

Yahweh & Elohim

Elohim, the Almighty Creator, and Yahweh, the covenant God, reveal why we were made for His glory and invited to carry His presence.

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Yahweh & Elohim - Names of God	Pastor Hannah Gillick
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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Elohim is the Almighty Creator who gives order and purpose to what He makes.

- Genesis opens with Elohim already present and speaking creation into being. ([Genesis 1:1](#))
- His Word establishes order, boundaries, function, and fruitfulness throughout creation. ([Genesis 1:9-19](#))
- Humanity was formed in His image and received life from His breath. ([Genesis 1:26-27](#); [Genesis 2:7](#))

"Elohim is the all supreme and all powerful God."

STUDY [Genesis 1:1](#); [Genesis 1:9-19](#); [Genesis 1:26-27](#); [Genesis 2:7](#)

02 You were created for God's glory, not for a life built around self.

- God formed and called His people for His own glory. ([Isaiah 43:7](#))
- He knew and fashioned every life before its days unfolded. ([Psalm 139:13-16](#))
- His thoughts toward us include a future and a hope, but His purpose still calls for surrender. ([Jeremiah 29:11](#))

"I made you for my glory."

STUDY [Isaiah 43:7](#); [Psalm 139:13-16](#); [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

03 Elohim is merciful, yet He remains the rightful Judge of His creation.

- Creation itself bears witness to God's eternal power and leaves humanity accountable before Him. ([Romans 1:18-25](#))
- God's mercy gives people time to turn, but His kindness should never be mistaken for approval of sin. ([Acts 17:30](#))
- What is impossible in human strength remains possible with the God who made us. ([Matthew 19:26](#))

"We have talked about tonight both the severity and the mercy of Elohim."

STUDY [Romans 1:18-25](#); [Acts 17:30](#); [Matthew 19:26](#)

04 Yahweh is the self-existent covenant God who wants to dwell with His people.

- At the burning bush, God revealed His covenant name as I AM and declared it His memorial name. ([Exodus 3:13-15](#))
- The One whom heaven cannot contain chooses to look toward the humble heart that trembles at His Word. ([Isaiah 66:1-2](#))
- Yahweh is not distant; He invites His people to draw near and live conscious of His presence. ([James 4:8](#))

"You are the resting place of Yahweh."

STUDY [Exodus 3:13-15](#); [Isaiah 66:1-2](#); [James 4:8](#)

05 Jesus revealed the great I AM and brought us into personal fellowship with God.

- Jesus used the divine name I AM, and His hearers understood the claim He was making. ([John 8:58-59](#))
- The covenant God did not merely reveal information about Himself; He came near and made Himself known.
- Knowing Yahweh should deepen worship, strengthen holiness, and produce a life that carries His presence.

"Jesus also revealed Himself as Yahweh. Jesus is Yahweh."

STUDY [John 8:58-59](#); [Exodus 3:13-15](#); [Isaiah 66:1-2](#)

Read the Word in context.

[Genesis 1:1](#)

[Genesis 1:9-19](#)

[Genesis 1:26-27](#)

[Genesis 2:7](#)

[Exodus 3:13-15](#)

[Psalms 23:4](#)

[Psalms 139:13-16](#)

[Isaiah 43:7](#)

[Isaiah 66:1-2](#)

[Jeremiah 29:11](#)

[Matthew 19:26](#)

[Luke 5:17](#)

[John 8:58-59](#)

[Acts 17:30](#)

[Romans 1:18-25](#)

[1 Corinthians 14:26](#)

[1 John 4:4](#)

[James 4:8](#)

How will knowing His name change the way you live?

Which name of God - Elohim or Yahweh - most changes how you see Him, and why?

Where has personal ambition competed with the purpose of glorifying God?

What area requires a fresh no to sin and a renewed surrender to His holiness?

How will knowing Yahweh as the covenant God change your worship and daily awareness of His presence?
