



Lesson #1: ELOHIM

The first name for God that is found in the Bible in Genesis 1:1 is “*Elohim*.” We translate it God. In fact, almost in every case in your English Bible when you read “*God*” it is the word or name “*Elohim*” (there are a few cases where “*Jehovah*” is translated “*God*” rather than “*Lord*”). But the Hebrew is much more descriptive and precise than the English language. A simple break down of the word shows the beauty it holds in the Hebrew language.

- *El* – “_____ or _____”
- *Ohim* – “The one that keeps His _____.”

From this word we get the direct idea or definition that could read something like this: “*Elohim* is the mighty _____ who does exactly what He says He will do.”

There is a principle of Biblical hermeneutics call the “First Mention Principle.” It simply means that the first time something is mentioned the _____ is laid for its truth throughout Scripture. This morning I want us to start at the beginning (Genesis 1) and lay out three major truths about *Elohim*.

ELOHIM IS THE _____ GOD

The word “*Elohim*” occurs _____ times in the Scriptures, _____ times in the first chapter of Genesis alone! Genesis 1, then, is not about the creation of the world but about the _____ of the world.

A. The creator God has victoriously made _____

The first thing God wants us to know about Himself is that he is the creator of all things. Isaiah 45:18, Jonah 1:9, Hebrews 11:3 all additionally state that it was *Elohim*, the mighty powerful Creator of the universe who spoke, “So that the things that are seen were not made of things which are visible.” Genesis 1 is not an explanation of origin, it is a statement of _____: God is and God spoke.

B. The creator God has a _____ for each man

Because *Elohim* created all things He possesses the right and authority to _____ all things (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). As a believer you are under the ownership of the almighty *Elohim*. You belong to God and must submit to His authority as your creator and Savior. You were created “by Him and for Him” (Revelation 4:11).

C. The creator God sees _____ in ever man

Because *Elohim* is creator He never makes any _____ in His creation (Psalm 139:13-14). God has created and designed us. In our mother’s womb He wove us together.

ELOHIM IS THE _____ KEEPING GOD

There is an element of the Hebrew word “*Alyah*” in the name *Elohim*. It comes from the word “covenant” and speaks of His _____ keeping nature.

A. This is a _____ covenant

The word *Elohim* brings the idea out that God is interested and willing to enter into a covenant with His people. From the pages of the OT we read that of a God who made personal promises and kept them (Genesis 6:18; 9:15-16; 15:18; 17:2; Exodus 2:24). And so it is that *Elohim* has made a covenant with us (_____).

B. This is an _____ covenant

What *Elohim* says He really means. The fact that God is “*Elohim*” or “the one that _____ covenant” is the foundation of our hope in everything that we do.

- 1) In _____ *Elohim* will keep His promise (John 10:28)
- 2) In _____ *Elohim* will keep His promise (John 16:23)
- 3) In _____ *Elohim* will keep His promise (1 John 1:9)
- 4) In _____ *Elohim* will keep His promise (Hebrews 13:5)

ELOHIM IS THE _____ ABIDING GOD

It’s important to note that the word “*Elohim*” is actually a _____ word in the Hebrew language.

A. This plurality speaks to His _____

God first revealed himself by name as *Elohim* to point out his majestic power that we might be _____ by that power. The word is plural because the plurality denotes God’s unlimited greatness and supremacy that cannot be summarized simply within the realms of human grammar.

B. This plurality speaks to His _____

The plural form of *Elohim* makes provision for the _____ of the godhead. This is difficult to explain and impossible to understand and yet it is absolutely _____. “He who has tried to understand the mystery fully will lose his _____; but he who would deny the Trinity will lost his _____.”

Concluding Thoughts

The name “*Elohim*” should both humble us and give us hope. Many will ask, and have asked, “How can someone who has been treated with pain and suffering in this world, still have faith in God?” The answer is very simply that the true believer places his faith in the _____ of all who keeps his _____ and is _____ abiding with him and that creator’s name is ELOHIM!