

El Elyon

(The Most High God)

First time used in the Bible: Genesis 14, verse 18.

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he [was] the priest of the most high God."

Another example: Psalms 57, Verse 2.

"I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth [all things] for me."

INFORMATION

Elyon literally means "Most High" and is found throughout the Old Testament. In Old Testament times, there were many gods being worshipped by various nations and peoples. God, by using the term "El Elyon" is establishing himself as higher than all of them. In particular, we can consider God's use of this name within its context, when we read about Melchizedek. The Bible clarifies with whom Melchizedek is a priest for. There were many priests in that time, but this one was different. (Melchizedek is a study in itself, but we will leave that for another day.) When David was writing the Psalms, he left no uncertainty as to whom he was speaking. Heathen nations couldn't escape the truth that David worshipped the Most High God.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

When we measure all of the things in our lives that matter to us, whether that is a thing we enjoy, a person we love or something we aspire to do, we must always remember that God is above all of these things. He is to be the Most High in our lives. We are not to put anything above Him. Remember, always, that when we are in need, the God Most High is more than able to meet these needs. When we make lists of the things that are important to us, our top priority should be God.

Relevant Passages

Psalm 7:17

I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

Psalm 21:7

For the king trusteth in the Lord, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

Psalm 47:2

For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

Psalm 50:14

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

Daniel 3:26

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

Daniel 4:34

And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

Daniel 7:27

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Luke 8:28

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.