

## Anthropomorphisms

God is husband, father, bridegroom (isa 61) judge, king, rouses like man of war, builder and maker, shepherd (lord is my shepherd) physician. God knows, remembers, sees, hears, smells, tastes, sitting, walking, wiping tears. These are descriptions we can understand. But He is infinitely better than any of the human versions of these characters.

## **The names of God**

A name is a description of a person's character (think: Jacob/Israel), or nature.

God (theos) this is the most frequent designation of YHWH in the New Testament and the most common translation in the Septuagint for Elohim. This word is also used in reference to the gods of paganism and even to the devil in two Corinthians 4:4 and sensuality in Philippians 3:19 in Romans 9:5, John 1:1, John 1:18, John 20:28, and Titus 2:13 Jesus is referred to as 'theos' or God.

Lord (Kurios) this word occurs 717 times in the New Testament, mostly by Luke (210) and Paul (275), probably due to the audience to which they were writing – people of a Greek culture and language.

Master (despotes) this word connotes the idea of ownership whereas Lord (Kurios) emphasizes authority and supremacy. It is found only in Luke 2:29 acts 4:24 Revelation 6:10 two Peter 2:1 and Jude 4.

Elohim 2570 times in the Old Testament. 2310 times as a name for the true God. First occurring in the first verse of the Bible. It is also used of false deities. Elohim is a plural word peculiar to the Old Testament and appears in no other somatic language. (This name is consistently used his singular verb forms and with adjectives and pronouns in the singular form. This plural of Majesty might denote God's unlimited greatness and supremacy.)

El Shaddai - this name of God pictures him as the Almighty one standing on a mountain.

El Elyon - "The most high God" first used by Melchizedek when he blessed Abraham Genesis 14:19.

El Olam "the everlasting God" "the God of eternity" Genesis 21:33

El Roi "God who sees" Genesis 16:13