**Edward Christian Church- “*God: Who is He?”* -pt2 November 8, 2016**

**People** of All **Ages**, **Lifestyles**, **Arenas** of Life ask the same **questions**, *"Does God* ***know*** *me?" "Does God* ***love*** *me?" "Can God ever* ***forgive*** *me?"* **Underneath** these **questions** lies an even more **basic issue**. **What** is God really **like**... **Who is He?**

**Names of God Containing *El*:**

* **Elohim**= *"God"* = *“the* ***Strong One****”* = as Creator   
  *"In the beginning God* ***[Elohim]*** *created the heavens and the earth." -***Genesis 1:1**
* **El Elyon**= *"God* ***Most High****"*  
  *"Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High* **[*El Elyon*]**, *and he blessed Abram, saying, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High* **[*El Elyon*],** *who delivered your enemies into your hand.' Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything." -***Genesis 14:18-20**
* **El Roi***= "The God* ***Who Sees****"*  
  *"She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: 'You are the God who* ***Sees*** **[*El Roi*]** *me,' for she said, 'I have now seen the One who* ***Sees*** **[*El Roi*]** *me.'" -***Genesis 16:13**
* **El Shaddai***= "God* ***Almighty****"*   
  *"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God* ***Almighty*** **[*El Shaddai*]**; *walk before me and be blameless.'" -***Genesis 17:1**
* **El Olam**= *"God* ***Everlasting****"*  
  *"Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the Lord, the* ***Eternal*** *God* **[*El Olam*]*."*** *-***Genesis 21:33**
* **Question:** *"Does God* ***know*** *about my* ***pain...*** *does He* ***see*** *what has* ***happened*** *to me?"*
* Yes, He is **El Roi**= the *"God* ***Who Sees****"*

*'"You are the God who* ***sees me****,' for she* ***[Hagar]*** *said, 'I have now seen the One who* ***sees me****.'" -***Genesis 16:13**

* **Question: *“When all*** *hope* ***is*** *gone****/*** *there's* ***no place*** *to* ***turn, where*** *is* ***God,/*** *can* ***I*** *count on him to* ***help me?”***
* Yes, He is ***El Shaddai***= *“God* ***Almighty”*** One of the roots of the Hebrew word ***shad*** is **"breast."** **Realize** that a mother's breast is **totally sufficient** to **sustain**/ **nurture** the life of her **baby** without any other **outside source**. **When** you come to **know** God as your ***El Shaddai***, you don't **need** any **outside help**. **He** is your **all-sufficient** God.

In **Gen 17** Abram is age **ninety-nine**/ Sarai is age **eighty-nine**—both **beyond** childbearing years. Up to this time Abram/ Sarai had been **childless**. Yet the Lord appeared to Abram/ said, *"I am* ***God Almighty****"* literally in Hebrew ***El Shaddai***—the **all-sufficient God**.

*"I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." -***Genesis 17:2**

*"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram [which means 'exalted father'], your name will be Abraham [which means 'father of many'], for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you." -***Genesis 17:4-6**

He **desires** to be ***El Shaddai***, your **All-Sufficient** God, so **when** you come to Him, you will **have all** you **need**.

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