

Names

Genesis 1 & 2

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With our simple minds we tend to have a simple conception of God. The problem is that God is not that simple.

- I. Our God is Elohim – “The strong One, the mighty Leader, the supreme Deity.” (Charles Ryrie)
 - A. The One who decided all of this
 - B. The One who designed all of this
 - C. The One who declared all of this
 - D. The One who demands all of us
 1. Our obedience
 2. Our respect
 3. Our worship

“We need to have a healthy fear of God...One day, we will be held accountable before Him. We need to have an answer when God asks, ‘Were you true to my Word? Did you preach the truth?’” (Pastor Ed Young)

- II. Our God is Yahweh – “personal...intimate and near...someone who can be known” (Matt Carter)
 - A. He spoke everything else into existence but formed man with his hands.
 - B. He spoke life into all the other creatures, but He breathed life into man.
 - C. He demands absolute holiness, then offers us the perfect holiness of Jesus.
 - D. He declares sin must be punished, then punishes His own Son for our sin.
- III. Our God is Both
 - A. Invisible yet Visible
 - B. Unknowable yet Knowable
 - C. Unapproachable yet Approachable
 - D. Demanding Justice yet Offering Forgiveness
 - E. Lovingly Fierce yet Fiercely Loving

- ✓ The God who destroyed everyone in Sodom and Gomorrah spared everyone in Nineveh.
- ✓ The God who killed Uzzah for touching the ark healed the woman who touched His Son.
- ✓ The God who destroyed His own people for their sin forgave the woman taken in adultery.

So What?

- Some of us would rather think of God as Yahweh and ignore that He is also Elohim.
- Some of us tend to think of God as Elohim and while forgetting that he is also Yahweh.