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What is in the name?

Exodus 20:7

Exodus 20:7, *“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.*

Our Identity

Our names are more than just the labels we respond to. They represent our identity and give us a sense of individuality.

Our Family History and Heritage

A name can be an important link to our ancestors. In many cultures, names are passed down from generation to generation, carrying with them the tradition and history of our families.

Affect the Way We Are Perceived by Others

Because names have meaning and connotation, and those things shape how others see you.

Proverbs 22:1, *A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving Favor rather than silver and gold.*

Who are you?

What comes to mind when you hear those three words?

How do you answer that question?

It's a question that cuts to the core of identity.

It reveals what you believe about yourself.

It reveals what you value and where you find your significance.

Naming is tied to authority and intimacy.

Naming demonstrates authority. When God created man, he gave him the name Adam, and one of the first jobs he gave Adam was to give names to everything put under his care.

While naming is tied to authority in the scriptures, it also reveals intimacy. Naming happens in the context of relationships.

John 10:3, *To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

Luke 10:20, *Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

Isaiah 43:1, *But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.*

Isaiah 49:15-16, *"Can a woman forget her nursing child And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶ See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.*

Mohamed Ali fight with Ernie Terrell.

God shows Himself strong and gives the command.

God commanded them to honour and respect God's name.

Biblically they were not googling to find a popular name rather they were looking to God to about their destiny.

We respond to the names differently according to the place.

I have 3 great Biblical names.

What do you want me to call you?

I answer very differently to different names based on the relationship.

God has got many names in the Bible. God has got about 60 names in our scriptures.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, the name of God is recorded as YHWH.

Where did the name "Jehovah" come from?

Ancient Hebrew did not use vowels in its written form. The vowels were pronounced in spoken Hebrew but were not recorded in written Hebrew.

The appropriate vowel sounds of words were passed down orally.

So, when God's Hebrew name "**YHWH**" is used in the Old Testament, English translations usually use "**LORD**" in all caps. It appears **6,800 times** in our Bible.

When "**Lord**" occurs in the Old Testament, referring to God, it is usually a rendering of "**Adonai**," a name/title of God that emphasizes His lordship. It appears about **450 times** in our Bible.

In the Old Testament, when "God" is used, it is usually a rendering of the general Hebrew word for God, "**Elohim**." It appears **2,570 times** in our Bible.

When "**LORD GOD**" or "**Lord GOD**" occurs, it is usually a rendering of a dual name for God "Adonai YHWH."

The Hebrew term "**YHWH Sabaoth**" is usually rendered "**Lord of Hosts.**"

The Hebrew term "**YHWH Shaddai**" is usually rendered "**LORD Almighty.**"

The Old Testament uses many different names and titles to refer to God, to emphasize certain aspects of His person and attributes.

The usage of "Lord" and "God" in the New Testament is much less complicated.

Almost universally, "God" is a translation of "**theos**," the general Greek word for deity. It appears **1,315 times** in our New Testament.

Also almost universally, "Lord" is a translation of "**kurios**," the general Greek word for a master. It appears about **700 times** in the New Testament.

What is in a name of God?

1. An invitation to know God more personally.

First step to call them in a name which only you know.

Lot of people introduce me with wrong name, yet they introduce me as they know me very well.

You can't call me using all my names since you don't know me! Similar; y you can't call God since you don't know Him personally.

2. See the Power of God.

Do not take the name of God vain.
Vain means empty, worthless.

God is saying that don't use my name without power.

David and Goliath fight.

1 Samuel 17:45, *Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.*

Peter at the temple.

Acts 3:6, *Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."*

There is Power in the name of God.

Philippians 2:9-11, *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Acts 4:12, *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

3. Trust God

Whom you know God and you will trust Him.

Jehovah Jireh the Lord will provide.

Jehovah Rapha The God who heals.

Jehovah Nissi The Lord is my banner.

Jehovah Shalom The Lord is peace.

Jehovah Tsidkenu The Lord Our Righteousness.

Jehovah Mekoddishkem The Lord Who Sanctifies You.

El Olam The Everlasting God.

El Roi "God Who Sees"

El Shaddai "God Almighty"

When you are in trouble remember His name!

You will know the circumstances by the way they call you!

Exodus 3:14, *And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*