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The Names of Love - Part 2, El Shaddai

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I AM God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. I will confirm my covenant between Me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” (Genesis 17:1–2)

The Name of God in this passage is El Shaddai - God Almighty, the All Sufficient God or a literal translation - God, the Mountain One; the strong and unchanging One; The Most High. God reveals this name to Abram in the process of giving him a promise. Now this promise was quite a promise for a ninety-nine year old man. Gen. 17:4-8 “As for Me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish My covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

Abram, at ninety-nine years and his wife Sarai at ninety years old, finds it quite amazing and humorous that God would choose him to make this covenant with. I mean, how is this even going to be possible? Later, Jesus would say in Mt. 19:26 "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." We need to praise God, El Shaddai, because no matter how tough life is; no power in heaven or earth can thwart His plan for us as long as we follow Him.

Moses picks up this idea on the day that the Tabernacle was completed in Psalm 91:1-2; 14 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” “Because he loves Me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him for he acknowledges My name.”

It is the nature of God Almighty, to bless His children and protect them with His great might. Is. 41:10, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I AM your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Dear El Shaddai, God Almighty, I thank You today that nothing is too difficult for You. You can do all things. Your power is greater than any struggle that I might face. Your wisdom is deeper than any problem that I might have. I can trust You fully and I know that You love me and will take care of me. I love You Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen