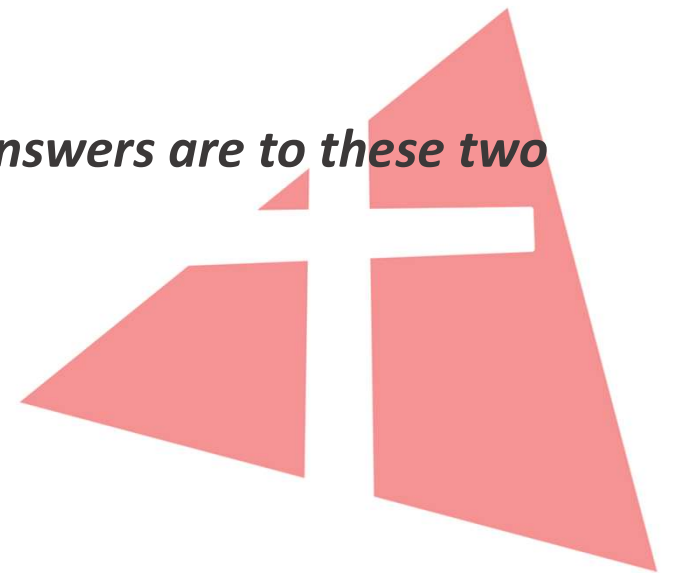
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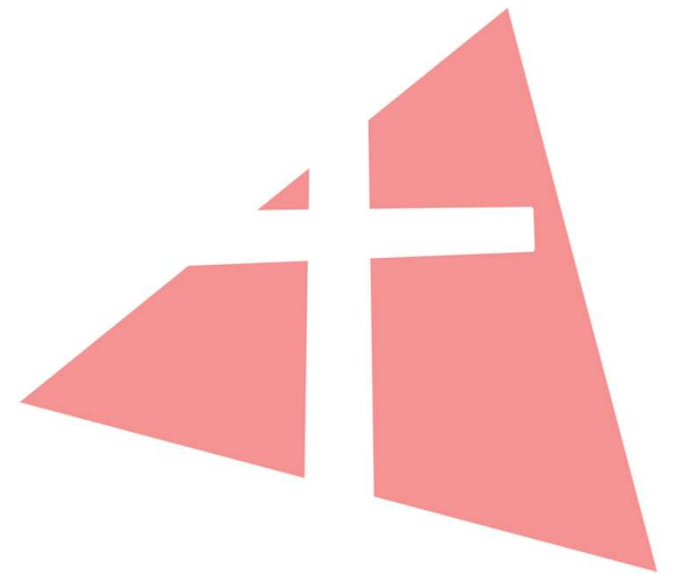
- **Who is God? Who am I?**

Everybody lives his/her life in response to what we believe the answers are to these two questions



Today's Focus

- **The Names of God**
 - At least some of them



The Meaning of Names

- Names in the Jewish culture were way more than simply a way to address a person
- Names often said something about
 - A person's origin
 - A person's character
 - A person's purpose
 - A person's identity
 - ...

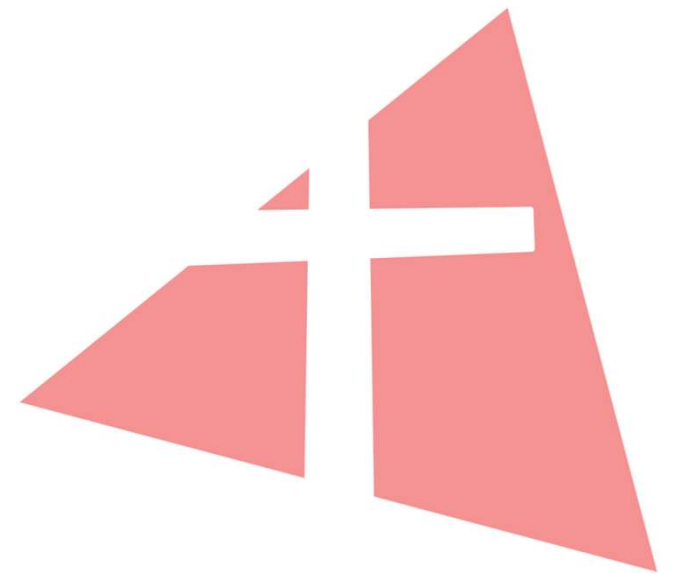
A name routinely carries with it the idea of power, responsibility, purpose, and authority



Name Changes in the Bible

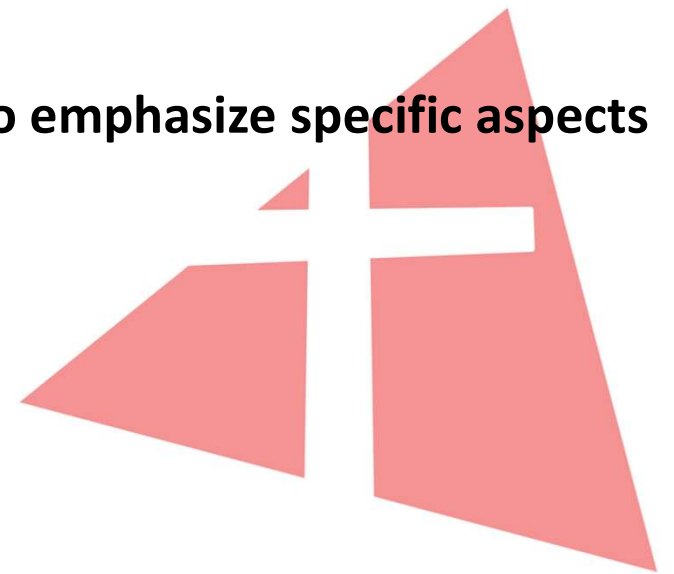
- **God changed people's names**

- Abrahm to Abraham
- Sarai to Sarah
- Simon to Peter
- ...



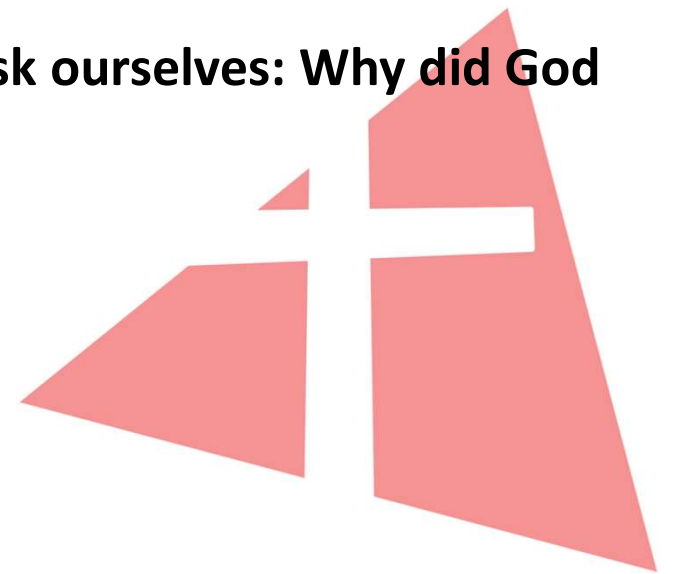
The Names of God

- **The Names of God reveal aspects of “Who God is”**
- **In different situations, God uses different names for Himself to emphasize specific aspects of His character**



The Names of God

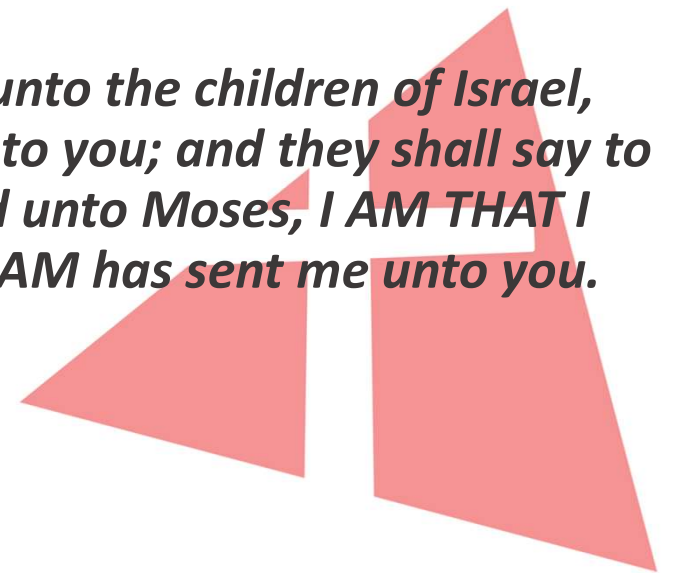
- **When we read about a name of God in the Bible, we should ask ourselves: Why did God emphasize on this particular name in this particular situation?**



I AM

- I AM THAT I AM (אֲנִי־הָיָה (haw-yaw))

Exodus 3:13-14 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers has sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, I AM has sent me unto you.



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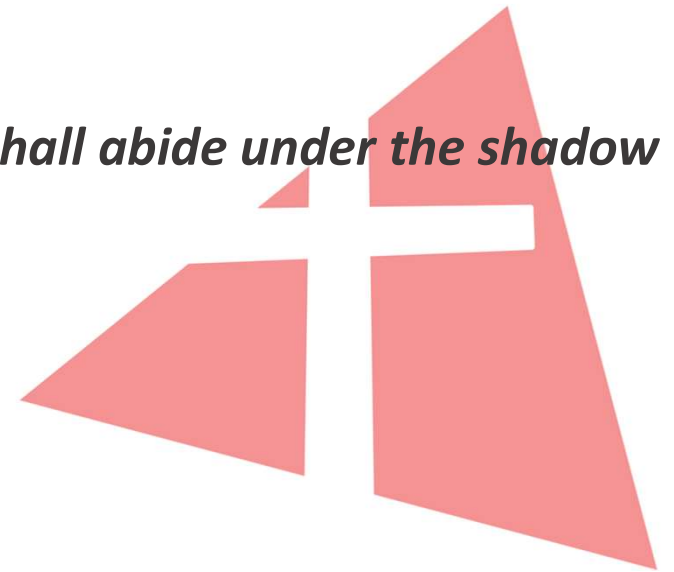
Psalms 145:3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.



Lord God Almighty

- El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty, 'Elyon Shadday shad-dah'-ee)

Psalms 91:1 He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.



Lord God Almighty

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be you perfect.



The Most High God

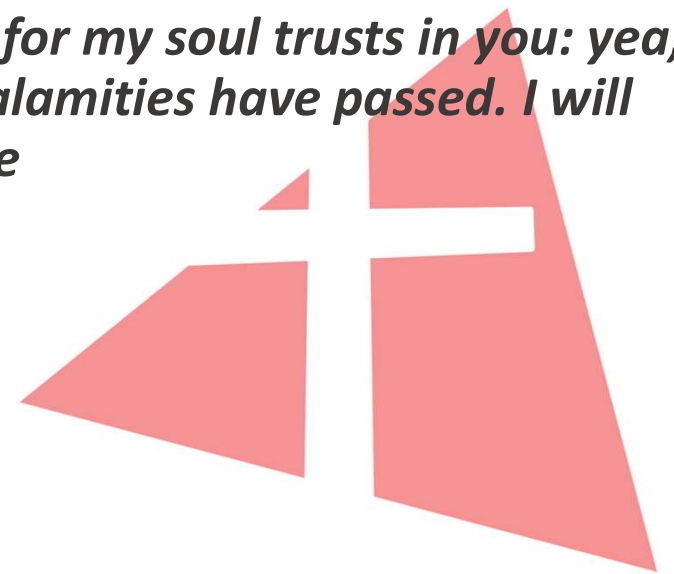
- EL ELYON (The Most High God, ' אֱלֹהֵי יוֹן elyown el-yone')

Genesis 14:22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,



The Most High God

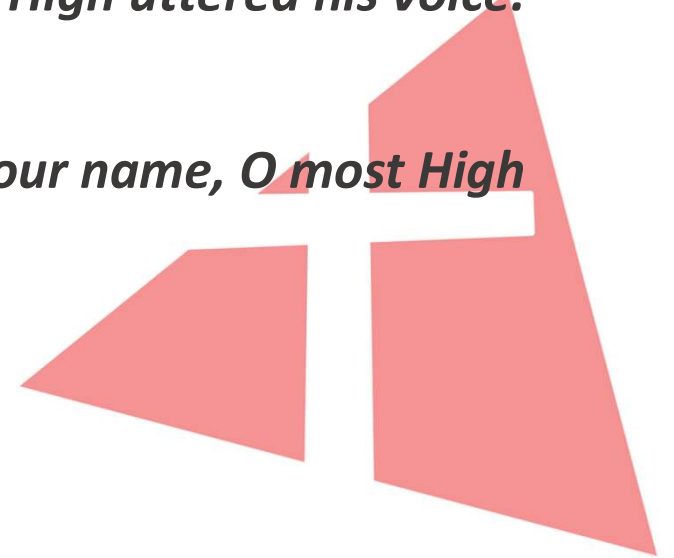
Psalms 57:1-2 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusts in you: yea, in the shadow of your wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities have passed. I will cry unto God most high; unto God who performs all things for me



The Most High God

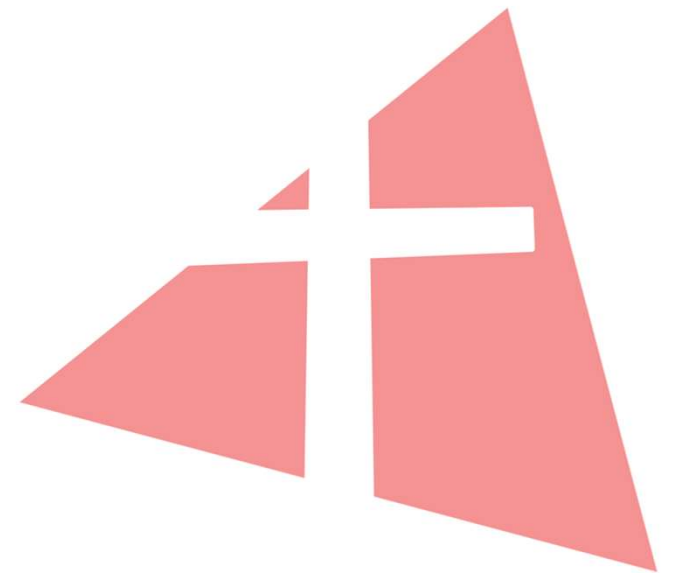
2 Samuel 22:14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

Psalms 9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in you: I will sing praise to your name, O most High



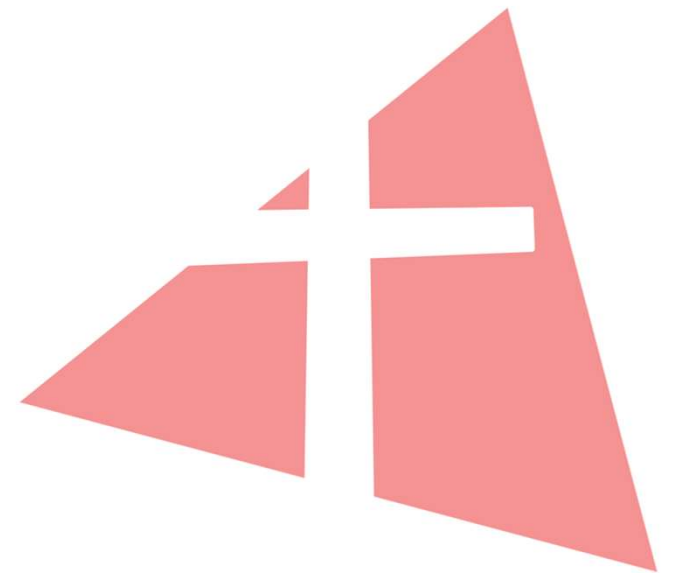
Next Week

- **We'll finish here for today**
- **We'll look at some more Names of God next Sunday**
 - Adonai
 - Yahweh
 - Jehowah-Raah
 - Jehovah-Rapha
 - Jehovah-Jireh



A Warning

- **We can't simply pick one name we like and stop there**
- **We need to get a balanced view of "Who God is"**



In Conclusion

- **Meditating on the Names of God can help us know who God is**
- **Let's pick one of the names of God that we are not really familiar with yet**
- **Let's spend some time meditating on that aspect of God**

