

## Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



### **The Names of God.**

This side of Heaven, it is impossible for our finite human minds to fully comprehend God's infinite, holy, awe-inspiring nature. We can only know what God chooses to reveal about Himself. In Scripture He reveals Himself to us through His attributes and through His names. We considered God's attributes earlier this year, now we consider the names of God.

#### ***Lord God Almighty (El Shaddai)***

After Yahweh, this is the next great title by which God has revealed Himself to us. We often think of God as Almighty but we don't often think of Him as a Mighty Warrior, but that is how Israel thought of Him. El Shaddai or Shaddai occurs about 50 times in the OT. God first reveals Himself by this title to Abraham in Genesis 17 and Jacob in Genesis 35. And of course there is the famous theophany in Joshua 5.

God is mighty in His sovereignty able to do whatever He purpose to do. God's strength is perfect, it cannot be added to or diminished and no one can keep Him from accomplish His purposes. What look like setbacks to us are all apart of His plan. He will save all who trust in Him. Be confident and thankful today that He will certainly accomplish His will.

### **Reflections from Scripture on the Lord God Almighty (El Shaddai).**

**Genesis 17:1-2** *When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."*

**Genesis 35:9-11** *God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel. And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body."*

**Joshua 5:13-15** *When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" And the commander of the LORD 's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.*

**Exodus 15:2-3** *The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.  
The LORD is a man of war (warrior); the LORD is his name.*

**Psalms 24:8** *Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!*

**Psalms 91:1-2** *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

*II Corinthians 6:18 I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.*

*Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Song

*Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

**El Shaddai** by Amy Grant

*Chorus:* El shaddai, el Shaddai, el-elyon na adonia,  
Age to age you're still the same, by the power of the name.  
El shaddai, el shaddai, erkamka na adonai,  
We will praise and lift you high, el shaddai.

Through your love and through the ram,  
You saved the son of Abraham;  
Through the power of your hand,  
Turned the sea into dry land.  
To the outcast on her knees,  
You were the God who really sees,  
And by your might,  
You set your children free. (Chorus)

Through the years you've made it clear,  
That the time of Christ was near,  
Though the people couldn't see  
What messiah ought to be.  
Though your word contained the plan,  
They just could not understand  
Your most awesome work was done  
Through the frailty of your son. (Chorus)

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## Prayer

*II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come, you have revealed yourself to us as El Shaddai. Thank you that you are all-sufficient, all-powerful, nothing is too hard for you, nothing is impossible with you. As you showed yourself to Abraham, Jacob and Joshua, so reveal yourself to us. Grant to us the faith, confidence and trust to dwell secure under the shadow and in the shelter of the Most High God.

In the midst of life's difficulties and troubles we so quickly forget who you are and what you can do. Our challenges shrink our imaginations and shorten our horizons. We forget that you can make the impossible come true, in ways that bring you glory.

Forgive our short-sightedness. Remind us of your power. Pardon us for thinking that it is all up to our own resources. Please forgive us, O Lord, for we often forget how powerful you are.

Help us to know and trust your almighty power, even if we cannot fully comprehend it, that we might rest secure in the knowledge that nothing can alter your loving purpose toward us and your creation.

Make our hearts joyful and glad and ready to worship the God who has made Himself known to us and loves us with an everlasting love. If you are for us, who can be against us. Let this revelation of yourself as El Shaddai be the source of our peace, hope, confidence and security. In Jesus name, Amen.