

Extraordinary God

Almighty God

1 Samuel 2:2 (NIV) (Hannah's prayer ---Samuel)

"There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

I. No Other Gods

Deuteronomy 5:6-7 (NIV)

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁷ **"You shall have no other gods before me.**

- A. A Protective Revelation
- B. No Equals
- C. Spiritual Reality
- D. False Gods

II. Choosing a God

A. Your will ---yield or not

Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)

"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, **then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

B. An Extraordinary God ---Almighty God

Jeremiah 27:4-7 (NIV)

'This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Tell this to your masters: ⁵ With my great power and outstretched arm I made the earth and its people and the animals that are on it, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁶ Now I will hand all your countries over to my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; I will make even the wild animals subject to him. ⁷ All nations will serve him and his son and his grandson until the time for his land comes; then many nations and great kings will subjugate him.

Jeremiah 32:26-27 (NIV)

Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ²⁷ "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

Joshua 24:3-13 (NIV)

³ But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the River and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt. ⁵ "Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. ⁶ When I brought your fathers out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea. ⁷ But they cried to the LORD for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the desert for a long time. ⁸ "I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land. ⁹ When Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, prepared to fight against Israel, he sent for Balaam son of Beor to put a curse on you. ¹⁰ But I would not listen to Balaam, so he blessed you again and again, and I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹ "Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. ¹² I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you--also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. ¹³ So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.'

III. Are You Listening???

Jeremiah 32:33 (NIV)

³³ They turned their backs to me and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, **they would not listen or respond to discipline.**

Jeremiah 44:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ Again and again I sent my servants the prophets, who said, 'Do not do this detestable thing that I hate!' ⁵ But **they did not listen or pay attention**; they did not turn from their wickedness

A. The nature of the relationship

1. God directs & disciplines (for our good)
2. Almighty God, limited might me

B. **Pay** attention

IV. Learning to Trust

Psalm 125:1-5 (NIV)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. ² As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore. The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil. ⁴ Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. ⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers. Peace be upon Israel.

Psalm 37:1-7 (NASB)

Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers. ² For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb. ³ **Trust in the LORD** and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. ⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ **Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him,** and He will do it. ⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light And your judgment as the noonday. ⁷ **Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him;** Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I renounce any involvement with false Gods. I choose to serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with my whole heart. I yield my will to your truth, guide me in the ways of truth. Lord Jesus I desire to honor you with my life; to cooperate with the Holy Spirit; to humble myself before your discipline. Through the blood of Jesus Christ I am redeemed, sanctified and set apart to God. Amen.