

The Living God

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Title of God, reference, of God;

Thinking of God that is vital to Jewish thinking

and now to the Christian thinking of God in Church Age

First reference to God as **THE LIVING GOD** is by Moses in the giving the Mosaic-Law

Deuteronomy 5:26

Deuteronomy 5:26 For who is there of all flesh, who has heard voice of **THE LIVING GOD** speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

THE LIVING GOD descriptive adj. of Heb. *hay; hayyah*

Referring to living + pl. *elohim* G/F; G/S & G/HS

We are here to study **THE LIVING GOD** but context here is so important

context: read 1–3; Then Moses continues speaking ...v 26

showing the source of their existence and their relationship with **THE ONLY LIVING GOD**

We will see that there are two primary truths to be associated with this title:

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2. **THE LIVING GOD** is a title of God to remind the Jews and us that our God is **THE ONLY TRUE LIVING GOD**, used in reference or in contrast with idols and idolatry. and if you don't think this is a big problem today: Allah is an idol, dead, non living, yet look at the number of people around the world who worship a non-existent idol, and how many Christians want to associate Allah with **THE LIVING GOD**. Muslims—the largest religion in the world today—23% of people on earth are Muslims (1.6 billion)

the gods of [the Mormons](#) does not exist—and those that they think will become gods were created by **THE LIVING GOD**.

the gods of [the Hindus](#) idols, non living Gods; 2nd largest religion in world today (close to 1 billion)

the gods of [Buddist](#) (360 million)

Joshua 3:9-11

Going into The Promise land --same word for living as in **Deuteronomy**.

5:26, this time + the simple *el*/God, mighty In contrast to all the false – dead- gods of their enemies

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1 Samuel 17:26

1 Sam. 17:26 Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of **THE LIVING GOD?**"
ELOHIM

And this is the way we ought to think with all of the Goliaths whom we encounter in life: none are more powerful than **THE LIVING GOD** This use emphasis the Omnipotence of The God of Israel—

3. In time of tribulation remember that your battle belongs to **THE LIVING GOD**
1 Samuel 17:26

2 Kings 19:15-19

How Hezekiah addressed God in prayer;
We should also address Him in time of tribulation.
This passage emphasizes **THE LIVING GOD** in contrast to idol gods of Idolatry.

Psalm 42

For this Psalmist has turned away from God, turned away from His Word...and looks at the condition of his soul

vs 1 **water** of the Word; God is found in His Word
vs 2 ok, note the context here of **THE LIVING GOD**; not idolatry but pains of death, life without God
My soul thirst for God, for The Living God EL
he hungers for life, oh, he is alive physically but dead in his soul. No life, so his soul hungers, thirst for living God as one thirst for water when really thirsty.
This introduces a Third significance of God

4. **THE LIVING GOD** who gives life, source of life.
THE LIVING GOD is the only source of his life!
for the Jew this would be the temple--for us...in His Word
vs 3 while this Psalmist is of an individual...it rings true for our Nation
vs 4 like our nation, he once studied Word of God, walked with The Lord and studied the Scriptures but has gotten use to Being Away from The Word; from The Lord...**no wonder he thirst for THE LIVING GOD**
vs 5 he feels life slipping away, meaning of his life, energy of his life, purpose of his life...he pines for life with **THE LIVING GOD** he once enjoyed (USA) **it must come from THE LIVING GOD**

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- vs 6 again memories when God did wondrous things for them and since He is **THE LIVING GOD**, He is still there
- vs 7 What happens when you are away from **THE LIVING GOD**
Picture of America today
- vs 8 [closely associated with verse 2 THE LIVING GOD...The Giver of Life](#)
- vs 9 condition of the soul when you turn from **THE LIVING GOD**, your Own life seems to drift away
- vs 10 When you remove yourself from **THE LIVING GOD** who gives life, you are as one without a god.
- vs 11 hope in **THE LIVING GOD**

Psalm 84:

Where we will have our fifth characteristic of **THE LIVING GOD**

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- 3 [THE LIVING GOD who gives life, source of life itself!](#)
- 4.. [THE LIVING GOD who gives life, source of life.](#)
- 5.. [The source of all that brings +H \(God's Happiness Provision\) and peace to the soul and body](#)
- vs 1 [how loved are thy dwelling places](#)
This refers to where He is found, where we learn His Word
To the Jew this starts with Temple, Mt. Zion, His Word
We should love where He is found in His Word.
[How lovely are Thy dwelling places, O LORD of hosts!](#)
NIV [O Lord Almighty](#)
Heb. [O Lord of power—of the armies; all commanding](#)
- vs 2 note the context of thinking of God as **THE LIVING GOD**
[My soul longed & ever yearned for the courts of the LORD;](#)
the soul longs for the teaching of Word of God [courts](#) of the temple
[My heart & my flesh sing for joy to THE LIVING GOD.](#)
Soul & heart—the whole person—finds Inner Happiness in **THE LIVING GOD**
[My heart](#) residence of doc.-place where Word of God takes effect
[and my flesh](#) place where doc. in soul has affect!
[Sing for joy to THE LIVING GOD](#) Relationship
Doctrine in the soul affects the body to sing to and of and for **THE LIVING GOD**
[The source of all that brings +h \(God's Happiness Provision\) and peace to the soul and body is from THE LIVING GOD who gives life to the soul.](#)

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I hope you find solace in **THE LIVING GOD!**

vs 3 **The bird also has found a house, And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, Even Thine altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God.**

We should hunger to dwell, find our place of living where He dwells (compare verse 3 with verse 1

People we have to know Him and know so many different ways to relate to Him as He waits to relate to us and to give blessings to us

1 Lord, the all commanding one

2 Lord, **THE LIVING GOD**

3 My King and my God

4 again, the emphasis is. on dwelling in the Word of God

Read down to verse 12 **How blessed is the one who trusts in Thee**

Faith comes by hearing, so verse 12 is a natural result of our dwelling in the Word of God

Jeremiah 10:10

But the LORD is the true God; He is THE LIVING GOD

6. **He is a God who can be trusted because He alone is THE LIVING GOD**

And the everlasting King. Not the Kings of Judah nor the Kings of Babylon, but on **THE LIVING GOD** is the everlasting God **At His wrath the earth quakes and the nations cannot endure His indignation**

Nations, not just Judah but all nation---wake up America

vs 11 **Thus you shall say to them, "the gods that did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens."**

Again we have **THE LIVING GOD** in contrast with idols

Jeremiah 23:36

For you will no longer remember the oracle of the LORD, you will no longer remember Word of God, doctrines, warnings, exhortations; why? **because every man's own word will become the oracle,** truth is what you want it to be, not what it is, self! Studying in

1 Corinthians 1-4 **& you** once you reject Word of God and substituted your own word **have perverted/distorted the words of THE LIVING GOD,** people His Word is alive and powerful and ever true because He is **THE LIVING GOD.**

The LORD of hosts, of command our God.74

7. **The Word of God is alive and powerful because He is THE LIVING GOD**

Daniel 6:19-20

King Darius (Medo Persian Empire)

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King Darius, Unbeliever is the one who calls God, **THE LIVING GOD**

Think about this: he observed that Daniel was still alive, untouched by the Lions and concluded that the God of Daniel must be **THE TRUE LIVING GOD**. Do people know that you worship **THE LIVING GOD** in control of all Human history?

So here is our point **3 source of life and the keeping of life, because we worship THE LIVING GOD, even though we may die physically, He keeps us alive for all Eternity.**

Daniel 6:26

THE LIVING GOD endures forever!

Because Darius sees that God is **THE LIVING GOD** –forever He believes in Daniel's God...the coming Messiah.

8. Living God is associated w the Messiah who is the giver of life and the reason He can give life is because He is from Living God **Daniel 6:20 and 26**

Come to New Testament

Matthew 16:15-16

In the declaration by Peter

Matthew 16:15-16 note that in the English one of the definite articles is left out in the English: **The Christ, The Son of The living, the God**

The Living Present Active Participle. enduring characteristic...Living

Specific declaration **from Old Testament** of just who this Jesus is:

9. **Jesus Christ Son of THE LIVING GOD**

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Paul and Barnabas refer to **THE LIVING GOD**

Acts 14:15-16

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To a living God absence of definite article emphasizing not the identity but the quality of this God especially when compared with idols.

This emphasis. The distinction of Living God with Idols who cannot give life to a Living God who can and does give Life.

Romans 9:26

Romans 9:26 the redeemed of Israel are eternal sons of **THE LIVING GOD**...so much for replacement Theology.

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2 Corinthians 3:3

Next we come to an important passage of **THE LIVING GOD**

2 Corinthians 3:3...but with the Spirit of **THE LIVING GOD**.

11 Spirit of Living God—He is called the Spirit of Life because He is **THE SPIRIT OF LIVING GOD**

In many passages HS is directly related with Life:

Job 33:4; Ezekiel. 37:14; Gospel of John 6: 63; Romans 8:2, 6, and 11;

and right. here in 2 Corinthians 3:3 and 6

Timothy

12 **1 Tim. 3:15** We are the Church of **THE LIVING GOD**. not idols

1 Timothy 4:10 is very important.

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14 Our hope is in **THE LIVING GOD**, Jesus Christ because He lives, we have our confidence that we too will live with Him.

Hebrews

Hebrews 3:12..fall away from **THE LIVING GOD** is to fall away from life, the source of life...

Hebrews 9:14 12 (in **1 Timothy 4:10** our hope is in **THE LIVING GOD**) here we

15 Serve a living God!

Hebrews 10:31

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Hebrews 12:22-23

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Word of	THE LIVING GOD	Jeremiah 23:36 doctrine
Armies of	THE LIVING GOD	1 Samuel 17:26 and 36
Servant of	THE LIVING GOD	Daniel 6;29
Sons of	THE LIVING GOD	Hosea 1:10 and Romans 9:26
Son of	THE LIVING GOD	Matthew 16:16
Spirit of	THE LIVING GOD	2 Corinthians 3:3
Spirit of	THE LIVING GOD	2 Corinthians. 6:16
Church of	THE LIVING GOD	1 Timothy 3:15
Hands (wrath) of	THE LIVING GOD	Hebrews 10:31
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