



The Caller

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Confidence Corner John F. Board

In this week's *Confidence Corner* I want us to think about one of the terms used to describe God. In just about a week we will be sitting at camp listening to George Jensen speak about various names used to describe Je-

sus. I am excited to hear, and for our kids to hear, those lessons. Let's take just one name used for God and develop it!

In Genesis 5:22 Moses writes through inspiration that Enoch walked with "Ha Elohim." In English we would say Enoch walked with "the God." When the Hebrew term is employed in Scripture it has the connotation of "the one true and living God" as opposed to the Ancient Near Eastern idea of polytheism (many gods).

Hugo McCord points out that previous to Genesis 5:22 there are 71 references to Deity. He also notes that this is the first time that the word "the" appears before the name for God. Brother McCord suggests that there must be some good reason for the insertion of the word "the" in this 72nd reference.

Since "in the beginning" there was only one God, the use of "the God" in the time of Enoch suggests that mankind had moved away from the worship of the true God and had fallen into idolatry and the worship of many gods. This is not surprising given the amount of time that had passed since Adam as well as the deteriorating condition of mankind that Genesis 6 describes (every intention of the thought of the heart was only evil continually). Enoch is commended in that while others were worshipping many gods, Enoch continued to walk with the One True God!

Here is another thought...liberal scholars contend that the world was originally polytheistic and moved from polytheism to monotheism by the eighth century. But when we consider the record of Scripture the evidence suggests the opposite. There originally was only one God and hence no reason to write "the God"—mankind only recognized one God. By the time of Enoch mankind had moved to polytheism and hence a need to designate Enoch's God as the one God (only true and living God).

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In this week's article we will explore the sickness of a broken heart. During the teenage years a boy or girl will most likely experience some sort of heart-break. As humans we fear that sickness. We never look forward to having a broken heart. We may have a broken heart from a number of variables. In their crucial part of life a child may experience heartbreak from rejection, not fitting in, a break up, a feeling of loss.

You (younguns) are trying out for teams, clubs, and groups. You are pressured into asking out the opposite gender because of the pressure of wanting to be loved and accepted. You are expected to make perfect grades on tests and homework. When your expectations aren't met or if you don't meet them you have this feeling of disappointment or maybe even guilt. That can cause you to feel heartbroken. The thing we fear more than anything is rejection. We do not want to be told no. When we don't get something we so deeply desire it can be painful.

When we encounter the sickness of heart-break it can be difficult to overcome. When a girl, boy, family member, or group breaks your heart or spirit we can find the medicine within the Word of God. Psalm 147 gives us the remedy to heal a broken heart. (I encourage you to check out the passage for yourself) It tells us that God "gathers up the outcasts (v2), heals the broken heart, and binds their wounds (v3)." If we read this passage in its entirety we see a God who loves his people. He gives even the stars above a name (v4). Does He not care enough about you to give you comfort?

Do you need healing from heartbreak? Try hoping in his steadfast love (v11). His steadfast love never ceases. If you're hurting from the feeling of not being accepted remember that God loves you, steadfastly.

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Sunday's Sermons:

**A.M. — Snapshots From Beyond
Luke 16:19-31**

**P.M. — Your Choice: Gift or Paycheck
Ephesians 2:1-10**



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