

## 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, so now we begin a series on the names of God.

### **Lord God The Ancient of Days**

What do you think about when you hear this name for God – “Ancient of Days”? That God is really old? God is not old, God is not bound by time or change. We change, we grow old, He doesn't. He reveals Himself as the Ancient of Days to help us time-bound creatures grasp something of the vastness of His eternal nature. This title declares God's unchangeableness and inexhaustibleness. The generations and kingdoms of man come and go, but God is the everlasting God, the God of eternity. God has the long view, He measures time in millennia.

Meditate on the title of the Ancient of Days. One of the things we associate with ancient is ancient wisdom, ancient truth. What would it be like to sit at the feet of the God of ancient wisdom, who knows the end from the beginning and all things in between? Why don't we take the time to do that more? Reflect on Isaiah 46:9-10 below.

## **Reflections from Scripture on the Lord God as Ancient of Days**

**Genesis 21:33** *Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God.*

**Psalms 90:1-2** *Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.*

*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

**Isaiah 44:6-7** *Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:*

*“I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.”*

**Isaiah 46:9-10** *Remember the former things of old;*

*for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,  
declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’*

**Daniel 7:9** *As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat;  
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.*

**Daniel 7:13-14** *I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.*

*And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

**Micah 5:2** *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

### **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.*

(I encourage you to listen to this hymn on your phone or computer.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPpGphzScjA>)

### ***The Ancient of Days***

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

*Refrain:* None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory I will trust in His name,  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

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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 Father, we are so bound up by time, by minutes and hours and days. We can't grasp what our lives will be like five years from now or even one year from now. Our finite minds cannot comprehend a God who exists before all time, outside of all time, who created time.

Lord God Almighty, before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God (Psalm 90:2). You are never overwhelmed or anxious or stressed because you know the end from the beginning, you see all things, you see the purpose and the plan. Everything makes sense to you. Forgive us for worrying, for fretting, for not trusting in your wisdom and your will and your power.

Ancient of Days, thank you that you are the everlasting King and great judge of all the earth. Thank you for sending Jesus to establish your eternal kingdom that cannot fail or fall. Thank you that instead of living in fear or by fear, we can be free to live in your grace. If you are for us who can be against us? You have known us from eternity and you have written our name in the Lamb's Book of Life from before the foundations of the earth. All glory and praise and honor by unto you, in the name of Jesus, Amen.