

Unshakeable
The One True God
Deuteronomy 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

Most of what we believe about God comes from our church background or our past religious experience and less on Biblical truth.

As a matter of fact, I would also say everything you have rejected about God isn't God at all. It was religion. Let me explain: it is people who go to church and do not show the love of Jesus, it's people who don't practice what they preach, people who are indifferent about the poor and suffering. Guess what, Jesus rejects that as well. He is the enemy of dead religion!!

The most insidious lie we can believe about God is that He is somehow against you. Romans 8:31 puts that lie from hell to rest for all eternity. Listen to what it says... “If God is for us then who can be against us?”

And the greatest of all proof that God is for us was proven on the cross! He loved you enough to die for you and he likes you enough to spend all of eternity with you. This one fact alone will cause you to live a UNSHAKEABLE LIFE!

So here's the thing, God reveals himself in a variety of ways in the Bible. One way of getting to know God is through some of his divine names. A lot can be said about someone's name. Everyone's name has some sort of meaning and history behind it if you care to study it out, so let's take a look at a few of these names.

- **Elohim:** this means God and carries with it the notion of strength and power. Elohim is the infinite, all powerful God who shows by his works that he is the creator, sustainer, and supreme judge the world!
- I watched a video recently of a young man who converted to more than 20 different religions and he said that he has come to the conclusion that there is more than one way to get to God. He went on to say that we spent

too much time debating on the path that everyone decides to take and too little time on God himself. Although that sounds good it is also hopelessly flawed and comes in direct opposition to the teachings of the Bible. For example:

- ***Isaiah 43:10-12 says, “you are my witnesses declares the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no God was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no Savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed I, and not some foreign god among you.”***
- ***Matthew 28:18 “then Jesus came to them and said, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” John 14:5-6 “Thomas said to him, Lord we don’t know where you are going so how can we know the way? Then Jesus answered, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life no one comes to the father except through me.” Acts 4:12 “salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”***
- So Elohim establishes himself firmly as the all powerful God that shows by his work that he is truly the creator, the sustainer, and supreme judge of the world.
- Elohim gives us a clear direction of where our hope Lies.
- The second name I want to focus in on this morning it is, **El Shaddai**: this literally means God Almighty.
- The third name for God is, **El Ro’e**: this literally means, the God who sees me. The name was given to God by Abrahams maidservant Hagar. When she was in distress in the desert she stopped at a well. An Angel instructed Hagar to name her baby Ishmael which means God hears. The angel also made a promise about Ishmael’s future. Relieved that God cared enough to visit her, Hagar said, “you are a God who sees me.”

- God sees us in our distress in that dry and desert place. He doesn't go missing or gives up on us because we are not at our best because he is a God who sees us. How many of you this morning need the Lord to see you where you are? We need to know that God sees us and our pain. We need to know that God sees us in our struggle. We need to know that God sees us in our lack.
- This next point speaks into that. Did you know that God is **"infinite?"** Infinite means without limit or limitations. He is greater than the universe, because he created it. This is a picture too big for my finite mind to comprehend. ***1 Kings 8:27 "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain him."***
- God is not limited to our circumstances. God is not limited to your sickness. God is not limited to your prayer life. God is not limited to your resources. God has got this!
- God is also transcendent and immanent. He is above, and greater than the universe he has created and eminent meaning, present and active with in the universe. I heard someone one say, God is not a clock maker who got the universe started and then went off to let it run by itself.
- ***Acts 17:24-27 "The God Who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by man's hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from anyone of us."***
- So not only is God transcendent which means above and greater than the universe that he created he is also eminent, meaning that he is present and active in this world here today, as I am speaking. He is not a God that sits on his throne and passively watches humanity from a distance but rather

he is on his throne and actively involved in not only this world, but in your life.

- And lastly, God is **immutable**. This means that God is unchanging overtime or unable to be changed. It means fixed, set, Permanent, and established. ***Malachi 3:6 says, "I the Lord do not change."***
- This gives great comfort to me because my mood changes, my situation changes, my thought process changes, my beliefs change. Everything about me changes from time to time but thanks be to God that no matter where I am or what I'm going through or what season of life I am in God does not change. Hallelujah!
- I am so thankful that I can know God because he has made himself known through the revelation of his word and the power of the Holy Spirit. He has made it clear that he is my sustainer and my provider. He has made it clear that He sees us and will provide for us because he is faithful.
- Lastly he has made it abundantly clear how we can have access to him and that gateway is Jesus himself. Jesus said I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me. I Encourage you today to get to know the one true God.