

EL ELYON: GOD MOST HIGH (GENESIS 14:18-20)

- I. El Elyon
 - A. Hebrew word “Elyon” simply means “high, higher”
 - B. Applied to God, emphasizes His might and greatness above all else (Psalm 7:17; 9:2; 50:14; 57:1-3)
- II. “Possessor of heaven and earth” (14:19)
 - A. Source (Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17)
 - B. Supreme owner (Psalm 24:1)
 - C. Sovereign authority (Isaiah 46:9-10)
 - D. Sustainer (Nehemiah 9:6)
- III. “Who has delivered your enemies into your hand” (14:20)
 - A. Lot captured (Genesis 14:8-12), rescued (Genesis 14:14-16), and the glory is given to God (Genesis 14:20)
 - B. God is the ultimate deliverer of His people (Exodus 14:10-14; Psalm 18:2; Isaiah 46:4; 1 Corinthians 10:13)
- IV. The connection to Jesus and to us
 - A. Christ is Son and High Priest of the Most High God (Luke 1:32; Mark 5:7; Hebrews 5:10; Genesis 14:18)
 - B. We are a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)

PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS ON ROMANS 1

BY GUY N. WOODS

Paul identified himself as a servant of Jesus Christ. All of us who follow the Lord faithfully are servants, literally, *bondslaves* of Christ. It is difficult to translate the word *doulos* (servant) into English. Our word “servant” is too weak, suggesting one who works for wages; our word “slave” is too strong, suggesting involuntary bondage. If we can strike from the word slave the idea of *unwilling* service, we arrive at the meaning. A “servant of Christ” is one who has accepted the will of the Lord, substituting that will, for his own; henceforth, acting under the direction of a will identical with Christ’s.

Paul was under a deep sense of obligation to the whole word to declare the gospel (Rom. 1:14). It was, to him, a personal debt, and thus never to be forgotten; an infinite debt, and thus one never to be fully discharged. We should be equally burdened for lost souls.

WHY FELIX TREMBLED

BY F.E. EXUM

Felix was governor of Judea, a man of power; and yet, under the spell of Paul’s preaching, he had a feeling of fear. Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, and Felix “trembled.” Of the three phases of Paul’s reasoning, the latter was undoubtedly the cause of Felix’s trembling. Paul was tried and condemned in a court of injustice; but the judgment of which Paul spoke is a court of justice, and the powerful in the world, as well as the weak, may well tremble if they are not trying to live in harmony with the Word of God. Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, said, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10:31). Perhaps the apostle had said these very words to Felix. At any rate, Felix, through obedience to the Gospel, could have placed himself in the hands of God, where we need not fear the judgment to come, but he said, “Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee” (Acts 24:25). If that “convenient season” ever came, we have no record of it. Felix took the wrong road. For two years after that time he, willing to show the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

The same parting of the ways that came to Felix comes to every responsible person, and before the same great court of justice before which Felix must stand, we all must stand. It is a show of wisdom to be afraid and trembling in contemplating the day of judgment, but it is a far greater show of wisdom to work righteousness and use temperance to escape condemnation in the judgment to come. Paul said, “he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world” (17:31). John, in his Revelation, said:

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works (20:12-13).

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Privileged to Serve	7/5/2026	7/12/2026
Announcements	Kenny McCall	David Nance
Song Leader	David Nance	Thomas Phillips
Scripture	Wesley McCall	Ed Bell
Opening Prayer	Roger Bell	Wayne McKay
Speaker	Jason Carter	Jason Carter
The Lord's Table	Paul Ashcraft Robin Hinote Craig Joslen Seth Marks	Ron Barker Ashton McCall Kenny McCall Wesley McCall
Closing Prayer	Ashton McCall	Seth Marks
Audio/Visual	Wesley McCall	Wesley McCall
Communion Prep	Ron Barker	Ron Barker
WEDNESDAY	7/8/2026	<u>ADULT CLASSES</u>
Devotional	Kenny McCall	Wednesday 7/8: Guard Your Heart Online
Invitation Song	Jason Carter	
Closing Prayer	Thomas Phillips	Sunday 7/12: Romans 1:18-3:20

I will praise the LORD according to His
righteousness, And will sing praise to the
name of the LORD Most High.

Psalm 7:17

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord Reign in Me (*screen*)

A Shield About Me (*screen*)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Prayer

How Great Thou Art (76)

Awesome God (38)

Agnus Dei (*screen*)

Sermon

Blessed Be the Lord God
Almighty (72)

Come, Share the Lord (364)

Lord's Supper & Offering

Jesus is Lord (180)

Closing Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/5 Potluck

7/17 Game Night (6pm)

7/23 Ronald McDonald House –
lunch prep (10am)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/6 James Glass (B)

7/6 R&S Bell (A)

7/11 Romine (A)

7/11 Solchenberger (A)

7/12 Carolyn Couey (B)

7/13 Maria Carter (B)

7/13 Ashton McCall (B)

7/21 Thomas Phillips (B)

7/28 Mary Johnson (B)

7/29 Joslen (A)

Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- House family – on the passing of Elaine House (Robin's cousin).
- Dorothy – making progress – starting outpatient physical therapy for her shoulder and does not have to wear her brace at home.
- Several traveling for the holidays.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Wayne McKay's birthday is 8/8. Please make this correction in your directory.

POTLUCK TODAY

Everyone is encouraged to stay for our potluck today following the worship service.

GAME NIGHT

We will have a Game Night on Friday, July 17, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game and some snacks to share with the group, and invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

As we begin our study of Romans during the Sunday morning adult class, I would like to direct your attention to study materials that might benefit you as you prepare for our discussions together.

Resource Publications has several good commentaries written by members of the Lord's church, and they have been very useful to me as I prepare each lesson. David Roper is the author of the Romans commentaries. They can be purchased from Chula Vista Books (chulavistabooks.com) at a slight discount from the publisher's listed price.

Other useful books can be found online in PDF digital format at gbntv.org/library. Of particular interest for our study of Romans include commentaries written by Robert R. Taylor, Jr., and Bob Winton, as well as the Denton lectureship book.

WHY FELIX TREMBLED (CONTINUED FROM FRONT)

There is no escape from this judgment, but there is an escape from condemnation. When that day shall come, if Jesus says to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," all fear and anxiety will have passed. If we place ourselves in the hands of God now while we have time and opportunity by obeying His will, we cannot fall into His hands for condemnation.