



Lesson #4: El Shaddai

A.W. Tozer correctly said, “What comes to your _____ when you think about God is the most _____ thing about you.” Your personal view of God affects every single decision that you make. When the patriarchs thought of God they thought of the name “El Shaddai” (Exodus 6:3). We could break that name down in this way ...

- “El” – Means “mighty or strong” (also occurs in the name *Elohim*)
- “Shaddai” – means that God is the one who _____ and supplies.

Putting those words together we come up with a working definition of “*El Shaddai*” as the almighty powerful one who _____ satisfies our needs. God is in essence the all-sufficient one, the all-bountiful one. G. Campbell Morgan helps tie all this together when he says, “The name *El Shaddai* is peculiarly suggestive meaning quite literally the mighty one of _____ and of _____.”

El Shaddai is thus the mighty all sufficient one. To our great shame, though, we tend to look to ourselves and others to meet our needs and not to God. Based on that meaning and some of the background of this name, “El Shaddai,” what is its significance?

YOU MUST RESPOND TO EL SHADDAI WITH GREAT _____

The first time we read the name “*El Shaddai*” is in Genesis 17:1. The Lord said to Abraham, “*I am the almighty God* [El Shaddai]. Immediately, upon hearing this name, Abraham “*fell on his _____*” (17:3) with great reverence.

A. His mighty _____ should bring reverence

As the mighty, all-sufficient one, God supplies what He has promised. Abraham was _____ years old and perhaps beginning to doubt God’s promises when God revealed himself as “El Shaddai” in Genesis 17. Time has marched on and the faith of Abraham and Sarah had grown weak and so they decided they needed to help God out. When God says to Abraham “*I am El Shaddai, the almighty God*” (Gen. 17:1) He is revealing the _____ of that kind of thinking.

B. His mere _____ should bring reverence

There is not a more appropriate posture than being on your face like before El Shaddai (Genesis 17:3). The _____ of God means and demands reverence (Job 40:2).

YOU MUST RESPOND TO EL SHADDAI AS YOUR GREAT _____

David wrote that “*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the _____ of the _____* [El Shaddai]” (Psalm 91:1)

A. He pours out _____ blessings

God’s resources are _____!

- Genesis 28:3 – “God _____ [El Shaddai] bless thee.”
- Genesis 35:11 – “I am God _____ [El Shaddai]: be fruitful and multiply.”
- Genesis 39:25 – “By the _____ [El Shaddai], who shall bless thee with blessing of heaven above.”

El Shaddai has abundant resources and will supply and meet your needs!

B. He pours out _____ blessings

El Shaddai as our refuge is fully realized in _____. We cannot fully appreciate and be a recipient of the abundant blessings of God apart from a relationship with Christ. In John 4, Jesus meets with a woman at the well and describes a particular type of water in which she will never thirst again (John 4:10, 13-14). Of course He is not talking about a _____ water but a _____ water that will well up into ever lasting life.

YOU MUST RESPOND TO EL SHADDAI AS THE GREAT _____

As the almighty one God righteously recompenses to each their own.

A. He rewards the _____ according to their _____

John describes a scene in the book of Revelation of a rider called Faithful and True. “Out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of _____ God [El Shaddai].” (Revelation 19:15). El Shaddai is the almighty God and if God is almighty, one thing is for sure – no one who _____ Him can _____!

B. He rewards the _____ according to their _____

El Shaddai rewarded Abraham and Sarah in the fulfillment of the promised Son. “Even so the Lord God Almighty [El Shaddai], true and righteous are thy judgements” (Revelation 16:7). God is true and righteous and will justly reward the _____ and _____.

Concluding Thoughts

Isaac Watts summed it up perfectly as he declares El Shaddai to the world:

*I sing the mighty _____ of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and build the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.*

Sadly, we all tend to look to ourselves and others to meet our needs and not to God almighty, El Shaddai. But because El Shaddai is the mighty all sufficient one we must respond with _____, run to Him as our _____, and trust in Him as the great _____.