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A-Z Guide to the Names of God

All the Glorious Names!

This is a listing, in alphabetical order, of the names of God and the Scripture passages where they are found. The names are from the New International Version, unless otherwise noted.

Abba	Romans 8:15
Advocate	1 John 2:1 (кյv)
Almighty	Psalm 68:14
Alpha	Revelation 22:13
Amen	Revelation 3:14
Ancient of Days	Daniel 7:9
Anointed One	Psalm 2:2
Apostle and High Priest	Hebrews 3:1
Arm of the Lord	Isaiah53:1
Author of Life	Acts 3:15
Author of Our Faith	Hebrews 12:2
Beginning and the End	Revelation 21:6
Blessed and Only Ruler	1 Timothy 6:15
Branch	Jeremiah 33:15
Bread of God	John 6:33

Bread of Life Bridegroom **Bright Morning Star Chief Shepherd Chosen One** Christ **Christ Jesus Our Lord Christ of God** Christ the Lord Christ, the Son of the **Living God** Comforter Commander **Consolation of Israel Consuming Fire**

Cornerstone Counselor Creator Deliverer **Desired of All Nations** Door **El Shaddai Eternal God Everlasting Father Exact Representation of** His [God's] Being Faithful and True **Faithful Witness** Father Firstborn Among Many Brothers Romans 8:29 Firstborn from the Dead

John 6:35 Isaiah 62:5 Revelation 22:16 1 Peter 5:4 Isaiah 42:1 Matthew 22:42 Romans 6:23 Luke 9:20 Luke 2:11 Matthew 16:16

John 14:26 (кју) Isaiah 55:4 Luke 2:25 Deuteronomy 4:24; Hebrews 12:29 Isaiah 28:16 John 14:26 1 Peter 4:19 Romans 11:26 Haggai 2:7 John 10:7 (кју) Genesis 17:1 (HEBREW) Deuteronomy 33:27 Isaiah 9:6 Hebrews 1:3

Revelation 19:11 Revelation 1:5 Matthew 6:9 Revelation 1:5

Firstborn Over All Creation Firstfruits Foundation Friend of Tax Collectors and "Sinners" **Gentle Whisper Gift of God Glory of the Lord** God **God Almighty** God Over All God Who Sees Me **Good Shepherd Great High Priest Great Shepherd** Guide Head of the Body Head of the Church Heir of All Things **High Priest Forever Holy One** Holy One of Israel **Holy Spirit** Hope Horn of Salvation I Am Image of God **Image of His Person** Immanuel Jehovah Jesus Judge

Colossians 1:15 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23 1 Corinthians 3:11 Matthew 11:19 1 Kings 19:12 John 4:10 Isaiah 40:5 Genesis 1:1 Genesis 17:1 Romans 9:5 Genesis 16:13 John 10:11 Hebrews 4:14 Hebrews 13:20 Psalm 48:14 Colossians 1:18 Ephesians 5:23 Hebrews 1:2 Hebrews 6:20 Acts 2:27 Isaiah 49:7 John 14:26 Titus 2:13 Luke 1:69 Exodus 3:14; John 8:58 2 Corinthians 4:4 Hebrews 1:3 (KJV) Isaiah 7:14 Psalm 83:18 (KIV) Matthew 1:21 Isaiah 33:22; Acts 10:42

King

King Eternal King of Kings King of the Ages Lamb of God Last Adam Lawgiver Leader Life Light of the World Like an Eagle Lily of the Valley Lion of the Tribe of Judah **Living Stone Living Water** Lord Lord God Almighty Lord Jesus Christ Lord of All Lord of Glory Lord of Lords Lord Our Righteousness Love Man of Sorrows Master Mediator Merciful Messenger of the Covenant Messiah **Mighty God Mighty One** Nazarene

Zechariah 9:9 1 Timothy 1:17 1 Timothy 6:15 Revelation 15:3 John 1:29 1 Corinthians 15:45 Isaiah 33:22 Isaiah 55:4 John 14:6 John 8:12 Deuteronomy 32:11 Song of Solomon 2:1 Revelation 5:5 1 Peter 2:4 John 4:10 John 13:13 Revelation 15:3 1 Corinthians 15:57 Acts 10:36 1 Corinthians 2:8 1 Timothy 6:15 Jeremiah 23:6 1 John 4:8 Isaiah 53:3 Luke 5:5 1 Timothy 2:5 Jeremiah 3:12 Malachi 3:1 John 4:25 Isaiah 9:6 Isaiah 60:16 Matthew 2:23

Offspring of David Omega **Only Begotten Son Our Passover Lamb Our Peace** Potter Power of God **Prince of Peace** Prophet Purifier Rabboni (Teacher) **Radiance of God's Glory** Redeemer **Refiner's Fire Resurrection and the Life Righteous One** Rock **Root of David Rose of Sharon Ruler of God's Creation** Ruler of the Kings of the Earth **Ruler Over Israel** Savior Scepter out of Israel Seed Servant Shepherd and Overseer of Your Souls Shield Son of David Son of God Son of Man

Revelation 22:16 Revelation 22:13 John 1:18 (KJV) 1 Corinthians 5:7 Ephesians 2:14 Isaiah 29:16 1 Corinthians 1:24 Isaiah 9:6 Acts 3:22 Malachi 3:3 John 20:16 Hebrews 1:3 Iob 19:25 Malachi 3:2 John 11:25 1 John 2:1 1 Corinthians 10:4 Revelation 22:16 Song of Solomon 2:1 Revelation 3:14 Revelation 1:5 Micah 5:2 Luke 2:11 Numbers 24:17 Genesis 3:15 Isaiah 42:1 1 Peter 2:25 Genesis 15:1

Matthew 1:1 Matthew 27:54 Matthew 8:20

Son of the Most High	Luke 1:32
Source of Eternal Salvation	Hebrews 5:9
Spirit of God	Genesis 1:2
Star out of Jacob	Numbers 24:17
Stone	1 Peter 2:8
Sun of Righteousness	Malachi 4:2
Teacher	John 13:13
True Light	John 1:9
True Witness	Revelation 3:14
Truth	John 14:6
Vine	John 15:5
Way	John 14:6
Wisdom of God	1 Corinthians 1:24
Witness	Isaiah 55:4
Wonderful Counselor	Isaiah 9:6
Word	John 1:1
Word of God	Revelation 19:13

Join All the Glorious Names



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PREFACE

erhaps you received this book as a gift. Each of the names of God is a gift to us, lighting up a facet of who God is, and lighting it up as clearly as when that name was first given us in Scripture. This is a book of invitations to worship. I invite you to think of your written responses as part of that worship. Each meditation is an attempt to attribute worth to our God by naming one of God's names. They are designed to be used in private worship, but they could also be used by those who wish to lead a group in a brief time of focusing on God, and who God is.

As I have reread the words I typed on my manual typewriter over three decades ago, I have been struck by the fact that, while much in my life and in our world has changed, our God has not changed! I am truly honored by the decision of HarperCollins to republish these meditations.

As I have studied these names, I have been impressed with how many pairs of them stand in stark contrast to each other! God is the Lord and the Servant. God is the Lamb and the Lion and the Lioness. God is the Shepherd and the Lamb. The Alpha and the Omega, the Almighty and the Abba. The minute we have the audacity to think we understand, God brings to mind another name, equally true but which seems to shatter the mold into which we have just tried to cram our very great God. Looking at these contrasting pairs of names is like seeing only the "legs" of a giant parabola! We know they meet and are one, even if we don't see quite how.

I pray these meditations will serve as aperitifs to whet your appetite for your own further reflection and study. I invite you to name the names of our God with me, and as you do so, be full of wonder that our great God has said, "I have called *you* by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1 Rsv, emphasis added).

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ALPHA

Scripture: Genesis 1:1–2; John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. (John I:I-2)

I am the Alpha . . . , the First . . . , the Beginning. (Rev. 22:13)

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ime had a beginning. Creation had a beginning. We had a beginning. Civilizations have a beginning. Books have a beginning. All of the endeavors we would undertake have their beginning.

But God? God has no beginning. Before any other beginning began, God was. "Before Abraham was born, I am!" declared Jesus (John 8:58). Why, then, would the eternal God have named himself Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, the beginning? It must have been because God is the great Beginner of all other beginnings! "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:3).

> Christ, to thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore.

> > -Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-c. 410)

Alpha God, we lay before you that which we will attempt to begin this day. We acknowledge that without you, all our attempts at beginnings are in vain. We can't see what will result from that which we now begin. Apprehension is mixed with our enthusiasm. We place it before you, Alpha God, knowing that you see not just the beginning but the whole.

We worship you; we build our lives upon you, our Alpha God, who is truly without beginning. What new thing is God beginning in your life? Maybe it's something physical or even emotional or spiritual. How might you trust God with that new thing? Write about it below.



THE GOD WHO SEES ME

Scripture: Genesis 16; 21:8–20

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are **the God who sees me**," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." (Gen. 16:13)

uring the construction of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., a visitor stopped to watch an elderly stone carver working painstakingly at his craft. The visitor noted that when this particular piece of carving was put in place, it would be next to the wall, where no one could see it.

"Why are you working so hard on something no one will ever see?" asked the amazed onlooker.

"God will see it," replied the carver.

Sometimes it is a little unsettling to realize that ours is a God who is all-seeing! We'd rather put our mistakes and blemishes in the shadows, in a corner, against a wall—anything to get them out of sight. At times we succeed in hiding that which we wish to hide from other people, but we never can hide it from God's penetrating, purifying gaze:

> The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

> > (Prov. 15:3)

But there are other times when, like Hagar, we marvel with gratitude at the God who sees. The problems we encounter that no one else seems to understand—God sees.

> He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night,

THE GOD WHO SEES ME

The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

(Ps. 121:3-8)

Our Seeing God penetrates and purges the dark corners of our sinfulness.

Our Seeing God protects and preserves us from danger. Our Seeing God feels our private pain along with us.

Seeing God, we praise your name! Today we trust you with the thoughts of our hearts and the works of our hands which are unseen by others. Today we trust you with the future we cannot see, grateful that you will see us into it and through it.

We sometimes fool ourselves into thinking God is occupied by other, more important matters. What worries have you let fool you into thinking God doesn't see? Are there dark corners you wish God wouldn't see? Write about them and hand them over to God here.



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