



El Elyon: The Most High God

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Genesis 14:17-24

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INTRODUCTION:

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

SCRIPTURE: Turn to Genesis 14:17-24 in your Bible or [click here](#).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. God had promised to bless Abram and make him a blessing to the nations (Gen. 12:1-3). In Gen 14:22 we see that Abram is holding to that promise, knowing that the Lord (Yahweh) who created everything is God Most High (EL Elyon), Possessor of the earth. Knowing that God would deliver what he had promised, Abram would not stand for anyone taking credit for what God would do for him (23). What is God doing in your life? How can you give him credit and bring glory to his name?
2. Abram gave up all the riches he obtained while rescuing Lot so that no one could claim credit for his successes (14:22-23). Afterward God reassures Abram that he will indeed protect and bless him (15:1). Sometimes we act in faith based on God's promises, but then worry begins to set in (see Abram in Gen 15:2). But God reassures his people that his promises are true. Worry is a spiritual attack that strikes at our faith. We ought not worry, but instead seek after God, his righteousness, and his glory. He is faithful to deliver that which he has promised. Read and compare Matt 6:27-34.
3. Melchizedek was a king and a priest of the Lord, the God Most High (20, 22). He foreshadowed Jesus, who is also King and Priest (Read Hebrews 7). Just as there is no other God but the God most high, Jesus is our only high priest, and in him we have direct access to God. The fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham was ultimately through Jesus Christ, through whom God blessed all the world by providing a way of access to God through faith and for forgiveness in Christ.

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE:

El Elyon created, owns, and rules the universe (19). He protects and delivers his people, and deserves our worship (20). El Elyon deserves our allegiance and trust (22). Are you following the gods of this world, or have you pledged your allegiance to the Most High God? God is the only one worthy to be worshipped and deserves our allegiance and devotion.

AT A GLANCE:

“But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’” (Genesis 14:22-23 ESV)

¹ <https://wheelsms.wordpress.com/2016/06/26/el-elyon-the-most-high-god/>

