GOD OF WONDERS

Last week's message on Preparing our Hearts! "Anchor our Souls from Drifting"

- 1. Preparing your heart to trust God
- 2. Preparing your heart to unite with God
- 3. Preparing your heart to seek God
- 4. Preparing your heart to surrender to His will5. Prepare your heart to "know" His Name and "experience" His attributes.

"Elohim – Creator"

1. We can only know Him by what He reveals to us about Himself through His Creation & His Word.

Elohim - The very first name of God in the Bible (The God who Creates)

Describing His greatness & glory

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"

Elohim – Caused our "VAST UNIVERSE" to exist.

God Said – Creating the World, (It was good)

6. I have given you everything that pertains to life.
God looked at everything He had made and
He said, "It is VERY GOOD"
Seventh Day – God rested.

Elohim - Complete "CREATIVITY"

Total power and might and complete sovereignty – Supreme power and authority

Elohim - Divine unity of the Godhead – (Trinity).

The Father, Son & Holy Spirit were all involved in His creation:

... **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

...And the Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters, and God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. **Gen 1: 2-3**

(Why was the Holy Spirit moving on the face of the waters? Because he was preparing to create.) ...For by Him (Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions or principalities, or powers, all things were created by Him and for Him. **Col 1:16** Jesus stated to the religious men, "Before Abraham was, "I Am" John 8:48 & 49 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. **Hebrews 11:3**

Elohim: Total power and might and complete sovereignty – Supreme power and authority

Elohim - Creator of everything & amp; He created me fearfully & wonderfully & for good works for His glory.

2. An Attribute of God - "Omnipotent"

All Powerful. There's nothing outside His ability to accomplish, and no one can exercise power over Him. God created the entire universe and holds its UNLIMITED power.

Scripture Facts:

1. The Living God - Creator of the heavens and the earth, sets forth his own name and title, that there may be no mistake as to who He is!

a. The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Psalm 19:1

b. "I am the LORD," he said, "and my glory I will not give to another." **Isaiah 42:8**

c. "They that (know) Your name will put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You" **Psalm 9:10**

d. "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure" Psalm 147:5
e. "And he is before all things, in Him all things hold together. Col 1:17

3. Complete Sovereignty of God

Elohim: Total power and might and complete sovereignty – Supreme power and authority

Is God in control of everything and is He responsible for everything that happens in your World & Life? (He made it all good and turned it over to man)

Mis-understanding of God's sovereignty (God is in control of everything that happens on earth) **This belief destroys our faith and makes today's church ineffective**

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?

Even though God is all powerful, his sovereignly chose to delegate authority to mankind in the Garden of Eden.

"I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered." **Psalm 89:34**

Note: God said mankind has dominion, if he stepped in the earth - uninvited, He would be violating his own word. That is something God cannot do.

1. God of This World

The good news we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. Satan, who is the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the good news. The don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

2 Cor. 4:3-4

2. Authority Given to Believers

Then along comes Jesus who lives a truly righteous life, fulfills the law, and takes all authority back from Satan. Jesus then delegates that authority to us, his New Covenant believing followers

"Jesus said, All Authority was given to me."

Matthew 28:18

"Jesus called the 12 together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and cure diseases, 2 and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and heal the sick." **Luke 9:1**

He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. **Luke 10: 18-19**

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **John 17:18**

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **Matthew 16:19**

3. God's original plan

What are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority. **Psalms 8:4-6 (NLT)**

4. Satan is still operating today and steps in wherever believers fail to exercise their God given authority 2

Cor. 4:4

God is Not the Author of confusion and clamity

James 1:16–17

5. The choice is yours

Deuteronomy 30:19 James 4:7

6. If God was in control of everything, why did he make everything good, then choose to play games with His creation.

2 Peter 3:9

7. Many will follow the road that leads to destruction Matthew 7

8. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:24

4. God is Bigger than our problems.

Zephaniah 3:17 NLT

17 For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."God is able to do all that He desires to do, when he plans something, it will come to be. If He purposes something, it will happen. Nothing can prevent His plan. If He said something is going to happen, nothing can change His plan. "Nothing is too hard for God to accomplish." Psalm 24:8

Isaiah 43:1-7

Redeemed

1 But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! 2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. 3 "For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. 4 "Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life. 5 "Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west. 6 "I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south. 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth. 7 Everyone who is called by My name, and whom

I have created for My glory, Whom I have

formed, even whom I have made."