



El Shaddai – God Almighty

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Genesis 17:1-2

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INTRODUCTION:

This week Pastor Mark taught us about El Shaddai, *God Almighty*. You can find the sermon notes and summary [here](#),¹ and listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).²

SCRIPTURE:

Turn to Genesis 17:1-2 in your Bible or [click here](#).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. God reveals himself to Abram as “God Almighty” and promises to do the impossible. He promises to make this childless, ninety-nine year old man into a father of nations, changing his name to Abraham which means “*father of a multitude*.” It is no accident that God uses impossible situations to glorify his name. He is God almighty, and is able to carry out his promises despite our lack of ability or resources. How should this affect our trust in him and our willingness to carry out his will in our lives and in our congregation?
2. God first called Abraham in Genesis 12, promising to make him into a great nation. Abraham’s story unfolds as we see him struggle to accomplish God’s promise in various ways: He attempts to make his nephew—Lot—his heir; he tries to make his servant Eliezer of Damascus his heir; he even takes another wife (of child bearing age) and has a son, Ishmael. This was not God’s plan. He is *El-Shaddai*, God Almighty, the God who does the impossible. Has God called you do something that seems beyond your means? Are you struggling to accomplish it within your own ability? Remember, if God has called us to do the impossible, he will also provide the means. We must trust him and follow his plan.
3. Take the time this week to read how God worked in the life of Abraham in Genesis 12-25. How has God displayed his power as God Almighty in your own life? Will you glorify God by remembering and sharing your story (his story!) with other people?

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE:

God will keep his promises in his time, not ours. We must seek God’s will and wait patiently on him, moving as he directs us. God’s plan is not based on our strength or ability; he is able to do all that he promises. To enjoy God’s promises we must walk with him and live a holy life. We are not saved by works, but we are called to live our lives for him.³

AT A GLANCE:

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.’” (Genesis 17:1–2 ESV)

¹ <https://wheelsms.wordpress.com/2016/06/19/el-shaddai-god-almighty/>

² <http://firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/thenamesofgod.html>

³ Adapted from Pastor Mark’s sermon notes



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