

Asah
(AW-SAW')
"MAKER"

***"For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is His name;
and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel;
The God of the whole earth shall he be called."
~Isaiah 54:5***

(1) _____ describes God as (2) _____. In the first two chapters of Genesis, (3) _____ is used (4) _____ times in connection with God's creative power, and its most frequent usage occurs in Deuteronomy and Psalms.

(Note: Psalms 68 uses the reference 26 times.)

This term speaks of God's ability to (5) _____. From that ability and might comes the term that means "to swear by". "Elohim" speaks of all that God is and can accomplish, and when God wanted man to know of a surety that God cannot fail, He revealed Himself by name as well as by testimony to His works.

When calling on man to (6) _____ Him, God revealed Who He was and "covenanted" or promised the people that He is the mighty God of creation. To prove His promise, He swore by Himself (Hebrews 6:13), for no more sure word of promise could be given.

Elohim created all things (the Trinity in action) by a divine act of God's will and in a unique fashion we call (7) _____. Exnihilo by definition is to create something from nothing; a new thing. The divine act of creating – not fashioning or refashioning, but literally to create.

The root for (8) _____ is (9) _____, from which we get "abr-aw" to create, to form a new thing.

From the root (10) _____, we find the concept of (11) _____, or transform, to mold or shape. In some cases these words are exchanged and only by the context can you clearly determine the intent of the usage.

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Both acts are significant actions on the part of God, not men. God is Elohim - Creator, but God is also ASAH - Maker. Not only does God create, but God sustains. God is not finished with creation, but rather God is active in shaping and conforming creation to His divine will.

When we see our God as ⁽¹²⁾ _____, we must see Him as *"the One who shapes our lives"*, not just the One who shaped us. As ⁽¹³⁾ _____, our God is ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____ us, or perhaps more appropriately, ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____ us.

Our God is ASAH, and He *"hath done marvelous things."*
(*Psalm 98:1, 95:5-6, 139:1*)

Illustration: The potter, clay, potter's wheel. (*Jeremiah 18:2-6; Psalm 2:9; Isaiah 29:6; 1 Chronicles 4:23; Isaiah 30:14*) We are to be pliable, workable, moldable, shapeable, for we are truly *"His workmanship"* (*Ephesians 2:10*)

God is our Creator. We have not formed ourselves, and God is our Maker. We cannot transform ourselves! Without Him we can do nothing.

The Bible uses these references throughout speaking of God's divine presence and His divine intervention in our daily lives.

1. God said I will make thee...
2. God maketh thee to do...
3. Our God hath made thee to understand...
4. Have not I brought thee out...
5. And I give unto them...

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Man rebels against the God of creation, and thus man rebels against the God of re-creation. "A new man in Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:17) speaks of a reshaping or transforming, and involves ASAH, our Maker, who shall shape us according as we allow.

ASAH speaks of a very active work of God among His creation, not what has been done, but what can be done as we yield ourselves as clay in the Potter's hand.

God is working all things according to His divine will. (Hebrews 13:21; Ephesians 1:19, 4:16)

Thank God that He is working! He is making us to be like Him! (Romans 8:29)

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ASAH ANSWER KEY

1. Elohim
2. Creator
3. Elohim
4. 35
5. Create
6. Know
7. Exnihilo
8. Create
9. Bara
10. Asah
11. Alter
12. Maker
13. Maker
14. Conforming
15. Transforming

