

The God Who Is Enough - Gen. 17:1

"I am El-Shaddai" - the All-Sufficient God

I. So Called because He Nourishes His people.

- A. As He nourished the Israelites - Gen. 45:11 - "there will I nourish thee."
- B. Nourishes His children with physical food.
 - 1. Elijah fed by the ravens.
 - 2. "We have had enough to eat and have left plenty." ^{Isaiah 31:10}
- B. Nourishes His church with spiritual food.
 - 1. Eph. 5:29 - "but nourisheth his flesh as the word the church."
 - 2. "Nourished up in words of faith & doctrine." ^{item 4:6}
- D. The "strength-giver"

II. So Called Because He Satisfies them.

- A. Blessings from heaven. Mal. 3:10 - "there shall not be room enough to receive it."
- B. "With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." Ps. 41:16
- C. "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." Ps. 17:15
- D. God pours Himself into believing lives.

III. So Called Because He Enriches them.

- A. "In every thing ye are enriched by Him." 1 Cor. 1:5
- B. "The people bring more than enough for the work." Ex. 36:5

IV. So Called Because He makes Fruitful.

- A. Case of Abraham - v. by 99 yrs old
- B. He can make christians "fruitful in every good work."

V. So called Because He Brings Chastening in connection with Fruit Bearing.

- A. This name of God used 31 times in Bk. of Job. Job 5:17-25, God purifies & refines. "Happy is the man whom God correcteth."
- B. Christ purgeth the branches that they may bring forth more fruit. John 15:2
- C. Heb. 12:10 - God chastens us for our profit.

VI. So called Because He is most
Powerful or Almighty.

The resources of the earth are not inexhaustible.
The mines are eventually emptied.
But God's treasury (of blessings and power) is ever rich.

"Our sufficiency is of God." II Cor. 3:6

God is gracious enough to forgive all sin;
He is strong enough to strengthen our weakness;
He is loving enough to fill our hearts with joy;
He is big enough to meet our every need.

mercutio when he is mortally
wounded, in Romeo to Juliet, says
of his wound that it is
"not so wide as a church-door,
or so deep as a well,
but 'tis enough, 'twill serve."

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THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION.

II Cor. 13:14

I. Reveals the Divine Trinity

- A. This scripture together with the Baptism of Jesus, and his Great Commission in Mt. 28:19 give basis for doctrine.
- B. The mystery of the doctrine. 3 in 1 and 1 in 3. no finite analogy - Unique with God. Incomprehensible to human reason.
- C. Being unable to explain is no reason to reject anything that is supported by adequate reason for acceptance.
- D. Necessity of the Trinity
 1. Dignity of Christ; yet He is distinct from the Father
 2. Holy Spirit, distinct from the Father and Jesus, with divine attributes and powers.
- E. The blessing of the doctrine
 1. In the form of a benediction
 2. Doctrine not for speculation, but a living truth.
 3. Here there are not 3 benedictions but one.

Notice the parts of this wonderful benediction

II. The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. A gift, free and unmerited.
- B. Law was given by Moses, but grace + truth by Jesus.
- C. Past grace revealed through what He has done for us.
 1. Came down from heaven into our world and took on Himself the form of a man.
 2. Grace revealed through His life + ministry.
 3. Suffered and the Cross.
- D. Present grace, what He is now doing for us in glory as our High Priest + Intercessor.

III. And the Love of God

- A. The Father gave and sent His Son. John 3:16
- B. "Behold what manner of love."
- C. "God is love"
- D. He is our Father & we are his children
- E. He helps us on our way when we stumble and gives us a Father's arm to lean on, and a Father's hand to guide.

IV. And the Communion of the Holy Ghost.

- A. We have communion with one another and with God the Holy Ghost.
- B. We have fellowship or companionship with Him through His indwelling & inworking.
- C. The Holy Ghost is the Divine Agent by whom the Father & Son carry on their work in men.
- D. As the Father originates, and the Son executes, it is the part of the Spirit so to communicate Himself and change & form His subjects.
- E. The word communion means "partnership".
 - 1. Read Gal. 2:9, and Luke 5:10
 - 2. It is partnership with a glorious person.
 - 3. It is sharing in common interests
 - 4. Partnership in His glorious work.