

The Greatness Of God - A Study Of God (Part 2) A.W. Tozer: "God's greatness is the sum of His perfections" (The Knowledge of the **G) NAMES OF GOD (Self-Revealed Titles in Scripture) (Part 2)**) These names disclose aspects of God's essence, character, covenantal identity, and activity. They are revelatory bridges between His essence and His attributes: **YHWH** = LORD - Yahweh (as best we can decipher). The tetragrammaton. (Covenantal Names.) **El** = God. (Creatorship names, not so much names as descriptions of who He is.) **Adon	Adonai \ Adonim** = Lord. Master/s, owner/s, Ruler of All. (Psa 147:5; 86:12) They all denote headship in various aspects. Adon = as ruler in the earth, over-lord... Adonim = as owner. Adonai = as blesser. **Jehovah** = YHWH + vowels of adonai = LORD. (Jehovah is a made up word. There is no 'J' in Hebrew language.) **El - Creatorship Names of God** - 1) El : God - an object of worship rather than a name. Literally means to be strong, powerful or mighty. A generic name referring to God's creation, power etc. El is used as a compound name. El as a compound name is generally to show some power or attribute of God in relation to His creation/creatures. - 2) Elohim : The Omnipotent. Plurality of Divine Persons. (Gen 14:18-22; Gen 16:13; Gen 1:1; Exo 3:1-6; 15; Ps 45:2,6. - 3) El-Elyon : the Most High God. (Gen 14:18) - 4) El-Roi : the God that sees. (Gen 14:18) - 5) El-Shaddai : God Almighty, God all sufficient. (Gen 17:1) - 6) El-Olam : God the Everlasting. (Gen 23:13, eternity of being.) - 7) El-Bethel : God of the House of God. (Gen 31:13, 35:7) - 8) El-Elohe-Israel : God the God of the Prince of God. (Gen 33:20) - 9) Eloah : the one God. (Deu 32:15-17; Dan 2:11) God who wills and orders and the one object of worship. Connected with His will rather than His power. First occurrence used with worship. Eloah is name used to contest idols - living God. - 10) El-Gibbor : the Mighty or Great God. (Isa 9:6; Jer 32:18-19) Heroic. - 11) Elohim-Elyon : God, the Most High. (Psa 91:1-2, 78:56) - 12) Elohim-Saboth : God of Hosts. (Psa 80:7&8) Omnipotent. - 13) Immanuel-El : God with us. (Isa 7:14; Mat 1:21-23) God made flesh, the Incarnate Logos. (John 1:1-3, 14-18) **Covenantal Names of God** - 1) Jehovah : LORD or Ya'weh. "I AM THAT I AM" Self-existent One. (Exo 3:14-15) "Who was and is and is to come" Eternal. (Mal 3:6; Gen 21:33) God's own personal and distinct names. The Name is spoken of in relationship or covenant etc... Compound names show how He meets needs in redemptive power; ultimate in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Redemptive names point to Christ and are fulfilled in the Cross. - 2) Jehovah-Elohim : the Lord God, the Redeemer-Creator. (Gen:2:4) - 3) Jah : abbreviated form. Hallelu-jah. (Exo 15:2; 17:6; Ps 68:4) - 4) Jehovah-Elohim-Saboth : Lord of Hosts (heaven and earth Ps 84:8; Jer 15:16.) - 5) Adonai-Jehovah-Saboth : Master of Hosts. (Ps 69:6) - 6) Jah-Elohim : Lord God. (Ps 68:18) - 7) Jah-Jehovah : Lord Jehovah (for double emphasis.) (Isa 12:2; 26:4) - 8) Jehovah-Jireh : the Lord will provide. The Lord will see (to it). (Gen 22:14) - 9) Jehovah-Rapha : the Lord that heals. (Exo 15:26) - 10) Jehovah-Nissi : the Lord my Banner / Standard. (Exo 17:15) After Moses' victory. - 11) Jehovah-Kanna : the Lord who is jealous. (Exo 20:5; 34:14; Deu 5:9) - 12) Jehovah-Mekaddesum : the Lord who sanctifies. (Exo 31:3; Lev 20:8) - 13) Jehovah-Shalom : the Lord our Peace. (Jud 6:24) Because the Lord appeared to Gideon and gave him instructions. - 14) Jehovah-Shaphat : the Lord is Judge. (Jud 11:27) - 15) Jehovah-Saboth : the Lord of Hosts. (1Sam 1:3; Psa 24:10; 84:1&3) - 16) Jehovah-Elyon : the Lord Most High. (Psa 1:7) - 17) Jehovah-Raah (or Roi) : the Lord my Shepherd. (Psa 23:1) - 18) Jehovah-Hosenu : the Lord our Maker. (Psa 95:6) - 19) Jehovah-Gibborn : the Lord is Mighty. (Isa 42:13) - 20) Jehovah-Tsikenu : the Lord our Righteousness. (Jer 32:6) Name given to future King who would save Israel. - 21) Jehovah-Shammah : the Lord is There or Everpresent. (Eze 48:35) Ezekiel's restoration of Jerusalem. **The Foundation Of Christian Doctrine** Dr. Kevin J. Conner	Title	Transliteration	ESV Reference(s)	Theological Note		--------------------------	----------------------------	----------------------------	--		Son of God	Huios tou Theou	Mat 3:17; John 1:34	Denotes divine sonship; essential to Trinitarian theology and Messianic identity		Son of Man	Huios tou anthrōpou	Dan 7:13; Matt 26:64	Eschatological figure; emphasizes messianic humanity and human identification		Lamb of God	amnos tou Theou	John 1:29	Sacrificial substitution; fulfillment of Isa 53 and Passover typology		Messiah / Christos	Mashiach / Christos	John 1:41; Matt 16:16	Anointed One; foretold King and Redeemer of Israel.		The Word	ho Logos	John 1:1,14	Pre-incarnate divine reason and communication (cf. Gen 1, Prov 8)		Root of Jesse	shoresh Yishai	Isa 11:10; Rom 15:12	Messianic kingship rooted in David's line		I AM	egō eimi	John 8:58; Exod 3:14 (LXX)	Divine self-identification; YHWH echo in LXX		Lord of Glory	Kyrios tēs doxēs	1 Cor 2:8	Reflects exalted divine status post-resurrection		King of Kings	Basileus basileōn	Rev 19:16	Supreme authority over all earthly and spiritual powers		Lord of Lords	Kyrios kyriōn	Rev 19:16	Reinforces divine rule and eschatological reign		Alpha and Omega	to Alpha kai to Ω	Rev 22:13	Eternal existence; beginning and end of all history		Bright Morning Star	astér ho lampos ho prōinos	Rev 22:16	Messianic hope; fulfillment of Num 24:17		Holy One of God	ho hagios tou Theou	Mark 1:42; Acts 3:14	Divine purity and consecration		Prince of Peace	Sar Shalom	Isa 9:6	Messianic kingship defined by peace		Emmanuel	Immanu'el	Isa 7:14; Matt 1:23	"God with us"; incarnation of divine presence		Shepherd	poimēn	John 10:11	Jesus as protector and guide of His people		High Priest	archiereus	Heb 4:14-15	Mediator between God and man; fulfillment of Melchizedek type		Faithful and True	pistos kai alethinos	Rev 19:11	Righteous judge; moral perfection		Firstrborn from the Dead	protokotos ektōn nekrōn	Col 1:18; Rev 1:5	Primacy over resurrection and the new creation	This is just a few of the many names attributed to Jesus. **Holy Spirit:** - The Holy Spirit Ps 51:1; Isa 63:10-11; Luke 11:13 - The Spirit (of God) Gen 1:2; Matt 4:3; Acts 2:4 - The Spirit of God Gen 1:2; Exod 31:3; Matt 3:16 - The Spirit of the LORD Jud 3:10; 1Sam 10:10; Luke 4:18 - The Spirit of the Lord GOD Isa 61:1 - The Spirit of the living God 2 Cor 3:3 - The Lord, the Spirit 2 Cor 3:17-18 This is just a few of the many names attributed to Jesus. **G) Covenantal Faithfulness of God (Part 3)** **Definition:** God's steadfast love and truthfulness to His covenantants. The OT term 'loving-kindness' concept is derived from God faithfully keeping His promises/covenants. **Biblical Basis:** Exod. 34:6; Ps. 89; Rom. 11:29. God's reliability to His promises, especially in relation to Israel and the Church. **The 9 Covenants of God** To truly understand the God of the Bible, one must understand Him as a **Covenant-Making and Covenant-Keeping God**. The covenants structure the entire biblical narrative and reveal God's unfolding redemptive plan. There are 3 aspects to a covenant: the **Promise**; the **Blood of the Covenant**; the **Seal of the Covenant**. And all covenants are either unconditional or conditional. Note correlating cascading truths: Essence → Attribute → Character → Spirit(YHWH) → aseity/fidelity → covenant faithfulness All other covenants are an unfolding of this first one: **Heb 13:20** Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, 21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. **The Everlasting Covenant** – (Conditional) God's eternal redemptive covenant to be secured by Christ's blood. Speaking of the 'eternity' of the New Covenant' made within the Godhead, before the world began, eternity past: Hebrews 13:20–21 "the God of peace... by the blood of the eternal covenant... equip you with everything good that may do his will" **Blood of the Covenant:** "Blood of the eternal covenant" (Heb 13:20) **Seal of the Covenant:** Eternal life promised before time. Participation applied by faith (Rom 3:25–26). **The Edenic Covenant** – (Conditional) Mandate of fruitfulness, stewardship, and dominion given to humanity in creation: Genesis 1:26–30 (cf. 2:15–17) "Be fruitful and multiply... fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion... I have given you every plant for food" **Blood:** Adam's blood was sinless. 'The life is in the blood' Lev 17:11–14. **Seal:** The Tree of Life. It is restored in Christ. **The Adamic Covenant** – (Unconditional) Judicial curses after the Fall with the first promise of a Redeemer: Genesis 3:1–24 "I will put enmity... he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel... cursed is the ground... he drove out the man" **Seal:** Coats of skin acceptable to God. **The Noahic Covenant** – (Unconditional) Preservation of the created order and restraint of universal judgment; sign: the rainbow: Genesis 8 & 9 "I establish my covenant... never again shall all flesh be cut off... I have set my bow in the cloud" **Seal:** Noah sacrificed many burnt offerings. **The Abrahamic Covenant** – (Unconditional) Salvation in Christ, promises of land, and nations blessed: Genesis 12:1–3; 15; 17:22 "I will make of you a great nation... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed... to your offspring I give this land... I will establish my covenant... an everlasting covenant... by myself I have sworn" **Blood:** The 5 sacrifices of Genesis 15. **Seal:** Circumcision (Gen 17:11) **The Mosaic Covenant** – (Conditional) Israel's national constitution at Sinai: law, priesthood, and sacrificial system. Exodus 20–40 "All that the LORD has spoken we will do... the blood of the covenant... make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst" **Seal:** Sabbath as a sign (Exod 31:13,17) **The Davidic Covenant** – (Unconditional) Perpetual dynasty culminating in the Messianic King: 2 Samuel 7:4–29; Psalms 89 "I will raise up your offspring after you... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (2 Sam 7) ... "I have made a covenant with my chosen... I will establish your offspring forever" (Ps 89) **Blood:** David's sacrifices at the return of the Ark of the Covenant. **Seal:** The sun and moon. 'As long as the sun and the moon exist, the seed of David will sit on the throne.' **The New Covenant** – (Conditional) Promised restoration to the land with repentance and renewal: Deuteronomy 27–30 "the LORD your God will restore your fortunes... and will bring you into the land... you shall return to the LORD" **Blood:** Sacrifices of Deut 11; 28; 29. **Seal:** The early and the latter rains. Obedience brought fruitfulness. **The Palestinian (Land) Covenant** – (Conditional) Promised restoration to the land with repentance and renewal: Deuteronomy 27–30 "the LORD your God will restore your fortunes... and will bring you into the land... you shall return to the LORD" **Blood:** Sacrifices of Deut 11; 28; 29. **Seal:** The early and the latter rains. Obedience brought fruitfulness. **The Greatness Of God—The study of God encapsulated in a phrase** The Greatness of God gathers every preceding unsearchable totality strand—Nature, Attributes, Character, Personhood, Trinity, Works, and Revelation—into one doxological summit. The **greatness of God** is the unsearchable totality of His Nature, Attributes, Character, Personhood, Godhead, Names, and every facet of His self-manifestation and relation to creation. Scripture employs "greatness" as an inclusive cipher that gathers all revealed perfections into one doxological whole: - **Essence (A)** — who God is in Himself (ontological being), simple and undivided. - **Unsearchable Greatness:** Deuteronomy 32:3–4 "Ascribe greatness to our God... His work is perfect... all His ways are justice." - **Attributes (B)** — the conceptual perfections by which His one Essence is revealed (incommunicable/communicable). - **Yours Is the Greatness:** 1 Chronicles 29:11 "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, glory, victory, and the majesty..." - **Character (C)** — the moral-relational outworking of His Essence and Attributes in history. Below is a **broad, representative catalogue**: ***** God's Being & Ways ***** - **Transcendence ↔ Immanence:** High and holy, yet near to the contrite. (Isa 57:15; Ps 145:18) - **Infinity ↔ Particularity:** Fills heaven and earth, yet dwells with a people/places. (Jer 23:24; Exod 25:8; John 1:14) - **Holiness ↔ Nearness:** Consuming fire, yet "Our Father" and Indweller. (Heb 12:29; Matt 6:9; Rom 8:9) - **Invisibility ↔ Revelation:** No one has seen God; the Son makes Him known. (John 1:18; Heb 1:2) - **Impassibility (unchanging) ↔ Divine Affections:** "I do not change" yet His compassions "grow warm." - **Simplicity ↔ Manifold Perfections:** The LORD is one, yet rich in mercy, justice, wisdom. (Exod 6:4; Exod 34:6–7) - **Sovereign Will ↔ Human Freedom:** Works all things; calls to choose/obey. (Eph 1:11; Josh 24:15) - **Providence ↔ Petition:** Decrees stand; "you have not because you ask not." (Isa 46:10; Jas 4:2; Matt 6:10) - **Justice ↔ Mercy:** Does not clear the guilty; justifies the ungodly in Christ. (Exod 34:7; Rom 3:26; 4:5) - **Jealousy Glory ↔ Saving Love:** For His name's sake He saves His people. (Isa 48:11; Ps 106:8) In the OT: The primary Hebrew word is 'gadol'. This word signifies not just physical size but preeminence, importance, and supreme rank. - **Psalm 145:3:** "Great (gadol) is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable." - **God's eternal, self-existent reality grounds everything else about Him.** - **It frames simplicity, aseity, immutability, and why paradoxes are apparent tensions from the creaturely side.** - **Scripture holds many "both/and" tensions; making a literally complete list isn't possible.** In the NT: The Greek equivalent is 'μέγας' (megas), which carries the same force of supremacy and majesty. - **God's will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.** - **God's love for us is the very reason for praise and the object of awe-filled contemplation.** - **God's holiness is the consuming fire that purifies us and indwells us.** - **God's power is the strength that overcomes all in wisdom, holiness, and steadfast love.** - **God's justice is the moral law that judges us and punishes us.** - **God's mercy is the compassion that loves us and saves us.** - **God's omniscience is the knowledge that sees us and knows us.** - **God's omnipotence is the strength that overcomes all in wisdom, holiness, and steadfast love.** - **God's aseity is the fact that He is not dependent on anything else.** - **God's immutability is the fact that He does not change.** - **God's simplicity is the fact that He is one, yet rich in mercy, justice, wisdom, power, glory, victory, and the majesty.** - **God's manifold perfections are the many ways in which He is great.** - **God's saving love is the fact that He saves us.** - **God's jealousy is the fact that He loves us and hates what is contrary to us.** - **God's glory is the fact that He is the source of all glory.** **APPENDIX 1. List of Seeming Paradoxes of God and His Dealings With Us** All doctrine of God unfolds under this axiom (foundational statement or principle, serving as the starting point for further reasoning or argument): Rom 11:33 "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable are His ways!" 34 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? 35 Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To whom be glory forever. Amen." Here's a concise, parallel set of definitions for each category and what each says of God: - **Ascribe Greatness:** Deuteronomy 32:3–4 "Ascribe greatness to our God... His work is perfect... all His ways are justice." - **Unsearchable Greatness:** Psalm 145:3 "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; His greatness is unsearchable." - **Attributes (B)** — the conceptual perfections by which His one Essence is revealed (incommunicable/communicable). - **Yours Is the Greatness:** 1 Chronicles 29:11 "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, glory, victory, and the majesty..." - **Character (C)** — the moral-relational outworking of His Essence and Attributes in history. **APPENDIX 2. The "Cascading Effect" of God's Self-Revelation:** Essence → Attribute → Character → Personhood → Godhead → Additional Facts → Revelation → Greatness Here's a concise, parallel set of definitions for each category and what each says of God: - **Ascribe Greatness:** Deuteronomy 32:3–4 "Ascribe greatness to our God... 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You may not go up into that land which I have given to the Amorites; but I will drive them out for you. You shall not go up by the way of the Amorites, for that is a way of war; but you shall go up by the way of the Philistines, for that is a way of water; and I will give you rest from your enemies on all sides; and I will drive them out before you, and you shall possess their land." Then Moses said to the Lord, "If I go up among the Amorites and I fight with them, and I die, who will go out for me?" The Lord said to Moses, "I will be with you, and I will not let you fall into the power of your enemies, for I will be with you wherever you go." - **Joshua** Num 27:15: "The Lord said to Joshua, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel, and take with you some of the tribe of Levi, and take with you the Ark of the Covenant, and go up into this land which I am giving to the children of Israel, and speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, "This is the land which I have sworn to give to your fathers; go in and possess it. And as for the Amorites who dwell in the land, I will put them out before you; and you shall drive them out, and you shall possess their land, for I will give you their land and their country as an inheritance, and I will give you a land that flows with milk and honey."' - **Samuel** 1 Sam 16:1: "The Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his height, or his appearance, or anything else; for I have chosen him to be king.'" - **David** 1 Sam 16:13: "The Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his height, or his appearance, or anything else; for I have chosen him to be king.'" - **Paul** 1 Cor 10:12: "Therefore, as regards the eating of things offered to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Therefore, if knowledge has made you arrogant, and if the love of money has made you proud, you should not be arrogant, but should rather be humbly circumcised." - **Paul** 1 Cor 10:13: "Therefore, as regards the eating of things offered to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Therefore, if knowledge has made you arrogant, and if the love of money has made you proud, you should not be arrogant, but should rather be humbly circumcised." - **Paul** 1 Cor 10:14: "Therefore, as regards the eating of things offered to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Therefore, if knowledge has made you arrogant, and if the love of money has made you proud, you should not be arrogant, but should rather be humbly circumcised." - **Paul** 1 Cor 10:15: "Therefore, as regards the eating of things offered to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. 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