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(Hymn)

El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
El-Elyon na Adonai,
Age to age You're still the same,
By the power of the name.
El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
Erkamka na Adonai,
We will praise and lift You high,
El Shaddai.

And God kept speaking to me El Shaddai, and I knew that I had to speak on that particular name of God upon this day. And my last message was entitled “A Blessing is on the Way” it’s message #5478. And this is sort of a follow up to 5478. If you haven’t heard it, just go to AirJesus.com.

El Shaddai is one of the many names of God, the one of the 12 most common Biblical callings and manifestations of God. And each one of the names of God, they refer to a particular area of his manifestation and often times we’ll say it in a commonly praise prayer that, you know, God is a lawyer in a courtroom. He’s a doctor in a sick room. You know, he fits what you need when you need it how you need it. Not necessarily how you want it, but how you need it.

So, El Shaddai is one of those names and it’s one of those manifestations. And on this particular day, as I thought about the Father God, we’re under time constraints and sometimes I have to wonder – Why God. You know, as always, children have a difficult time doing whatever the Daddy tell him to do. And I thought about it even with the time constraints.

Children rarely understand directives of the Daddy. And they always want to go off on their own direction and even with Fathers. The difficulty fathers have is often getting people to do what they tell them to do. That’s the second difficulty Daddies have. The first difficulty Daddies have is listening to what their Daddy tell them. See, that’s the prime difficulty that fathers have – is listening to what their heavenly Father tells them to do. And when we become obedient, there are blessings that are bound and just come – they just pour down just when we can learn to be obedient to fatherhood.

And I went to my mother’s house about a week ago and she had a book on her table. The book was called names of God and I knew that I had to speak on El Shaddai then have all of the names listed on the cover, and I said, “Mother can I borrow this book”. And the book, it’s actually an old book. The book was actually published

during the time in the middle of World War Two. It's an old book but El Shaddai is the old name. And whether you know it or not, God is an old God.

And one more bit of revelation, everything and every problem that you are dealing with right now is an old problem. There is not a person under the sound of my voice right now who is dealing with anything new. Everything that you are dealing with is an old problem. Turn to the person "That's an old problem" you're not dealing with anything new whatsoever. Every problem you are dealing with, that problem was in the earth before we had Tele-Evangelism before we had the internet, it was in the earth before we had the radio, it was in the earth even before we had ink put on paper. It was in the earth before we had printing, - every problem that you are dealing with right now.

And some of you say, "Wait a minute, I got a problem with internet pornography, they didn't have that before they had pen and paper". Oh they have some pornography alright, trust me. It may not have been internet but there were some stuff men back then were looking at – they had no business. There is no problem that you are dealing with right now that is not an old problem.

So even though El Shaddai is an old name, he's an old God. And everything that we're dealing with is an old problem and not only is everything that you're dealing with is an old problem. In reality and in truth, everything that you're dealing with, there's nothing you're really dealing with that is really that rough. And I know some of you say, "Well, Pastor you just don't know what I'm going through." Say that to me, "You don't know what I'm going through". And I know that's what went through your head. You don't know what I'm going through. Let me tell you something, you don't know what I'm going through.

With every problem that you are dealing with is not old and is not that rough. In 1 Timothy 6:7, the New Living translation, it says, "After all, we didn't bring anything with us when we came into the world and we certainly cannot carry anything with us when we die." So if we have enough food and clothing let us be content but people who long to be rich, fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and distraction.

Timothy said – Look, if you've got food and clothing, you ought to be content. I know there's no one in here who doesn't have clothing and there's not many who doesn't have food. Not only do we not have food and clothing. Most of us have an excess of both of them.

I brought in this morning, it too four men to bring in all of the clothes that I brought in for the clothing pantry for the Ark of Salvation and 95% of the stuff was suits. And I had to go through my house and clear out and clean out some of the excess clothing that I had. God has spoken, he said, Boy, I want you to go spend some time.

I want you to go spend some time. I want you to organize some stuff. Get some stuff cleared and cleaned out. I had suits, there are suits up in that pantry, they still have the tag on them. I hadn't even worn them yet. I had more stuff than I knew what to do with.

Even though I have issues, I'm not naked. Turn to the person next and tell them, "I'm not naked." Now, some of you all may have been naked last night. That's another sermon but you're not naked now, and you are not hungry. The biggest problem that we have in America is not starvation, it's overeating. We have more of a problem with excess than we do with lack. So the Bible says – Timothy says, if you got food and clothing, you ought to be content. And you don't understand that until you go to some places where they are starving.

When you go to some places where people just want clean water and you use the bathroom and water that's cleaner than the majority of the world has to drink. So, when you really begin to understand it in a light of understanding, the stuff that you're going through is not that rough. It's neither old nor is it in truth that rough.

And the first use of the name El Shaddai, is in Genesis 17 beginning at the first verse. You are all familiar with this passage of Scripture. And it says, "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." And here as God appeared unto Abraham and he said, I am El Shaddai, El Shaddai translates into Almighty God or actually God Almighty.

And actually, that is somewhat of a redundant wording because if it's God, he's already Almighty. But sometimes God has to break his name down so that we understand a little bit clearer about really who he is in a particular situation and that in that particular situation, Abraham was ninety nine years old. And here, El Shaddai came to Abraham at ninety nine years old and told Abraham, I'm going to bless you and you're going to have a progeny, you're going to be the father of all of these people. And here, Abraham, ninety nine years old wondering how is this thing going to be. The first manifestation of El Shaddai was the promise of fatherhood.

But it was the promise of fatherhood to a man who said that he had considered himself dead and considered not the deadness of his wife's womb.

Have you all got any arenas in your world and you have considered them dead? Now, let me break this down specifically. Abraham was ninety nine years old. Every picture that you've ever seen of Abraham, he had a full – so he was talking to God, he was thinking good, he did not have Alzheimer's so his mind wasn't dead. He could see the Lord Almighty. So his eyes weren't dead. He could speak, so his mouth

wasn't dead. He was breathing, so his lungs weren't dead. He was walking so his legs and his feet weren't dead. Well what was dead?

See when a man is ninety nine years old, even when he is in good condition, all of those things on his body are generally working. If you go and talk to a ninety nine year old man and ask him what's dead? All the rest of the stuff just I just named is alive but if you are going to talk to a ninety nine year old man, and ask him what's dead on him, generally, there's only one area and one thing that he's considered dead.

I never will forget my grandfather years ago when he was up in age and he was moving slow around the house and I was down in the country in my grandmother's house and my cousin was there and my grand daddy who we call big daddy. Big daddy walked out into the room and my cousin Harold, looked over, he said, Big daddy, he said, "Your pants are unzipped. You better zip up those pants before something jumps out." And Big Daddy who walked slow and who talked slow at his older years. He said, "Son, nothing is going to jump out, but something may fall out."

So there was a point at which a man, when he gets to a certain age that he considers something dead. So here Abraham said – in faith – and here see, there are some things in your world where you do not understand how some things will manifest because it looks like all of the tools that you have at hand seem to be dead. And this is where El Shaddai comes in. The name 'El' actually means God and it refers in its root is from the Elohim and the Elohim is known as the creative force.

When you read Genesis, when the Bible talks about – Let us make man into our image, the Hebrew really says in the Elohim. So the Elohim is the creative force. It is the part of nature that God manifest and creates, it is his creative power but 'Shaddai' is just awesome, raw controlling power that even overrules nature. And there is a part of where even that which was created and – see even within our bodies that which is created it is magnificent, it is miraculous, it is awesome but there comes a point when you need some stuff overwritten that is beyond that which is natural.

There are some situations that some of you are dealing with right now. And to be honest, when you don't understand how in the world are you going to get through this stuff and fix it in the natural. You can't see how this thing is going to straighten out by any logical means whatsoever. In other words, as far as you are concerned and as far as your logical mind and all of your academic insight can see, as far as that goes, it's dead.

And you don't know how to fix it. But there is a part of 'Shaddai' that says, that even though it may look dead to you, you've got to understand, not only did I create

and I created things that respond to the laws of nature. I created the oceans and I made the waves and I created the shoreline and I held up my hand and I told the water that's far and no further. And I told the fish, you stay there and the birds of the air, you stay there. But 'Shaddai' says that when I say, go, I can have you walk on water and defy natural law.

There is a difference in the power of 'Shaddai' there was a part when the king and the prophet came to the king and told him his time was up and he wanted a sign and the prophet says, I can make the sun move forward or backward. And the king said, it's easy to make the sun go forward, make it go backwards. El created the sun the moon and the stars but Shaddai said I can even make it turn around and head back the other way.

There are some things in your world and you need the power of El Shaddai. You need some things that will turn around, change your way from that which is natural because some of you ought to be perfectly honest, you can't make it in the natural. You've got so much debt that the interest is faster than the money you make. You can't make it in the natural and you don't know what in the world to do. If you pay off \$50.00 on the bill, next month it's up by \$75.00 just from the interest.

You don't know – but in the natural you're getting deeper and deeper. You need some El Shaddai, you need some stuff that is going against what all of the laws of nature says. Some of you got some medical conditions and the doctor says that – There's nothing that we can do about this. Your stuff is functioning the way nature said it's supposed to function and it ain't working. The medicine is not working. You need some El Shaddai that says I can back this thing up. Turn it around; make it go against all natural laws. Any God that can make the sun back up and go backwards.

What is it you have the he can't handle? And you need some El Shaddai – but I want you to understand that when El Shaddai showed up to Abraham, he didn't just show up to Abraham and tell him what he was going to do. He showed up to Abraham with a covenant. And the covenant was he said, if you walk with me, and actually the Bible says, perfect. Now perfect actually translates as blameless and this is particularly important to fathers because Abraham is known as really the great patriarch, the great father among men.

He said, I want you to walk with me blameless. You cannot be perfect. No man, no woman, nor child in this fleshly bodies can be perfect. But you can be blameless. Now what do you mean by blameless, especially when it's father and children. So many children right now are messed up and they blame Daddy. They are messed up and they blame Daddy because Daddy wasn't there. Daddy wouldn't support the family. Daddy went out and did all this kind of stuff.

You know, I heard the other day by the “Temptations” Papa was a rolling stone. You all know the song. You don’t have to act so sophisticated and dignified like you ain’t even heard of the temptation. You know, Papa was a rolling stone, wherever he laid his hat was his home, and when he died all he left was alone. You know the song. He was a rolling stone and when he died, all he left us was alone.

You cannot be perfect but with your children, you can be blameless, where they will not be able to grow up and blame Daddy for their mess up. Because they will be able to say at least my father set a good example for me. And sometimes men all over the world but this is not an old thing with men. Now you all say, old thing with men. Do you know God even said way back then, he had a hard time finding a good man in the earth? This is not an old thing with men. Men have been this way since the dawn of time.

So if you got a sorry man that’s not a new thing. There were sorry men walking the earth in dusty sandals way back. There were sorry men on donkeys. There were sorry men in Egypt. There were sorry men in Samaria. There were sorry men in Galilee. There were sorry men in Nazareth. There had been sorry men since the dawn of time. There had never been any perfect men but there have been blameless. And Shaddai told Abraham. I want you to walk with me and I want you to be blameless because you have got to be father and an example to multitudes.

I’m going to bring nations out of you and they will look down through – history and they will see what you did and I don’t want them to be able to blame father Abraham for their mess up. I want you to be blameless. So fathers you can never be perfect but you can be blameless. So that when your children follow – and my Daddy was not perfect but there is not anything major I blamed my Daddy for and I got some junky head but I didn’t blame him for that. But that doesn’t mess you up. See some of the stuff that children are blaming fathers – it just messes them up.

You need to be blameless in the sight of your children. And God just spoke some words to me, dealing with the blessings that are coming and even El Shaddai and all of his power. God has the power to turn anything in your situation around and some of you are wondering, why had he turned that stuff around. And he simply said, he told me to tell you that he said, I have to renew their minds before I can ever renew their circumstances. And many will find that if their mind is renewed they don’t need their circumstances renewed.

I was talking with a friend of mine, a few days ago. He was managing a big situation and he was just complaining about how rough it was. He was just dealing with his folks just messing. And I said, tell me the whole situation. He told me the situation and I said – Look man, you got control 90% of that situation. What you’re complaining about is 10% of the situation. 90% of it you control and I went on to

explain and I changed the way he looked at it. He called me back and said – man I feel just great. Circumstances hadn't changed, mine had been renewed.

So God is saying he has to renew your mind before he can ever renew your circumstances and if he renews your mind many of your circumstances won't need to be renewed because you'll find the stuff you're going through is not really that rough and is old. But El Shaddai has the power to change the laws of nature itself. A blessing is coming, I believe that without question. You all need to listen to 5478 and El Shaddai that supernatural Almighty God that can change the very laws of the universe is saying to you this day. He needs to renew your mind and as he renews your mind some of you will realize you don't even need to change your circumstances. You just need to change you.

And that's what God had been working with me on. Just to renew and to change me. He's had me cleaning up a lot of stuff and my wife and kids went out of town on Thursday. She wanted to go and spend father's day with her father and God told me – just spend these next couple of days, just straighten it out and clean up some physical stuff. And as I got ready to wash clothes, he told me an unusual thing. He said I want you to wash the washing machine. I said – What!/? He said wash the washing machine and some of the stuff to children, the commands of God, it sounds crazy. See if you go back and read the Bible and if you don't know the outcome when God told them the stuff he sounded crazy.

Wash the washing machine, what kind of sense does that make? But I went ahead and I filled it with water, I got a rag and as I began to wash the washing machine – and see if you all go home to your washing machine right now, you're going to find the same thing in your washing machine. That washing machine had a lot of dirty stuff in it, all in the corners. The rag just started turning black. I said – My goodness, this thing is dirty.

As leaders who are responsible for shaping, molding, cleaning, even our children and our followers, God said wash the washing machine and I began to see some stuff just from being obedient because I would have never thought the washing machine would have been dirty. Until I washed the thing and I'm getting all – it took me 15-20 minutes to wash that washing machine. I had to get some Q-tips, and every Q-tip was just black full of gunk coming out of the washing machine. Wash the washing machine.

Some of you are in charge of your children and you want them to do right and God will speak to us, wash the washing machine. I've been struggling with trying to get us to learn the vitamin verses and see – how do I get to learn Scripture? And to be perfectly honest, I'm not just 100% sure that all the pastors can stand up here and say the vitamin verse all the way through. Wash the washing machine. And I began to see some things just in that because he can renew your mind. He won't have to

even change some of your circumstances. With a renewed mind you'll wake up with just a whole different appreciation of the world and the way things are. El Shaddai – he will change time, space, gravity, spirit, and all that stuff. He can unstop wounds, he can open floors of money that you've never dreamed it was even there. But he opens it up he need to renew some minds because we open up blessings on an un-renewed mind it will be just like what Timothy said and it ends up destroying those who seek so much after riches. El Shaddai – Wash the washing machine.

Go and listen to Message 5478. I believe God without question is speaking some supernatural things into our lives right now. I believe we are getting ready to move into a brand new renewed season of blessing but he wants to get us prepared for it. So that the blessing is not destroyed and so that he can open up the doors and to flood gates for us.

We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. Amen, amen.