

Names of God

Lift Up His Name

Whenever a situation comes up where I don't feel equipped, you know, like the moment after breakfast, I hear Graham Cooke's voice say, "Who do you need God to be for you in this moment?" It's a simple question but it causes me to stop and assess. What *do* I need from God, right now?

We have a relationship with one God, who is called by many names. If you call upon Yahweh Rapha (God Who Heals) because you need physical healing, it doesn't mean that Yahweh Shammah (Ever Present) leaves. When God is present, He is Yahweh Shammah so He is literally *always* with you, *every* part of His Name and character are with you.

Graham Cooke's question echoes at every need, or moment of indecision, and I find myself parroting the question to others when they are struggling with life, too. I've spent several years answering the question and discovering the names and character of God.

The latest collection of praise and worship dance flags is called, [Names of God](#); it is the best collection from Catch the Fire Worship Flags because the Names of God are so precious, which is why we have put together a 3-week devotional exploring 15 different names and character of God. We hope it will be an enriching resource for you, as you discover His Names, and that you will join with us to lift up His Name.



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DAY 1, by [Andrea York](#)

ADONAI ECHAD, Triune God

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ~Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Today is the first day of a beautiful 15-day journey sifting through the names of God, and we start with a controversial name. The trinity doesn't appear in the Bible, and yet Scripture is filled with references to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three in one.

We have one God, yet three distinct personalities make up one God. Some describe the trinity in terms of roles. For example you are a daughter, and you might also be a mother, and a wife; three roles but still just one person. The trinity is not 3 roles, as if God puts on a different hat. God is like a musical chord, which is made up of 3 individual notes.

After a spectacular exit from Egypt, and a lengthy period of testing in the desert, the Israelites are poised to enter the Promised Land (remember desert seasons are always followed by occupying territory in the Promised Land). One of Moses' last acts as leader is to remind the former slaves from where they came, and who is going with them into the Promised Land.

The Jewish prayer, or *shema*, from Deuteronomy 6:4-9, begins with, "Hear, O Israel. The Lord our God is one!" Jesus quoted it and modern Jews still recite it. It is foundational to your Christian faith and heritage because it establishes the Lord is one God. For 400 years, the Israelites had been exposed to the Egyptian's polytheistic system. Adonai Echad was presenting himself as all they would need for life in the Promised Land.

We do not have many gods with one name, we serve one God, with many names. The Promised Land is full of good things for our benefit, but there are also idols that can fracture our love, devotion and worship. Like Moses admonished the Israelites, let's declare that our God is one. He is Adonai Echad, a triune God; [click here to lift up His Name](#).



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ATTIYQ YOM, Ancient of Days

I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

-Daniel 7:21-22

Have you ever had a paper cut? It's irritating, but it won't slow you down. If you've worked as an office clerk filing papers all day, every day, then you've probably had many paper cuts that make your hand red and swollen. One paper cut is easy to work around. Several paper cuts may require a salve to help heal, but have you heard the phrase, 'death by a 1000 paper cuts'?

It's the little things that can bring down a mighty person. Humans are amazing in crisis. We rally together and help one another. We applaud survivors as heroes (because they are), but small daily struggles are far more discouraging and damaging. Marriages don't disintegrate because of one bad moment; it takes a 1000 bad moments to finally throw in the towel.

Take heart, dear one; the enemy's *modus operandi* doesn't change, and is never surprising. Daniel saw a vision of the enemy making a war with the Saints (that's you) by wearing them down. Do you relate to what I'm saying? If you're discouraged because nothing seems to be going right and as soon as you get ahead, the cushion is swept away again remember how the enemy prevails in the mundane attacks. Then suddenly, everything changes when the Ancient of Days steps onto the scene.

Perhaps that's why I love Attiyq Yom, Ancient of Days so much. I need Him a lot. I need Him to sit down in His judgment and rule in my favor. With God, you never have to fear judgment because the scripture is clear, when the Ancient of Days shows up, he judges in *your* favor. Let's shout Hallelujah for the Ancient of Days!

Do you need to declare your victory with the Ancient of Days? [Click here to lift up His Name.](#)



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DAY 3, by [Andrea York](#)

AUTHOR & FINISHER

I pray with great faith for you because I'm fully convinced that the One who began this glorious work in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you and will put his finishes touches to it until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ! -Philippians 1:6

When my Boy was a baby, I wanted to give him an heirloom. Well, let me clarify. I wanted to make him something that would *become* an heirloom – a precious item that could be passed down from generation to generation. I decided to make a quilt by hand. It didn't matter that I didn't know how to quilt because I'm creative and crafty. I knew I would be able to figure it out. Besides, I come from a Mennonite heritage where the men are farmers and women are famous for their quilts. I went to the fabric store and purchased everything I needed.

I started with gusto, and cut and pieced hundreds of small fabric pieces. I finished sewing the pieces together to create the pattern and was ready to start actually quilting. It was very satisfying because I envisioned presenting the finished quilt to my Boy on his first birthday. It would be glorious (even though he wouldn't appreciate it until much later in life). I imagined sharing the story of making the quilt for my not-yet-born grandchildren.

My Boy's first birthday came and went, and the quilt wasn't finished. In fact, he's had 16 birthdays and the quilt is still not finished.

Can anyone else relate?

Lots of people start tasks, but less people finish them. Thankfully God is not like that. What He starts, He also finishes. Dear one, isn't it comforting that you and I are not unfinished quilts, started but put aside in the cedar chest until later? His name, Author & Finisher, is also a promise. He is committed to completing the process of maturing you to be like Christ, until you *are* like Christ.

Praise the name of the Lord, Author & Finisher because you are His masterpiece and He will finish His work in you. Rejoice, and [click here to lift up His Name](#).



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EL ELYON, God Most High

I will jump for joy and shout in triumph as I sing your song and make music for the Most High God. -Psalm 9:2

Our first dog was a fiery little Jack Russell terrier. She was small, but mighty; always willing to jump into the ocean's waves to get her tennis ball even when the bigger, "water" dogs wouldn't attempt the crashing waves. We had a fantastic arrangement with a work colleague to trade dogsitting services when either of us were away on holidays. They owned a gentle, and amiable chocolate Labrador.

One day, I had both dogs on leash. We were going for a walk, and I was doing errands at the same time. We stopped by a fruit and vegetable shop, and I tied the dogs to a bike post before entering the shop. When I came out, my little dog was standing underneath the Labrador barking at all the other dogs as they walked by.

It was such a funny scene because even though my little dog was tough, she knew her place in the dog world. Little dogs are rarely the alpha dog. When she was with the Labrador, she took advantage of the protection of the alpha dog, she could confront the other dogs because she knew she was protected.

El Elyon, God Most High is *the* alpha. There is *none* like Him. Nebuchadnezzar tried to become the Most High, and decreed that everyone should bow down to him, but even an ego like Nechudanezzar was brought low when confronted with the real Most High God. (Daniel 3:26).

Having El Elyon on your side, is like my little dog standing under the lovely, and genteel Labrador, and being confident you are covered. El Elyon is Most High, and He's got you covered. [Click here to lift up His Name.](#)



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DAY 5, by [Andrea York](#)

El GIBHOR, Mighty God

The joyful songs I now sing will be sung again in the hearts and homes of all your lovers. My loud shouts of victory will echo throughout the land. For Yahweh's right hand conquers valiantly. The right hand of Yahweh exalts! The right hand of Yahweh will never fail.

~Psalm 118:15-16

One of the greatest battles in Scripture is found in 2 Chronicles 20:1-20. Please allow me the honour to set the scene for you. Jehoshaphat is king over Judah and the mighty armies from Moab, Ammon, and from Syria came to make war on Israel.

Jehoshaphat was [rightly] terrified and cried out to God, and God responded. Through the prophet, God told Jehoshaphat he will not need to fight. Instead they were to stand and watch as El Gibhor, Mighty God stepped in the battle.

Judah's armies set out to do what God commanded; they went to the battle field, and began to praise the name of the Lord, with shouts and voices 'loud and high'. Verse 22 says, "Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Syria." Hallelujah! El Gibhor, Mighty God has done it!

Do you need to hear this, this morning? What battles are you fighting? Which enemies are ganging up on you, and you have nothing in the reservoir with which to fight? Dear one, take heart! El Gibhor, Mighty God is still fighting for you. He is with you, just as He was with Jehoshaphat.

The best battle is the one you don't have to fight. El Gibhor, Mighty God is your warrior, and He fighting your battles. [Click here to lift up His Name.](#)



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EL OLAM, Eternal God

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. -Psalm 90:2

A few weeks back my Laptop started running slowly, one of the USB ports wouldn't work, and some of my programs had become corrupted so I took it to a computer repair shop. The technician asked me how long I've had my laptop and I said, "Six years."

"Well, then you've had a good run with it. Laptops have a lifespan of five years," he replied.

When you hear the older generation say, "They don't make 'em like they used to," they are telling the truth. Companies *don't* make things like they used to. The engine on the last vehicle I owned seized and died, which left me stranded (for the record, I maintained my vehicle and have the records to prove it). I replace my cell phone every 2-4 years, not because I must have the latest technology, but because the battery has died and it's more costly to replace the battery as it is to replace the entire phone.

When did it become standard to pay \$1000 for a new cell phone every 3 years, or \$15,000 for a new car after 10 years? Shouldn't a computer last longer than five years? Doesn't anything last?

Dear one, the answer is Yes! El Olam, Eternal God is everlasting and neverending. There is no beginning to God, and there is no end to Him either. You were born for eternity; it's even been written into your DNA (Ecclesiastes 3:11). God is eternal and everything He does will last into eternity. Rejoice in the name of the Lord. Be glad that your God, El Olam has always been, and will always be.

In our temporary world where you can't count on anything, you can count on El Olam, because He is eternal and everlasting. [Click here to lift up His Name.](#)



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EL ROI, God Who Sees You

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are El Roi (the God who sees me)," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." ~Genesis 16:13

If you've ever been pregnant, or adopted a baby (or even acquired a pet) don't you think it's strange and exhilarating to contemplate giving another living being a name? Something that he/she/it will be called and known by for their entire life.

What about you? What are some of the names you're called? Mom? Dad? Lover? Have you ever heard a child say, "I need my mom," when they're upset? Why mom, and not dad? A name is more than the sound on your tongue, it's the essence of who they are to you.

If you could name God, what name would you give Him? Hagar, the Egyptian slave named God. She named him, El Roi, God Who Sees [Me]. Are you surprised? It's true, Hagar, the mother of Ishmael, the mother of Islam gave God a name.

Hagar was a slave in Abram & Sarai's household. As a slave, she was there, but not seen. Someone only sees what is important, and Hagar wasn't important. So she left. She wanted to escape but the desert didn't want her either, so she prepared to die, until God showed up, because He saw her, and he cared about her.

That's all she ever wanted – to be seen, to be cared for. So she named Him. Hagar gave God a new name because He saw her.

You may feel invisible and unappreciated. You may feel that no matter what you do, you can't please your boss, your spouse, or your family. They demand more and more without any support and that you are left to fend on your own.

Dear one, God sees you. El Roi, God Sees You, declare it; [click here to lift up His Name](#).



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DAY 8, by [Christina Schlatter](#)

EL SHADDAI, Almighty God

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said him, "I am El Shaddai, Almighty God; walk before me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between me and you, and will multiple you exceedingly..-Genesis 17:1-2

When a baby has a need that has to be met, the mother pulls the child close to her chest to bring comfort and sustenance. El Shaddai, is mainly translated as God Almighty but if you look at the greater breakdown of the name, it can mean breast. It literally points to God as our sufficiency, our comfort, our provider of every need. Just like a mother pulls a child close to her breast, God is inviting us to come close to Him, allowing him to be our all sufficient one.

The Father is always calling us to this place of trusting him as our provider of everything. He wants to meet your needs and is just waiting for us to cry out like children to him. What a beautiful invitation we have to come close to the living God.

El Shaddai is God Almighty, and He is able to provide every need you come to him with as children. No more going back to the days of striving to be your own providers but boldly pressing into his arms and staying close to him.

No matter how dim your night, God is willing to respond to the cries of his children pulling them close to his chest and bringing them into his radiant life giving light. He is always ready and waiting to be your El Shaddai, Almighty God; [click here to lift up His Name](#).



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ELOHAY KOL HANECHAMAH, Great Comforter

All praises belong to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he is the Father of tender mercy and the God of endless comfort.. -2 Corinthians 1:3

A life lived in surrender will always lead you into the arms of God. As you learn to come out of hiding and allow God to comfort you, you not only get to experience the goodness of his mercy but are also equipped to give comfort away to others. Paul said, "...He is the Father of tender mercy and the God of endless comfort. He always comes alongside us to comfort us in every suffering so that we can come alongside those who are in any painful trial."

As you give God permission, He wraps his loving arms of comfort around you. When you are in seasons where you just need to be held, He is ever-willing to cradle you in his everlasting arms. Not only does God invite you into this place of comfort but as you are held in the arms of Christ, Holy Spirit blankets you in deep seated rest.

Dear one, there is an invitation to allow the Great Comforter to hold you in his arms. This invitation is one that never expires, it is always there just waiting for you to accept.

If you need peace that only flows from the comfort of God, then call upon the Great Comforter. Don't hide any longer behind your pain, instead expose it to His glorious light and be comforted when you.

The Great Comforter eagerly waits for His children to receive His love and comfort. You don't have to wait another day. Call upon Elohay Kol Hanechamah, Great Comforter today. [Click here to lift up His Name.](#)



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DAY 10, by [Rosie Bowden](#)

LION OF JUDAH

Then one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping. Look! The mighty Lion of Judah's tribe, the root of David— he has conquered! He is the worthy one who can open the scroll and the seven seals. ~Revelation 5:5

For most, the image of a lion instantly gives one thoughts of power. Their portrayal is fierce. A lion also brings pictures of strength, fearlessness, dominion, dignity, and rulership to mind. There is no sound like the roar of a lion. It can be heard miles away. It sends forth a declaration to all of its enemies; Beware! A lion possesses a royal look and attitude. A lion doesn't hide.. A lion lives out in the wide open and controls its territory like a true king.

Judah was Jacob's fourth son. His name means Praise. The tribes were instructed to set up their camps under their own standard, with the ensign of their father's house as a visual symbol upon it. (Numbers 2:1-3). The tribe of Judah chose a lion as the symbol of their tribe. Their tribe location was on the east side facing the sun. Can't you just see the Lion of Judah stretched out upon a rock, basking in the sun, full of confident rulership, boldness, and peace?

Jesus Christ emerged from the tribe of Judah as Lion of Judah. He has the power, authority, and rulership to open the seals. Jesus rules over the universe, and all events are under his control. Now unto Him, that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever (Jude 1:24-25).

As His child, He has also extended this rulership to us! As we lift up His Name, Lion of Judah, we declare Him as the King of kings with all dominion over every circumstance in our lives, and the lives of others.

Let the Lion of Judah roar; [click here to lift up His Name!](#)



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DAY 11, by [Andrea York](#)

YAHWEH MACCADESHEM, God Who Sanctifies You

Surely my Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you ~Exodus 31:13

My Boy has been an independent child from the time I can remember. He was squirmy as a baby, and was an early walker. He always wanted to do things on his own. At 14 months he was feeding himself with a fork or spoon and after the 19 months, he never used a stroller again because he was determined to walk on his own. I finally gave the stroller away when he was 2 years old because I knew for certain he would never need it again.

He also liked to bath himself, or more accurately, he liked to shower all by himself. If you've ever combined a child and water, you understand how much of a mess it can be. Not only did my Boy *not* get clean, but he made everything wet and every surface had "evidence" of his self-cleaning attempt.

Sanctification is a biblical word we use for becoming clean. You and I both know the importance to be sanctified. Time and again, the Lord commanded the Israelites to sanctify themselves while they were in the desert. Paul also reminds us of the directive to be sanctified (1 Thess 4:3).

The problem isn't in understanding the command; the trouble is in our ability to sanctify ourselves. When we do, it creates the same kind of mess as my son made when he wanted to clean himself. We're simply not very good at it by ourselves. So then, what's the answer?

The answer is rest. Yes, you read that correctly. If you want to be sanctified, rest. You've experienced the restorative power of rest, but did you know that in the process of resting, the Lord is at work to sanctify you? It's in His name, Jehovah Maccaddeshem, God Who Sanctifies you; the only response you need to provide to comply is rest.

Have you been trying to be sanctified on your own? God is the One who sanctifies you; [click here to lift up His Name.](#)



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DAY 12, by [Andrea York](#)

YAHWEH MAGEN, God Your Shield

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." ~Genesis 15:1

Action movies aren't my first choice for a pleasurable movie experience, but as a mother of boys I've seen a fair number. So when I think of what a shield looks like, the first picture that comes to mind is Captain America's circular shield. The shield is his superpower. Perhaps you have a similar image?

If I can be completely honest, I think Captain America is the wimpiest of all the super heroes. A big aspect of his characterization comes from his shield. But I mean it's a small shield. If my only offense and defense was a shield, then I better hope I can run really fast too.

Don't you think it's interesting that God tells Abram that He is his Shield, which He equates as an "exceedingly great reward"? And by interesting, I mean, in a "God-what-are-you-thinking" sort of way. I've known the Lord long enough to know that when there are opposing viewpoints on any subject, then mine is the one that needs to be reexamined.

When God identified himself to Abram as Yahweh Magen, He said so, just as He was about to enter into a covenant with Abram. Let's step back a few chapters earlier to Genesis 12 when God asked Abram to leave what was comfortable and familiar, and traverse to an unknown land. In exchange for his obedience, God made Abram a promise.

In Genesis 15, God is going to "seal the deal" by making a never ending covenant. He understands Abram's hesitation (because it's impossible for Abram to know what he's getting into) and tells Abram not to be afraid. Whether you like adventure or not, it's slightly terrifying, wouldn't you agree? Then God declares His faithfulness to Abram by revealing His name, Yahweh Magen, God Your Shield.

Through faith, we receive the same promise Abraham received and what God reveals about himself is for all humankind. He is your shield, which is an exceedingly great reward. He is not small and puny like Captain America's shield. Yahweh Magen is a wrap-around shield.

Dear one, if the God has asked you to do something slightly terrifying because it requires stepping out of your comfort zone remember that He says to you, "Do not be afraid," because He is Yahweh Magen, God Your Shield; [click here to lift up His Name](#).



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YAHWEH NISSI, God Your Banner

And Moses built an altar and called its name Yahweh Nissi, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner.

~Exodus 17:15

In medieval battles, an army was disgraced if it lost its banner. To not know who, or what you were fighting for equated weakness, and assured defeat. Likewise in our lives, to not know that we belong to heaven, and Christ Jesus is our Banner is like believing you are battling life on someone else's terms. When the truth is life must fight Life on *His* terms!

When we rally at his standard, the banner of Jehovah-Nissi is being lifted up. There upon the heavenly Mt. Zion is the Son of God with arms extended high, ever living to make intercession for us. Under His banner, victory is always assured. If we are apart from it, defeat is a certainty.

When Moses could no longer hold high the rod of God, Amalek prevailed. By working together with others, Moses was able to uphold his arms and God was able to show Himself strong through His people and they were able to be victorious! It took their unity for His power to be demonstrated, and His name was lifted high. By abiding under the power, the standard, the name of God Jehovah-Nissi, we can have victory over any enemy of God's in our life.

God allowed the Amalekites to attack the Israelites, which is why nothing that they did in the physical realm brought about victory. God's presence and power was with them in the battle and assured the victory when the battle was done.

If you are in a battle remember this: if Yahweh Nissi, God Your Banner, is leading the way in your struggle, then you are assured success. [Click here to lift up his name.](#)



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DAY 14, by [Andrea York](#)

YAHWEH SHAMMAH, Ever Present God

This is my command--be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." ~Joshua 1:9

Wouldn't it be nice if your spiritual life was as linear as your age, and it's always increasing? It's not the reality though, is it? Why is it topsy turvy, moving from near then far, elated then dejected? If you are like me, and I think you are, we sometimes experience all those emotions in the same day!

Everyone needs to feel protected and secure. You need it, and I need it. We all need it. We also need to have meaningful relationships because God made us that way. He wanted us to crave close proximity with our most powerful relationships. The reason is simple. It's because relationships can't survive for the long haul if one of the parties is never present. We must be near each other.

We need to have relationships with people we can count on, and if someone isn't around, how can you trust him or her?

Our need to have a relationship with someone who is going to be there for us isn't a human weakness. God doesn't want to "toughen" us up. He allows us to feel the void, so that He could be there for us. He is relational, and He exists in relationship. If God is in a relationship, how much more so do we need relationship? We are created inside of a relationship ("Let us make mankind in *our* image.") He is good and faithful. God is also trustworthy because He is Yahweh Shammah, our Ever Present God.

Do you need a reminder of God's desire to be near you? Yahweh Shammah is Ever Present; He is with you; [click here to lift up His Name](#).



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YAHWEH TSIDKENU, GOD YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

*We can do nothing but leap for joy all day long for we know who you are and what you do,
and you've exalted us on high. ~Psalm 89:16*

Righteousness is the right to stand before God. When it's said plainly like that, who among us, past or present, have the right to stand before God on their own merit? The answer, of course, is no one.

It's a problem, because God wants to have a relationship with you (and me). If we can't stand before God, then distance becomes a primary enemy of developing a relationship.

But wait! God, who invites you into a relationship, also makes it possible because he is Yahweh Tsidkenu, God Your Righteousness. If we surrender to Him, He will become the righteousness we require to stand before Him.

The revelation of His name, Yahweh Tsidkenu is given in the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah prophesied our coming restoration. He was prophesying about Jesus, of course. Jesus is the Righteous one and through Jesus we became the righteousness of God (2 Cor 5:21). Praise His Name because He has given everything we need!

Are you leaping for joy, knowing Yahweh Tsidkenu, God Your Righteousness has exalted you into His presence? Rejoice, and [click here to lift up His Name](#).

