

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** Genesis 14:18-20 “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of *God Most High*. And he blessed him and said: ‘Blessed be Abram of *God Most High*, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be *God Most High*, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand....’”

**Quote:** “Many people have talked to me about God in the middle of difficulties, and after listening to them, I have been struck that, if I believed in the ‘God’ they described, I wouldn’t run to him for help either, and I’d be in a panic” – Paul David Tripp

**F**ollowing the rescue of Lot and others who had been captured by enemy kings, Abram was met by Melchizedek, the King of Salem, and Bera, the King of Sodom. When the King of Sodom offered to Abram the bounty that Abram had captured, he replied, “I have raised my hand to the Lord, *God Most High*, the Possessor of heaven and earth, that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’”<sup>1</sup> Abram wanted no association with this king of a wicked city like Sodom. His dependency was upon and his faith was in God Most High.

God Most High, or El Elyon, means “the strongest of the strong and the highest of the high.”<sup>2</sup> God is transcendent above all. He is “the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy” and Who declares, “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” Paul said that “He is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.”<sup>4</sup> Like God the Father, Who “is light and in Whom is no darkness at all,” God the Son is “the light of the world.”<sup>5</sup>

Philippians 2:8-11 tells us that because of Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross, “God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee

should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *to the glory of God the Father*. Even the demon-possessed man in Luke 8:28 “cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, ‘What have I to do with You, Jesus, *Son of the Most High God*? I beg You, do not torment me!’” Whether demons, angels or men, all will one day bow the knee in reverent submission to God Most High and to His Son.

David wrote, “I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, *O Most High*.”<sup>6</sup> From Genesis to Revelation, saints petitioned and praised God Most High as their omnipotent Provider and Protector. May we, with awe and adoration, do the same!

## El Elyon, God Most High

Hear my cry of desperation; give attendance to my plea. Desolate, adrift and sinking Great Sustainer, rescue me!

With my heart o'erwhelmed and fainting 'midst the swelling tides of life, lead me to *the Rock of refuge that looms high above all strife*.

Thou has kept Thine hedge about me. Unseen walls of love and grace shelter me from harm and heartache as I seek my Sov'reign's face.

In Thy tabernacle dwelling, ever trusting 'neath Thy wings, I would lift my vows in rev'rence with the anthems angels sing.

Priceless gift to me was given—heritage of rev'rent fear. In Thy presence e'er abiding, help me daily persevere.

I will praise Thy name forever for the grace of life twice giv'n. Safe, content—I'll gladly serve Thee 'till Thou bidst me home to Heav'n.<sup>7</sup>

Christians best glorify God Most High as we “become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom (we) shine as lights in the world.”

1. Gen.14: 2 A. Rogers 3 Isa.57:15 4 I Tim. 5 I Jn.1:5; Jn.8:12 6 Ps.9:1-2 7 Ps.61; 91:1; 92:1