

2—God Most High

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INTRO:

I. → Genesis 14:18-20

*Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of **God Most High**, and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by **God Most High**, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to **God Most High**, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.*

II. CANAANITE MYTHOLOGY FROM UGARIT (1500-1300)

- A. El was the father of the 70 Elohim
- B. Elion was the creator, married to Beruth (city)
- C. Like YHWH's relationship to Jerusalem (found peace)

BODY:

I. Above All Purposes

He was priest of God Most High

A. Whenever we exalt ourselves we miss the purpose of God.

1) Isaiah 14:13-14

*You said in your heart,
"I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne
above the stars of God;
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of **Mount Zaphon**.
I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the **Most High**."*

2) CANDIDATES BOASTING THEIR OWN SELF

B. There is no greater purpose than to bring honor God.

1) **Psalms 82:1-7**

*God presides in the great assembly;
he renders judgment among the "gods" . . .
"I said, 'You are "gods";
you are all sons of the **Most High.**'
But you will die like mere mortals;
you will fall like every other ruler."*

2) **WOODY WANTING TO PLAY SO HE COULD PREACH**

II. Above All Perspectives

*Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.*

A. What we need more than ever is God's perspective.

1) **Deuteronomy 32:8** (Song of Moses)

*When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,
when he divided all mankind,
he set up boundaries for the peoples
according to the number of the sons of Israel.*

2) **FLYING IN TO PORTLAND**

B. He cares for his creation and He cares about us.

1) **Psalms 97:9-10**

*For you, Lord, are the **Most High** over all the earth;
you are **exalted** far above all gods.
Let those who love the Lord hate evil,
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.*

2) **LEARNING "I EXALT THEE" AT CAMP**

III. Above All Problems

*And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand*

A. When life is at its lowest we need the Most High.

1) **Psalms 46:4-5**

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the **Most High** dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.*

2) **Psalms 91:1-2**

*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the **Most High** will rest in the shadow of the **Almighty**. I will say of the **Lord**, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my **God**, in whom I trust."*

3) **Psalms 57:2-3**

*I cry out to **God Most High**, to **God**, who vindicates me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me— **God** sends forth his love and his faithfulness. Efra L'elohim Elyon, la'El gomer alay*

4) **Psalms 18:13-14**

*The Lord thundered from heaven; the voice of the **Most High** resounded. He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning he routed them.*

5) **HULK SMASH**

B. El Elyon has the power that nothing on earth can defeat.

1) **Ephesians 1:19-20**

That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

2) **WHATEVER THE PROBLEM—GOD IS BIGGER**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 9:1-2

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Psalms 21:7

For the king trusts in the Lord;
through the unfailing love of the Most High
he will not be shaken.

Luke 6:35

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High.

John 3:31-32

The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.