

"The Great Adventure of Knowing God Through the Revelation of His Names"

Week 1: Session Guide

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Psalm 9:10 (NIV)***

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Week 1: In The Beginning

God's progressive "self-disclosure" of His names reveals His character, His ways, His Holiness, His personality, and His heart for—and ongoing pursuit of—a relationship with mankind. This reality is undeniably incredible!

Knowing God through His names isn't merely a pursuit to gain information, but rather an avenue through which we glean Biblical revelation; enabling us to experience a **spiritual knowing** that lends itself to deepened love, trust, and intimacy in our relationship with God. Psalm 9:10: *"Those who know your name trust in You."*

"Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." Psalm 9:10

Hebrew name of God first found in Genesis 1:1: Elohim. In all of Scripture, this plural name for God is found 32 times in Genesis 1, and over 2,500 times throughout the Bible.

Elohim means: God; Mighty Creator.

We are created in the image of God: *"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."* Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

Indeed.... *God is soooooo creative!* 😊

The challenge — Deadly D's: _____

Additional Thoughts: _____

Four key components for Spiritual Revival: God's Word, Prayer, a Yielded Heart, and Praise.

*"Be still and **know** that I am God." Psalm 46:10 (NIV)*

"Come to meet God, and He will come and stay close to you." Rendering of James 4:8: A handbook on the Letter from James

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Revelation 4:11

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Week 1: Growth Opportunity

Day 1: Read Genesis 1:1-28. What "glimpses of God's nature/character" do you glean in these verses? Sit with each statement; pause and ponder His handiwork! May the majestic not become mundane to us, mankind!

What relevance does any of this have on your life and on your perspective regarding God? _____

How "big" have you perceived God to be? _____

Are there any adjustments you need to make in your perception in light of His revealed power, attention to detail, and handiwork? If so, take some time to confess and repent, inviting Him to inhabit your heart as the GREAT and MIGHTY GOD, Elohim, that He is.

Day 2: Today there are two passages for personal reflection. Please write out both of these verses below:

Psalms 102:25-27a _____

Hebrews 13:8 _____

Pause your pace and ponder the truths contained in these passages. Note your personal reflections below. How do these truths impact your perception of God? Is there anything you have assumed about God that is contrary to these passages? If so, what? _____

Is there a personal impact these truths have on your life that is worthy of His praise? Conclude your time today in praise to **Elohim**; magnificent Creator; glorious, unchanging God. _____

Day 3: As God created mankind He undeniably proclaimed: _____.

As we've discussed, God created us in His image; imagine!!! He has entrusted us with a simultaneously precious, as well as potentially perilous, entity: free will. A "love relationship" isn't an authentic love relationship if love and loyalty are demanded.

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV) states: "*His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*" What are 1-2 truths clearly stated in this passage? (Facts!!)

Thus, what are the benefits of looking outside of God, and His will and Word, for self-improvement, self-fulfillment and self-help? _____

Conclude your time today as fully focused as you can be on Elohim; the God of creation who created you as His wonderful, marvelous, one-of-a-kind Kingdom design! (Ephesians 2:10): _____

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YOU reflect Him! Believe it Sweet Sister! **His Word is Truth!!!** Amen!

Day 4: Schemes and themes designed to distract, discourage, and yield a posture of defeat. Write out this entire verse: John 10:10. What are 3 facts about spiritual schemes that are from the pit? _____

Wow; very specific intentions on his end. What does the remainder of John 10:10 state? _____

Wow! What marvelous divine declarations! We can become weary, entangled, and disillusioned. If you can relate, take a closer look at James 4:7 and then James 4:8. This requires intentionality, Sister! Remember who has created you! Please take some time to look up and write out two more passages: Isaiah 40:26 _____

1 Thessalonians 5:24 _____

Close your time today standing firmly on the facts of who God is, and what His Word states as Truth! _____

Day 5: Today we will conclude our first week of study in which we've focused upon God's nature as Mighty Creator, Elohim. Ask Him to open your "spiritual eyes" and your heart to Him as you read Genesis 2 in its entirety. Don't read it as if you "know" the storyline; read it with a desire to catch a greater glimpse of God, Elohim! He is indeed glorious, and so very creative!! _____

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Close with Psalm 19:1 _____

We praise you Elohim, the God of all Creation!

"Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." Isaiah 40:26 (NIV)