

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**.
