

**Introduction**

The Westminster catechism asks, “What is man’s chief end?” and the response is, “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever”. The holy apostle John will inform his readers of the words of the twenty-four elders when they cast their crowns before God and say, “Thou art worthy . . . for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created” (Rev. 4:11). The wording indicates that all had been made to function for the glory of God and this ideally is life’s great priority. To fulfill the purpose for which God made me means to do that which he seeks, worshippers (Jn. 4:23); to know God (Jn. 17:3); to know Jesus Christ (Jn. 17:3); to do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31); and to do all in love (1 Cor. 13:1-3).

It is so very easy to have a distorted view of what life is, that which I call, “an Egyptian perspective”. It is a life made up of work, eat, sleep, work, eat, sleep. I work to eat and being tired I sleep, but I need to eat so I go back to work. Divine truths become dead facts, irrelevant to daily living much the same way in which Elizabeth the Queen is irrelevant to my daily life. Knowing God results in seeing God and what a blessing it is. While we can never fully know God, He does reveal Himself by the Holy Spirit. If we consider Abraham, he learnt God was the only God for he had been brought up as an idolator (Josh. 24:1-2). Issac learnt Him as the God of resurrecting power, and Jacob as the God who gives another chance. Yet, we find that it is only as God reveals Himself we can get to know Him, for it is impossible to know God by human endeavor. The scriptures state in truth, “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!” (Rom. 11:33); Isaiah wrote, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa. 55:9). Grasping something of the wonder of God the Psalmist exclaimed, “O LORD my God, Thou art very great” (Psa. 104:1).

To assist us in getting to enter into the glory of Divine Persons, the Holy Spirit has revealed a number of descriptive names or appellations and works of God. Some of the English are: “The Almighty” (Rev. 1:8); “The Defense” (Psa. 94:22); “The Ancient of Days” (Dan. 7:9); “The Restorer” (Psa. 23:3); “The Breaker” (Mic. 2:13); “The Healer” (Ex. 15:26); “The Defender and Refuge” (Psa. 94:22); “The Eternal God” (Deut. 33:27); “The God of the whole earth” (Isa. 54:5); “The Fountain of Life” (Psa. 36:9); “The Commander” (Isa. 55:4); “The Guide unto death” (Psa. 48:14); “The Highest” (Psa. 18:13); and “The Lord of the harvest” (Matt. 9:38).

**Some Of The Indicators Of His Names**

As mentioned before, God does not give names for the sake of variety, they are to draw our attention to truths concerning Himself as the following table shows.

Traits	Name	Reference	The Truth indicated, but not necessarily the exact expression
<b>His Character</b>	Jehovah El	Psa. 31:5	LORD God of truth
<b>His Person</b>	Jehovah Elohim	Gen. 2:4	The LORD God
<b>His Presence</b>	Jehovah Shammah	Ezek. 48:35	The LORD is there
<b>His Power</b>	Jehovah Tsebahoth	1 Sam. 1:3	The LORD of hosts
	Jehovah Eloah Adonay	Amos 5:16	The LORD, The God of hosts, the LORD
<b>His Position</b>	Jehovah Elyown	Psa. 7:17	The LORD most high
<b>His abilities</b>	Jehovah Shaphat	Jud. 11:27	The LORD that judges
	Jehovah Mekaddishkem	Lev. 20:8	The LORD who sanctifies

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Traits	Name	Reference	The Truth indicated, but not necessarily the exact expression
	Jehovah Ropheca	Ex. 15:26	The LORD that healeth thee
	Jehovah Nakeh	Ezek. 7:9	The LORD who smites
	Jehovah Hoseenu\ asah	Psa. 95:6	The LORD our Maker
	Jehovah El Gemolah	Jer. 51:56	The LORD GOD who recompenses
	Jehovah Jireh	Gen. 22:14	The LORD who sends or provides
<b>His closeness to us</b>	Jehovah Owr	Psa. 27:1	The LORD is my light
	Jehovah Rohi	Psa. 23:1	The LORD is my shepherd
	Jehovah Oze	Ex. 15:2	The LORD is my strength
	Jehovah Sehlah	2 Sam. 22:2	The LORD is my rock
	Jehovah Nissi	Ex. 17:15	The LORD is my banner
	Jehovah Misgwab	Psa. 94:22	The LORD is my defense
	Jehovah Misgwab	Jer. 23:6	The LORD our Righteousness
	Jehovah Shalom	Jud. 6:24	The LORD our peace/ or gives peace
	Jehovah Adon	Neh. 10:29	The LORD our Lord
	Jehovah Eloheenu	Ex. 20:2	The LORD thy God
	Jehovah Eloheka	Num. 22:18	The LORD my God
	Jehovah Cheleq	Lam. 3:24	The LORD is my Portion

**What Does All This Then Mean?**

Seeing the fulness of God, irrespective of what the situation is, we can:

- a) Have complete reliance and confidence in Him. “Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God” (Isa. 50:10).
- b) Find comfort to those who feel the slight of finding that “Name” blasphemed, for they know that in a coming day the nations of the world will be subdued and bow to it (Mal. 1:11). “From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts (Mal. 1:11; Phil. 2:10; 3:21). Knowing these truths our hearts can bow in worship.

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**