

Names of God part 20

Name: El Olam (ale o-lawm')

Passage: Genesis 21:22-33

Many times, it is very difficult for our finite minds to grasp the idea of something always existing. In our world, things always have a beginning and an end; however God is not part of our world. God created our world and therefore was here before our world came into being. He is El Olam or the Everlasting God. He is referred to by this name two times in Hebrew (Genesis 21:33; Isaiah 40:28), one time in Greek (Romans 16:26), and one time as the everlasting Father. (Isaiah 9:6)

From this name, we know that God is timeless and unchanging. Everything around us may be in a constant state of change; however, God has remained the same forever! Time has no boundary or power over God because God created time! Time never wears God out or caused God to faint. (Isaiah 40:28) El Olam is, was, and ever will be extant. (Psalm 90:2) Just think, Isaiah 9:6 declares God to be our everlasting Father! Imagine having a heavenly Father who will always be there for us because His throne is eternal. (Psalm 90:2)

Jesus Christ declared himself to be El Olam when He said: "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58). In Micah 5:2, it was foretold that Christ would be from everlasting. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Because Jesus has eternal life, He can give to us the gift of eternal life (John 3:16)! It is also promised that El Olam's judgements would be everlasting judgements on all who reject Him (Matthew 25:41, 46; Revelation 20:10)!

El Olam, we praise you as the Everlasting God. We know that time holds no limit on You. Thank you for giving us the gift of everlasting life through Jesus Christ. Because of this gift, we know that you are our everlasting Father who will never leave us nor forsake us. All others may change and abandon us, but You will forever remain by our side. Thank you for giving us such an awesome promise in Your Everlasting Word!