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Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth Genesis 14 : 19

Sunday Lunch & Notices

I hope that you enjoyed last Sunday's 'lunch' of Joth Hunt's You Tube video 'Watching the sun rise'. If you haven't watched it yet it's still available, unlike our usual Sunday sermons!

This week why not watch SCBA Minister, Collin Norris' recent reflection. It's called Tired and Worn Out?.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=or1KG1YFKTc>

Just click on the link under the picture (it might be CTRL & Click for you) and you should get straight there or go onto YouTube and search for Southern Counties Baptist Association.

Don't forget to join us again on Zoom this Thursday for 'Thursday Night In' when Austin will be leading our time together. It will be a Harvest Festival. Use the usual links.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89028531215?pwd=T1BWT3ppWmRudXowa0VKN3pqSVdvdz09>

(This link should take you straight there!)

If you're using a tablet or smartphone, I can recommend downloading the Zoom app, then typing in the meeting ID and password (see below).

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0203 481 5237

or

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You will be then asked to either type in or say the

Meeting ID number, which is: 890 2853 1215

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What's in a name? (part 2) El Elyon

Dear Church Family,

As I said last week there were a number of other names or titles for God that the Jews used for God. God himself revealed these names to them over the course of their growing relationship with them. He did so at key times in their story and often at times of crisis. That makes me ask myself 'When I have a crisis in my life, do I expect God to teach me something about Himself?'

The first occasion when God was referred to as El Elyon comes during the story of Abram in chapter 14 of the book of Genesis. Abram's nephew Lot and his family had gone to live in Sodom and got caught up in a war between the king of Sodom and other kings in the area. Lot had been taken captive and Abraham took his private 'army' and went to the rescue, not just of Lot, but the other people of Sodom who had been captured. He's coming back with enough treasure and captives to make him wealthier than he already was. On the way he meets that chap with the unpronounceable name, Melchizedek, who was the king of what later became Jerusalem. Melchizedek greeted him and blessed him with 'Blessed be Abram, by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth and blessed be God Most High who delivered your enemies into your hand'. God Most High, Creator of Heaven and Earth or in Hebrew El Elyon.

And a song to sing or think about: -

Over all the earth, you reign on high,
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim
Is that you'd reign in me again.

*Lord, reign in me, reign in your power
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't you reign in me again.*

Over every thought, over every word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
because you mean more to me than any
earthly thing.
So won't you reign in me again.

*Lord reign in me, reign in your power;
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't you reign in me again.*

This new title for God reminded Abram who had given him the victory and whose possessions all his spoils of war really were. It enabled him to be magnanimous when he later met the king of Sodom and returned all the people and possessions to him, except Lot and his family.

So, what does this name for God have to say to us today?

- It reminds us that if we are going through a crisis ourselves God is able to give us the victory too.
- It reminds us that everything that we have in earthly possessions belongs ultimately to God and that we need to be accountable to Him for how we use what He has given us.
- It reminds us that He is most high, higher than any human being that we might look up to, respect, and who has authority over us. We may need to submit to human authority because God says we should, but God has ultimate authority in our lives.

Its good to know that the God we trust and who loves us is more powerful than all the human powers we see at work.

Janet

