



Elohim – “The strong one”

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INTRODUCTION:

This sermon is the first in a series in which we study the various names of God. You can find the sermon notes and summary [here](#),¹ and listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).²

SCRIPTURE:

Today's sermon was drawn from a variety of texts; [click here](#)³ to download the [sermon notes](#) to see the various verses used.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. A. W. Tozer said “What comes into your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you.”⁴ What we think about God affects what we think about everything else. We can see that same principle in **Daniel 11:32** (see below). It speaks of one deceiving Israel, but not all of Israel, because it says “*the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.*” They resist the deceiver because they know God. In what ways is Satan trying to deceive God's people now? How will our knowledge of God aid us in fighting this? As you ponder “knowing” God read **John 14:8–11**.
2. **Gen 1:1** reveals to us that God (*Elohim: the Strong One*) created everything. He spoke creation into being! Those who call on his name can do anything he wants them to do, because it is he who works in them to do it. Read **John 14:12–14** and ask yourself what God has called on you to do that seems impossible? What has God called us to as a congregation that seems to hard to accomplish? In him all is possible.
3. Consider using the names of God in your times of prayer. We can praise God as El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty; **Gen 17:1**), or call on him to help us live a life of righteousness Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You; **Exodus 31:13**).

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE:

The names of God reveal his character. Knowing what he reveals about himself can help us better know and trust him. As *Elohim, the strong one*, God has the power to create, restore, and keep his promises. God created us with a design and purpose and for a relationship. God can bring order out of chaos. We can rely on his power to face life's difficulties. God has the power to keep his promises. He can be trusted.

AT A GLANCE:

“He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.” (Daniel 11:32 ESV)

¹ <https://wheelsms.wordpress.com/2016/06/12/elohim-the-strong-one/>

² <http://firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/thenamesofgod.html>

³ <https://wheelsms.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/elohim-sermon-notes.pdf>

⁴ [The Knowledge of the Holy](#): The Attributes of God: Their Meaning in the Christian Life



The Power Of A Name