

CALL UPON HIS NAME

WEEK 1: EL ELYON - THE GOD MOST HIGH

DAY 1: READ GENESIS 14-15:1

In this passage, we see the Hebrew name for God Most High used: El Elyon. Abram finds himself in a land of great hostility. Abram's nephew, Lot, is carried off by four kings' forces. After defeating his nephew's captors and rescuing Lot, Abram was blessed by Melchizedek, King of Salem and priest of God Most High. What does Melchizedek say about God Most High? What does that reflect in Abram's behavior in Genesis 14:21-24? How does God's authority shape Abram's behavior?

DAY 2: READ GENESIS 15

Remember this passage from Week 1 when we learned about El Roi, the God who sees me? After learning about the authority and power of God Most High, how does this modify your understanding of this passage about God's great promises to Abram? If you were Abram, would it give you confidence? How would recognizing God as being God Most High change your own doubts, deep needs, prayer life and communication with God? In your personal relationship with God, do you recognize His power and authority and does it affect your behavior and thinking? Discuss.

DAY 3: READ PSALM 78

Remember this Psalm from last week? In verse 35, we see El Elyon used again, describing the long history of the Israelites' imperfect, unfaithful relationship with God Most High. In this psalm, what examples do we see of God demonstrating His ultimate power and authority to His (unfaithful) people? Why is it important to understand who God is and the great things He has done?

What happens when we forget, ignore or incorrectly assume about God's character, power and authority? Why is that important in prayer?



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DAY 4: READ HEBREWS 7-8

In these chapters, we see a familiar name again: Melchizedek, the priest of God Most High. Paul explains the similarity between Melchizedek's and Jesus' priestly relationship to God and His covenant with His people. Remembering what God Most High promised Abram and how His promises became true because of His authority and power, how does the promise God makes for an eternal covenant with Jesus give us confidence? Why is God's high authority and power important here?

DAY 5: READ DANIEL 3

What does Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's answer to King Nebuchadnezzar say about their confidence in God's authority and power? How does God demonstrate His power and authority with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? How can you better act, pray and speak in confidence of God Most High in a world that still needs to know the saving blood of Jesus?

DAY 6: READ DANIEL 3:26-4:3

When we behave with full confidence in God Most High, who holds all power and authority in heaven, on earth and over all things, how is the truth of God revealed to people like King Nebuchadnezzar? What did King Nebuchadnezzar realize about God through Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? Take time today to worship God Most High. In particular, reflect on King Nebuchadnezzar's worship of God in 4:3. What signs have you seen? How are they great? What leaves you in wonder? Thank God that His kingdom endures forever. Thank God that His promises remain true. Thank God that His power is unrivaled.

DAY 7: READ LUKE 24

As believers who cling to the hope of Jesus, our trust is not simply in the cross where our Lord was crucified. The cross was death. In Jesus' resurrection, we have the fullness of God's promise to us and the true hope of mercy through Jesus' triumph over death. Today, reflect on the significance of God's power and authority through the context of Jesus' resurrection. When we pray and speak with God, let's remember His ultimate power and authority and that, through Jesus, we can approach Him boldly.