



# STUDY GUIDE

## MY NAME IS GOD: Week 2 2.16.14

### [SET-UP]

Was there anything from this last weekend's worship gathering that stood out or impacted you? If so, please share what and how?

Consider the phrase, "everyone is ruled by something". Would you agree or disagree with those words? How have you seen this be true or false in the lives of others? How about in your own life?

### [DIGGING DEEPER]

A sovereign is a ruler that has supreme rank, authority and power. God is the ultimate sovereign. The divine Sovereign above all sovereigns. When we speak of God being sovereign, we testify to His rule, control, authority and power over all things. The name of God that well expresses this aspect of His nature and character is "El Elyon". It means "God Most High". This name of God signifies God's superiority over all. That He is the Most High and exalted One.

Read Genesis 14:17-24. Here we see Abraham returning home from chasing down and defeating an allied force led by King Chedorlaomer that had captured Abraham's nephew as part of his recent spoil of war. Upon his return he interacts with King Bera of Sodom and the priestly King Melchizedek of Salem. During that exchange you see the reference of God as the "Most High" four times. What is the significance of that reference in these passages? What does it say about Abraham and Melchizedek since they refer to God in such a manner?

In contrast to Abraham and Melchizedek is our adversary the devil. He is the epitome of a self-centered, self-sufficient desire to be sovereign ruler. In Isaiah 14:12-15 there is part of the account of Satan's fall from heaven. In verse 14, Satan declared that he would be like "Elyon". How silly and sad that this angelic being convinced himself that he would be like the Most High, that he would be ruler. How are we tempted to do the same thing in our lives? How do you know when you slip into this fallacy?

Sometimes we strive to live a surrendered life to God as ruler but a former or new emotion or entity tries to convince you to that it's in charge. It may be in the form of a hostile take over like a coup, or perhaps a gradual subversive take over. Maybe it's a siege to your devotional life, church participation, LifeGroup involvement or accountability friends. All attempting to starve you out of your relationship with God. Do you recognize any attempts like this in your life?

We are drawn to self-sufficiency. We often deceive ourselves to think we can control life. When a crisis hits, we tend to turn to ourselves. The same when we have a lack of money, wisdom and happiness. One of the applications of understanding God as El Elyon, the Most High God, is to see, understand and believe in His sufficiency and our insufficiency. To turn from trusting in ourselves to trusting in Him. How does trusting El Elyon actually bring greater freedom to our lives? Peace? Hope? Joy?



Read and process this quote. Circle the word or phrase that you resonate with most.

“What do we mean by the sovereignty of God? We mean the supremacy of God, the kingship of God, the godhood of God. To say that God is Sovereign is to declare that God is God. To say that God is Sovereign is to declare that He is the Most High, doing according to His will in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, so that none can stay His hand or say unto Him what doest Thou? (Dan. 4:35). To say that God is Sovereign is to declare that He is the Almighty, the Possessor of all power in Heaven and earth, so that none can defeat His counsels, thwart His purpose, or resist His will (Psa. 115:3). To say that God is Sovereign is to declare that He is “The Governor among the nations” (Psa. 22:28), setting up kingdoms, overthrowing empires, and determining the course of dynasties as pleaseth Him best. To say that God is Sovereign is to declare that He is the “Only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords” (1 Tim. 6:15). Such is the God of the Bible.”  
A. W. Pink, The Sovereignty of God, chapter 1.

Additional verses of God as El Elyon for additional study or exploration:

2Sam. 22:14; Psalm 7:17; 9:2; 21:7; 47:2; 17:17,35; 83:18; 91:1; 92:1; 97:9; 107:11

## [LIVING IT OUT]

Who or what has been ruling your life recently? Yourself? Fear? Anger? Discontentment? Perfectionism? Another person's opinion? Something else? Are you ready to exchange that which you've allowed to be sovereign over you in place of recognizing the One who's is truly The Most High Sovereign?

What is something in your life that you have clutched with a tight fist and have not surrendered to God's rule? Are you willing to do that right now? How can you do that and what can you do to represent or symbolize it?

You can write down on a notecard or in your Bible that today you surrendered the rule of (fill in the blank) to El Elyon, the Most High God in recognition of His divine rule. You could also write down or print out one of the “El Elyon” verses from this study and place it in a visible and significant place. The same for a typed out prayer that you can pray when the temptation comes to drift from The Most High God.

Close your time in prayer affirming your understand of God as El Elyon, and praying over anything that was revealed during this study