

Honoring Jehovah: Knowing Him by Name

Jer. 9:23-24

What does it mean to know Him by name?

- There are many names given to God in the O.T.
 - *Adonai* – Lord, Master (Gen. 15:2)
 - *Quanna* – Jealous (Ex. 20:5)
 - *Elohim* – God “Creator, Mighty, and Strong” (Gen. 17:7)
 - *El Olam* – The Everlasting God (Gen. 21:33)
 - *El Eloah* – God “mighty, strong, prominent” (Gen. 7:1)
 - *El Shaddai* – Lord God Almighty (Gen. 17:1)
 - *El Elyon* – The Most High God (Gen. 14:18)
 - *El Roi* – God of Seeing (Gen. 16:13)
 - *El Gibhor* – Mighty God (Is. 9:6)
 - *Yahweh* – Jehovah (Gen 2:4)
 - *Yahweh Nissi* – The Lord My Banner, The Lord My Miracle (Occurs once in Ex. 17:15)
 - *Yahweh –raah* – The Lord my Shepherd (Ps. 23:1)
 - *Yahweh Rapha* – The Lord Who Heals (Ex. 15:26)
 - *Yahweh Shammah* – The Lord is There (Ezek. 48:35)
 - *Yahweh Tsidkenu* – The Lord Our Righteousness (Jer. 23:6)
 - *Yahweh Mekoddishkem* – The Lord who Sanctifies You (Ex. 31:13)
 - *Yahweh Jireh* – The Lord will Provide (Gen. 22:15)
 - *Yahweh Shalom* – The Lord is Peace (Judges 6:24)
 - *Yahweh Sabaoth* – The Lord of Hosts (1 Sam. 1:3)
- Knowing God’s name is not only being able to recall His titles, but to understand what they mean.
 - Each name given to God is a description of His attributes – His power, eternal nature, provision, characteristics, leadership, and sovereignty.
 - To understand these attributes of God is to know God.
- **Each Biblical name of God is an effort to more clearly identify who God is and what He does.**
 - Ex. 6:3
 - It was Israel’s understanding of God’s capability and willingness to deliver them (Ex. 6:6-7) that created a true understanding of who YHWH was.
 - 1 Jn 2:12 – Why did God save us? For His name’s sake – that we might understand who He is and what He does.

The knowledge of God must be something that we seek.

- David set his heart to seek and to know God (Ps. 27:8; Ps. 63:1).
- A righteous nation is the one who seeks God daily and delights to know His ways (Is. 58:2).
- The search for God comes with promise:

- Ps. 9:10 - The Lord will not forsake us if we are seeking Him!
- Ps. 34:10 - The Lord will provide for us if we are seeking Him!
- Ps. 40:16 - There is joy to be found when we find Him (Ps. 119:2)!
- Heb. 11:6 - He will reward those who seek Him!
- The LORD calls for us to seek Him (Ps. 105:4; Amos 5:4; Acts 17:26-27) and promises that we will find Him under one condition... Jer. 29:13.
- We can not lose heart in our efforts to seek Him daily.

How do we come to know Him by name?

- The knowledge of the Father (His character and attributes) comes through the Son.
 - Jesus intimately knew the Father (John 7:28-29; 10:15).
 - It was only through Jesus that the Father intended to be fully known (John 14:7; Matt. 11:27; John 8:19).
- *Do you seek to know God more clearly through Jesus?*
 - Coming to know Jesus means we come to know God's name more clearly as:
 - Lord (Acts 2:36)
 - Savior (1 John 4:14)
 - Shepherd (John 10:11)
 - Creator (Col. 1:16)
 - Healer (Luke 4:18)
 - The Almighty (Rev. 1:8)
 - Sanctifier (Heb. 13:12)
 - Peace (Is. 9:6)
 - The purity of the names given to God in the O.T. becomes clearer when seen through Jesus.

Honoring Jehovah in My Life

- Many of the names attributed to God in the Bible are descriptions of what He does/has done for His people:
 - *El Roi – God of Seeing (Gen. 16:13)*
 - *Yahweh Nissi – The Lord My Banner, The Lord My Miracle (Ex. 17:15)*
 - *Yahweh –raah – The Lord my Shepherd (Ps. 23:1)*
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- How do I honor His good name in my life?
 - Giving thanks (Heb. 13:15)
 - Bearing reproach (1 Pet. 4:14)
 - Departing from iniquity (2 Thess. 2:19)
 - Loving the brethren (Heb. 6:10)

Conclusion:

- God has always intended to have a people that knew Him by name:
 - *“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for **they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,** says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”* Jer. 31:33-34
- It is those who know Him by name that will be known by His name for eternity.
 - *“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. **I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.**”* Rev. 3:12
 - *“And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, **and His name shall be on their foreheads...**and they shall reign forever and ever.”* Rev. 22:3-5b