



...but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ... (Ephesians 4:15)

Part 2 — KNOWING HIM

John 17:3 *Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.*

1. We experience God in proportion to our knowledge of Him. (Daniel 11:32)
2. Many times in the Old Testament God revealed Himself through His Names, and many were compound names such as Jehovah Jireh, our Salvation and Provider in Genesis 22:1-9.
 - The word for name is shem (Old Testament) and onoma (New Testament), which meant character or a particular characteristic. Abraham meant Exalted Father while Jacob meant “heel grabber,” or one who strives.
 - We begin the Disciple’s Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 with *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,...* (onoma).
3. The Name of the Lord is a declaration of His Character...
 - As God spoke out of the burning bush in Exodus 3:13-16 Moses asked, “...when they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?” God’s reply was, “I AM WHO I AM.” This is God’s proper Name and basically means the One who exists eternally.
4. And a promise of His commitment to His people.
 - Psalm 9:10 *Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.* (Psalm 20:7)
 - Proverbs 18:10 *The Name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.*

5. A few of His Names (and compound Names) in the Old Testament include:
 - Elohim — *The Creator, Covenant God (Genesis 1 and many other places).*
 - El-Shaddai — *The Mighty God and the source of life (Genesis 17:1-2 and many other places).*
 - Adonai — *Perfect Master (Genesis 15:1-8; Malachi 1:6; etc.).*
 - Jehovah — *The God of Holiness, Righteousness and Love (Exodus 6:2-3 and throughout the Old Testament).*
 - Jehovah Jireh — *The LORD our Salvation and Provider (Genesis 22:1-9).*
 - Jehovah Rophe — *The LORD our Healer (Genesis 15:22-27).*
 - Jehovah Nissi — *The LORD our Banner, our victory over death and the devil (Exodus 17:8-16).*
 - Jehovah Shalom — *The LORD our Peace (Judges 6:1-24).*
 - Jehovah Rohi — *The LORD our Shepherd (Psalm 23).*
 - El Olam — *The everlasting, unchanging God (Genesis 21:33).*
6. God has Absolute Attributes, characteristics only He possesses...
 - Omni-Present (everywhere at the same time), Omniscient (all knowing), Omnipotent (all powerful), Sovereign (supreme authority), etc.
7. And Moral Attributes, those which deal with His Character and Nature.
 - God is Holy, Righteous, Love, Truth, etc.
8. By developing a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, we enter into a deeper understanding of God, our Heavenly Father.
 - In John 14:8-9, Jesus said to Philip, “*Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.*”
 - Hebrews 1:1-4 *...The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word...*



The four ministries of Jesus Christ as our Savior (Isaiah 53:5), our Baptizer in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5, 8), our Healer (Matthew 8:17), and our soon, coming King (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).