

# God Is My Source Pt2

## Titles that refer to God as our source

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### Review:

#### **God in simile and metaphor:** (from ENGB; Every Name of God in the Bible)

The Hebrew language uses vivid imagery to communicate, they tended to think in images rather than in abstract concepts.

As the names and titles of God found in Scripture help us see Him more clearly, so do images of God provided in simile and metaphor.

There are three kinds of metaphors used in the Scriptures.

1. Exalted images of God - emphasizing His majesty and power, such as Rock, Shield and Sun.
2. Relational images of God - such as Father, Husband, Shepherd and Helper.
3. Descriptive images of God - these convey insights into who the Lord intends to be for us, such as; Hiding Place, Keeper, etc.

**Note:** In our study we will not try to separate these metaphors into the above categories. We will look at them from the view that they communicate to us what God wants to be our source for...

### Last week:

#### **The source of light**

The Lord is my light, lamp, sun and the Father of heavenly lights

#### **The source of strength**

The Lord is my strength, tower of strength, my stronghold, our refuge and He is not far off.

#### **The source of security and protection**

He is my shield, rock, horn of salvation, fortress and hiding place.

### There are 20 statements in the Scriptures declaring that God is:

These statements declare that God is the source of whatever we need in life. Ten of these statements are found in the Old Testament and ten in the New Testament.

#### **Old Testament**

##### **1. God is with us**

Isa 8:10 For God is with us.

##### **2. God is a warrior (fighting for you)**

Zeph 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

(Ex 14:14; Nu 21:34; Dt 1:30; 3:22; 20:4; Jos 10:42; 2 Chr 13:12; 20:17, 29; Ps 44:3)

##### **3. God is giving to us the land -**

Dt 2:29 the land which the LORD our God is giving to us.

(Ex 20:12; Deut 4:1, 21, 40; 5:16; 9:6; 25:15; Josh 1:11-15)

##### **4. God is giving to us an inheritance -**

Dt 4:21... the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

##### **5. God is compassionate**

Ps 116:5 God is compassionate. (Dt 4:31; 2 Chr 30:9)

**6. God is mighty**

Job 36:5 Behold, God is mighty but does not despise any;

**7. God is judge**

Ps 75:7 But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another. (Ps 7:11)

**8. God is King**

Ps 47:7 For God is the King of all the earth; (Dan 5:21)

**9. God is my stronghold**

Ps 59:9, 17 For God is my stronghold.

**10. God is a refuge**

Ps 62:8 God is a refuge for us.

## **New Testament**

**1. God is love**

1 Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:16)

**2. God is true**

John 3:33 "He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true.

**3. God is spirit**

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

**4. God is for me (us).**

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?  
(Ps 56:9)

**5. God is (the one who) justifies**

Rom 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

**6. God is faithful**

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, ... (1 Cor 10:13; 2 Cor 1:18)

**7. God is holy**

1 Cor 3:17 ... for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are. (Ps 77:13)

**8. God is a consuming fire**

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire. (Dt 4:24)

**9. God is light**

1 John 1:5 ... God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

**10. God is one**

Gal 3:20 Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one. (Mk 12:29)

## **The source of provision**

### **The LORD Will Provide**

Gen 22:8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

Gen 22:14 Abraham called the name of that place "The LORD Will Provide", as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

Phil 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Mt 6:32-33 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Lk 12:30-31)

## **The LORD is my portion**

Ps 119:57 The LORD is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words.

### **My portion - in the land of the living**

Ps 142:5 "You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living."

### **My portion - therefore I have hope**

Lam 3:24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."

### **My portion - the strength of my heart**

Ps 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

### **The portion of my inheritance**

Ps 16:5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot.

## **The source of hope**

### **The hope of Israel**

Jer 14:8 "O Hope of Israel, Its Savior in time of distress, Why are You like a stranger in the land Or like a traveler who has pitched his tent for the night?"

Jer 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You will be put to shame. Those who turn away on earth will be written down, Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the LORD.

(Jer 9:2; 50:7; Ps 9:9, 18; 18:46; 33:20-23; 46:1; 50:15; 71:5; Isa 25:9; 43:3; 63:8)

## **The source of peace**

### **The God of peace**

Rom 15:33 Now the God of peace be with you all.

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

### **The Lord of peace**

2 Thes 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance.

2 Cor 13:11 Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Phil 4:9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

1 Thes 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord,

**The LORD is Peace** - name of the altar given by Gideon

Jug 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD is Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

## The source of comfort

Jer 8:18 O my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me. (from NIV)

2 Cor 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

## The source of grace

### The God of all grace

1 Pt 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

While the title "God of all grace" occurs only in 1 Pt 5:10, "grace" is found no less than 150 times in the New Testament. It is indeed a defining term of the Christian faith, for the Father, is the "God of all grace."

**Grace is not merely something which God expresses.**

It is an expression of what He is.

## Grace is found in the OT

### The Lord gives grace

Ps 84:11-12 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, How blessed is the man who trusts in You!

### The Lord is (abundant in) merciful and gracious

Ps 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

Ps 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.

### The Lord forgives sin because He delights in unchanging love.

Mic 7:18-19 Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.

## Grace description

The dictionary defines grace as the unmerited favor of God towards men. This does not do justice to the richness of the biblical use of the term, which appears approximately 150 times in the New Testament, with a wide range of meanings.

The Bible describes grace as:

1. Great (Ac 4:33)
2. Rich (Eph 1:7; 2:7)

3. Surpassing (2Co 9:1)
4. Manifold (1Pe 4:10)
5. Glorious (Eph 1:6, 14)
6. Abundant (Rom 5:17, 20)
7. Greater than the power of sin and death (Rom 5:15; 21)
8. Sufficient and abundant in our weaknesses (2Co 12:9)
9. Makes you strong (Ac 20:32)

## **The source of love**

### **God of love**

2 Co 13:11 ... be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

### **God is love**

1 Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:16)

### **Love is from God**

1 Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; ..

### **We find love when we find Jesus**

1 Tim 1:14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus (2 Tim 1:13).

### **The love of God is manifested in us through Jesus.**

1 Jn 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

### **Love is a (the) fruit of the Holy Spirit.**

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

### **We love because He first loved us.**

1 Jn 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

### **God has given to us a spirit of love.**

2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

### **God's love controls me.**

2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died.

## **The source of - God as shepherd**

Ps 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

### **The first reference to God as a shepherd -**

Gen 48:15 "God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day,"

Jacob is the first person in Scripture to use this metaphor, identifying God as Shepherd, the Rock of Israel." (see also Gen. 49:24)

### **In the Old Testament Israel was God's flock**

Ps 95:7 ... we are ... the sheep of His hand ...  
(Ps 79:13; 100:3; Ezk 34:31)

### **In the New Testament the church is God's flock**

1 Pt 5:2 shepherd the flock of God among you, ...  
(Lk 12:32; Ac 20:28-29)

**Jesus is called the:**

**"Good Shepherd"**

Jn 10:11 "I am the good shepherd;" (Jn 10:14)

**"Chief Shepherd"**

1 Pt 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

**"Great Shepherd"**

Heb 13:20 ... who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep ... (Mic 5:4)

**"Gentle Shepherd"**

Isa 40:11 Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs And carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

**"One Shepherd"**

Jn 10:16 "...and they will become one flock with one shepherd." (Mt 25:31-46)

## **The source of - The true God**

Jn 17:3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

1 Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

(2 Ch 15:3; Jer 10:10; 1 Thes 1:9)

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