



# The Harvest

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## The Most High God

As we work through this series “God Is...” we are exploring the nature of who God is. Better understanding Him allows us to better understand ourselves. When this happens, we can then reflect who He is as we walk out life. We are image-bearers of God Himself. Our identity lies in Him who created us.

*“And God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image and according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of heaven, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every moving thing that moves upon the earth.’ So, God created humankind in His image, in the likeness of God He created him, male and female He created them.”*

*~ Genesis 1:26-27 (LEB) ~*

In this passage, we see the God who created us – the One, True God – make humankind in His image. But we also see that He had a discussion with other beings. Most people assume the “us” in verse 26 refers to Yeshua and the Holy Spirit being present with God the Father at creation. However, the original Hebrew texts do not support this idea. Instead, the original wording demonstrates that there were other divine beings – lesser gods – present and part of the discussion when Yahweh created mankind. Then, God alone created humankind. He chose to make us in His image. And we are to reflect Him.

Pause: When you use the names “King of kings” and “Lord of lords” to describe God, how have you typically viewed the other “kings” and “lords”? Have you ever thought about them as lesser gods [elohim] rather than earthly rulers? How would thinking about them as lesser gods change your perspective of the Most High God?

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*“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.” (Psalms 91:1)*

*“For Yahweh Most High is awesome, a great King over all the earth.” (Psalms 47:2)*

When we say that Yahweh is the Most High God, we imply that there is something or someone that is lesser than He. Specifically, the Scriptures indicate that there are other divine beings that are lesser than God Himself. These divine beings are referred to as “sons of God,” “stars of God,” or “morning stars” throughout the Bible (*read Isaiah 14:13, Psalm 82, and Job 38:6-7*). “Sons of God” is ‘beney elim’ in Hebrew. “Kokebey boqer” means “stars of God.” Lastly, “morning stars” is “beney elohim.” These terms are all used for the divine beings that are not the Most High God Yahweh. **They are described in the Bible as gods!** However, they are not the One, True God.

The name “sons of God” implies that these gods were created. Thus, they – just like mankind – bear the image of the Most High God. We both share imagining status as part of God’s family. At the creation through until now, the sons of God are divine and we as humans are not.

However, knowing that we are created in the image of God, there is a promise we have been given. God says that we will be elevated to the status of divine image-bearers like these sons of God after the resurrection. “*Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if by you the world is judged, are you unworthy of the most insignificant courts? Do you not know that we will judge angels, not to mention ordinary matters?*” (1 Corinthians 6:2-3) As believers – saved and redeemed by Yeshua – we will be able to join the divine counsel and become true co-heirs with Christ (*read Romans 8:17*).

It's easy to see, then, that we have a huge role to play both in the world today and in eternity. We have a responsibility to carry the mission forward on this earth. We serve the Most High and awesome God, and we as earthly image bearers have the obligation of carrying who He is to the nations.

Spend some time reflecting on what you’ve learned and how it will impact your day-to-day life.

Worship: Spend time worshipping the Lord Most High.

- ~ There is a King by Elevation Worship
- ~ Seated on High by The Belonging Co
- ~ Throne Room by Kim Walker-Smith
- ~ On the Throne by Desperation Band

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