



# The Caller

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## Confidence Corner John F. Board

In this week's *Confidence Corner* I want us to think about the term almighty. The term as it is used in Scripture has the meanings of "all-sovereign," "controlling

all things," as a divine designation, occurs both as an adjective and as a noun. Found relatively rarely in pagan literature, it is used frequently for God in the Greek translation of the OT (LXX). There are 180 times that the word translated from the LXX as "almighty" is found. The same Greek word is used in the Revelation of John, which refers to God as "Almighty" 9 times. Paul also uses the word in 2 Cor. 6:18 as he quotes from the OT.

So how does one explain that though the term "almighty" is rarely used by pagans to refer to their gods, it is used extensively of the God of the Hebrews. I have to wonder if such is not the case because the God of the Hebrews left no question as to the fact that He was and is "Almighty!"

Other deities of other nations really never provided the proof that they were powerful for the people who looked to them as their gods. There is little evidence that these little g gods had much power at all. It is obvious from the writings of the people of the ANE that their gods were not often referred to as almighty.

The God of the Hebrews, YHWH, left such an impression upon His people that they over 180 times referred to Him as "Almighty." What can we make of all of this information? My thought would be that we serve that same God—a God Who is Almighty! It would do us well to remember this fact daily.

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## What's Your Bible IQ?

by Steve Higginbotham (August 19, 2016)

How well can you do on this brief, five-question quiz?

Who was rebuked by Jesus for caring more about temporal things than eternal things?

To whom did Jesus offer "living water" that would cause one to never again thirst?

Which disciple was given a second chance to follow Jesus after denying him?

Who postponed obedience to Christ by procrastinating for a "more convenient season"?

Who was the captive who gained his freedom in exchange for Jesus' death?

If your answers were — Martha, the Samaritan woman, Peter, Felix, and Barabbas — give yourself partial credit. But none of those answers are what I was looking for. However, if you answered each question with your own name, then give yourself full credit!

Okay, so the quiz is a "trick," but if you go back and re-read all the questions, you'll see that your name is a perfect answer to every question. The purpose of this little quiz is just to remind you to internalize the Scriptures. The Bible is a great book, but if we don't make personal application of its truths, it will do us no good. Give it some thought.

## Sunday's Sermons:

**A.M. — A Heritage**  
**Psalm 127:3-5**

**P.M. — The Unseen Realm**  
**1 Peter 1:10-12**

## IT'S MARCH MADNESS



Well, the time is here. Many people will begin placing much of their focus for the next few weeks on the game of basketball. Nothing wrong with enjoying some good clean fun, so long as it does not take away from our service to God. Much of the talk as we get around friends, family, co-workers and classmates, will involve who we want to win, whom we think will win, and who won the night before. It is good to be passionate about a sport. Though not necessary, it can add some fun to life under the sun.

Passion—in what other areas of your life is it found? Well I would hope there could be a number of areas in your life in which you have passion. My hope would be that you would be passionate about your marriage—the relationship God intends to be the closest of all human bonds. If you have children, my guess would be you are passionate about them and their lives as well. In a sense, I hope you are passionate about your job. Are any of these your greatest passion?

My hope is that your greatest passion is your walk with God! Though sports are fun and family is a great blessing, nothing is as important as our relationship with God. Not only does our relationship with God lead to an eventual home in His presence for all eternity, it also leads to the best life lived here while passing through life on this earth.

So are you passionate about your relationship with God? Do you awake each day and give thanks to God for another day of life—another day to serve Him and others? Do you look forward to your daily time in God's word? Does your day have periods of prayer?

A wise man, after considering all things under the sun, once wrote: "Hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep His commandment for this is whole of the man" (literal Hebrew). May God help us to understand this enduring and essential principle!

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