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Knowing and Understanding the Eternal Elohim

The Holy Scriptures contain tremendous information about Elohim's character and nature. It is critical to our life, faith, as well as our future to know Elohim and to grow in His knowledge. As His Beloved and Uniquely Born Son Yeshua the Anointed taught "And this is eternal life, that they may *know* You, the only true *Elohim*, and *Yeshua* the Messiah whom You have sent" (John 17:3). The Apostle Peter, a close disciple of the Master Yeshua, admonished believers to "... *grow in* the grace and *knowledge* of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Messiah. To Him be the glory both now and forever. So be it" (2Peter 3:18). Evidently, it is important for us to truly know Elohim and Yeshua and to grow in that knowledge. A primary objective of the Scriptures is to instruct us to earnestly seek after Elohim so we can literally get to know and be united with Him. Let me be clear, we have to *genuinely get to know/experience Him*, not simply having accurate knowledge about Him from the Scriptures. The following are a few out of the numerous Scriptural descriptions of Elohim and how to know Him.

A) Elohim is The Supreme Being Who Is:

1.*Eternal*: Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Eternal, the *Everlasting* Elohim (Genesis 21:33). Eternal, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or You formed to the earth and the world, even from *everlasting* to *everlasting*, You are Elohim (Psalm 90:1-2). Do you not know? Have you not heard? The *Everlasting* Elohim, the Eternal, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired His understanding is inscrutable (Isaiah 40:28). Now to the King *eternal*, immortal, invisible, the only Elohim, be honor and glory forever and ever. So be it; (1Timothy 1:17).

2.*All Knowing*: Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O Eternal, You *know it all* (Psalms 139:4). It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His *wisdom*, and by His *understanding* He stretched out the heavens (Jeremiah 51:15).

3.*All Powerful*: Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Eternal appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Elohim *Almighty*... (Genesis 17:1). It is He who made the earth by His *power*... (Jeremiah 10:12). For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal *power* and divine nature, have been clearly seen... (Romans 1:20).

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4.*Spirit*: Where can I go from Your *Spirit*? Or where can I flee from Your *presence*? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me (Psalms 139:7-10). The Elohim who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands...for *in Him we live and move and exist* (Acts 17:24, 28). Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might *gather together in one all things in Messiah*, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – *in Him* (Ephesians 1:9-10).

5.*Infinite Excellent Glory and Majesty*: Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now the *glory* of the Eternal rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the *glory* of the Eternal was like a *consuming fire* on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel (Exodus 24:15-17). Then the *glory* of the Eternal went up from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was *full of the brightness* of the Eternal's *glory* (Ezekiel 10:4). Now after six days Yeshua took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. *His face shone like the sun*, and His clothes became as *white as the light* (Matthew 17:1-2). That the Elohim of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, the *Father of glory*, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (Ephesians 1:17). For this One has been counted worthy of *more glory* than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is Elohim (Hebrews 3:3-4). Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the *Father of lights*, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning (James 1:17). But I saw no temple in it, for the Eternal Elohim Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the *glory of Elohim illuminated it. The Lamb is its light* (Revelation 21:22-23).

6.*Love*: The Eternal delighted only in your fathers, to *love* them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day (Deuteronomy 10:15). For Elohim so *loved* the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Beloved, let us love one another, for *love is of Elohim*; and everyone who loves is born of Elohim and knows Yeshua said “I will build my congregation and the gates of hell will not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

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Elohim. He who does not love does not know Elohim, *for Elohim is love*. In this the *love of Elohim* was manifested toward us, that Elohim has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved Elohim, but that *He loved us* and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if *Elohim so loved us*, we also ought to love one another (1John 4:7-11).

7.**Holy (Set Apart):** Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for *I the Eternal your Elohim am holy* (Leviticus 19:2). And one cried to another and said: “*Holy, holy, holy is the Eternal* of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory (Isaiah 6:3). Who shall not fear You, O Eternal, and glorify Your Name? For *You alone are holy* (Revelation 15:4).

B) Elohim is The True Owner of All Existence Who Wants the Best for All:

1.**As the Supreme Creator of all, He is the rightful Owner of all** (Genesis 1:1-27). To personally interact with His creation, He lowers His power and shields them from the effects of His awesome Presence. The Scriptures show that He speaks to those who know Him by *His Holy Spirit* (Invisible Presence), and *by His Logos* (Visible Presence). It was His Logos that gave Moses the law for Israel and all mankind, and was the same Logos who, centuries later, further humbled Himself and became The Son of Elohim, *Yeshua The Messiah* (Yeshua The Christ), Savior of The World. In the beginning was the Logos (Word), and the Logos was with Elohim, and the Logos was Elohim. He was with Elohim in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:1-5). Who is like the Eternal our Elohim, the One who sits enthroned on high, who humbles Himself to look on the heavens and the earth (Psalms 113:6). For this is what the high and exalted One says - He who lives forever, whose Name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite (Isaiah 57:15). Who, being in very nature Elohim, did not consider equality with Elohim something to be used to his own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross (Philippians 2:6-8).

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2. Elohim puts His Holy Spirit in all who love Him to empower and preserve them. To whom then will ye liken Me, that I should be equal to him? saith the Holy One (Isaiah 40:25). Thus saith Elohim Eternal, He that created the heavens, and stretched them forth; He that spread abroad the earth and that which cometh out of it; He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein (Isaiah 42:5). I have filled him (Bezalel) with the Spirit of Elohim, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts (Exodus 31:3). The Spirit of the Eternal came powerfully upon him (Samson) so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat (Judges 14:6). All of them (Disciples) were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them (Acts 2:4). Elohim also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will (Hebrews 2:4).

3. He made it possible for everyone who wills to know and understand Him as The Father through The Son. He offers life and joy now to all who seek Him in this world, and everlasting life in the new world He will create. However, since He is Holy and not of this world, we can't find or know Him on our own. Yet, He will make Himself known to all who have faith in Him. Yeshua answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep My words: and my Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him (John 14:23). Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me (Revelation 3:20).

4. Elohim instructs us to study the Scriptures and Nature carefully so we can understand Him. All who study the Scriptures in this way will understand it and will get faith to seek and speak to Elohim. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Eternal (Deuteronomy 8:3/Matthew 4:4). So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Elohim (Romans 10:17). and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Messiah Yeshua. All Scripture is given by inspiration of Elohim, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of Elohim may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2Timothy 3:15-17). But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to Yeshua said "I will build my congregation and the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

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knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance piety, to piety brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Sovereign Yeshua Messiah (2Peter 1:5-8).

Today, people tend to study the Scriptures without studying the works of Elohim; that is the nature of the heavens and earth all around us. Yet, David, a King and Prophet of ancient Israel, studied both the Scriptures and nature. He wrote to the lead musician in his kingdom “The heavens declare the glory of Elohim; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world” (Psalms 19:1-4). Having an understanding of Elohim’s work of nature David also wrote “That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works” (Psalms 26:7). He also described the tendencies of those who don’t recognize His works and their demise “Do not take me away with the *wicked* and with the *workers of iniquity*, who *speak peace* to their neighbors, but *evil is in their hearts*. Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors; Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve. Because *they do not regard the works* of the Eternal, *nor the operation* of His hands, He shall destroy them and not build them up (Psalm 28:3-5). So, here King David implicitly shows the character of those who don’t make the effort of know the works of Elohim, their character, behavior, and their unfortunate fate. This shows us that understanding the works of Elohim is important to our faith and manner of life in righteousness.

Many others wrote about the works of Elohim and the need to understand and teach them. The Apostle Paul wrote “...because what may be known of Elohim is manifest in them, for Elohim has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Divine nature, so that they are without excuse,” (Romans 1:19-20). Paul further showed the importance of understanding Elohim through nature by stating “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And *how shall they believe* in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And *how shall they preach* unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Eternal, who has believed our report?” So then

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faith comes by hearing, and hearing *by the word of Elohim*. But I say, *have they not heard? Yes indeed*: “Their *sound* has gone out to all the earth, And their *words* to the ends of the world.” (Romans 10:14-18). By referring to different parts of the Scriptures, Paul answered how we can know Elohim if we don’t have the Scriptures. In the last statement, Paul concurs with King David who taught that Elohim also speaks to us through nature; especially through space, as well as the Scriptures. If we take the time to investigate, we will find that many people, especially scientists, came to believe in Elohim through their studies of nature and space. Yet, we don’t need special scientific equipment to do believe. We only need to use our natural abilities and senses to observe and sincerely do our best to understand what we perceive without bias. Elohim will gladly help all of us to understand Him if we make the sincere effort to understand nature unbiasedly.

5. Speaking to Elohim in faith (without doubting) is called prayer. Many make the grave and frustrating mistake of trying to pray to Elohim without faith. If we tried to speak to Elohim with doubt, we haven’t prayed. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of Elohim, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible...But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to Elohim must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:1-3, 6). We pray to Elohim only when we speak to Him, knowing for sure that He exists and will give us what we ask. And He saith unto them, Because of your little faith: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you (Matthew 17:20). And Yeshua answered and said unto them, verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive (Matthew 21:21-22). Remember, He is The Father in Heaven. So, He will only give us what is good and make us joyful. Until now you have asked nothing in My Name (Yeshua). Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full (John 16:24). Let’s accept Yeshua’s invitation for us to ask in His wonderful Name.

In summary, you and everyone who wills, have an amazing opportunity to know and be connected to The Eternal Loving Father and Sustainer of all existence. We have to:

1. Study the Scriptures seriously and do your best to understand the creation

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2. Repent from all sins and turn to Elohim and ask Him to forgive you
3. Understand and believe what He reveals of Himself and His Kingdom
4. Ask Him, with faith, to be your Elohim and Father by Messiah Yeshua His Son
5. He will make Himself know to you and will eventually come to you

The more we study the Scriptures, nature, and speak with Him the more we will understand, love, and trust Him. It is a fulfilling and wonderful lifelong journey that enables us to grow in His knowledge and fellowship.

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