

## El Olam

And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

### Genesis 21:33

Throughout the Bible, God is revealed through a variety of names, which reveal certain aspects and characteristics of His nature. In today's text, Abraham is introduced to El Olam, the everlasting God. As finite creatures, it is beyond our comprehension to grasp that God has no beginning or end. Our physical existence on earth has both a beginning and a termination point; but because God created us in His image, we possess an eternal soul and spirit. God's eternity is better perceived by faith than understood by the intellect.

The everlasting God and His eternal attributes should help and encourage believers in the varying phases of life. The following is just a small compilation of some of the everlasting treasures found in our great El Olam of the Scriptures.

*Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding. (Isaiah 40:28) Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD Jehovah is everlasting strength. (Isaiah 26:4) The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms... (Deuteronomy 33:27) For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (Psalm 100:5) Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. (Psalm 119:142) He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting. (Habakkuk 3:6) Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. (Psalm 145:13) And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads... (Isaiah 35:10) In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. (Isaiah 54:8) The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. (Jeremiah 31:3) Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our LORD Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant... (Hebrews 13:20) Now our LORD Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. (2Thessalonians 2:16) And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:40)*

The scriptures are designed to reveal God and His eternal plan for our life. The verses that remind us of His everlasting ways are of great help to us in our temporary situation. Whatever confronts us in life, El Olam is able to meet our needs. Today, put your full confidence in the One who is from everlasting to everlasting.

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