

I AM WHO I AM

A Journey into the Character of God

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THE NAMES OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The knowledge of God and His ways is more essential for the Christian than anything else. It was the prayer of Jesus, “Now this is eternal life: that they may KNOW (by experience) the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17:3. We will know God in proportion to how we’ve experienced Him.

A name in Scripture often described a person’s character or unique quality. The Old Testament contains a number of names which reveal some aspect of God’s Character and dealings with mankind. In the Disciples’ prayer in Matthew 6:5- 15 and Luke 11:1-4, “hallowed be Your Name” (Greek: anoma meaning character), we are saying, “How we admire Your character,” or love who You are.

SCRIPTURES THAT RELATE

Exodus 3:13-15 *God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”... This is My Name forever, the Name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.”*

- John 8:58 *Jesus answered, “Before Abraham was born, I AM!”*

Exodus 15:3 *The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His Name.*

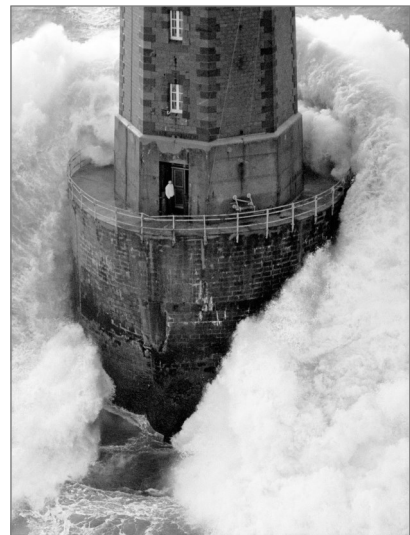
Psalm 9:10 *Those who know Your Name will trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.*

Psalm 20:7 *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the Name of the LORD our God.*

Psalm 113:1-3 *From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the Name of the LORD is to be praised.*

Proverbs 18:10 *The Name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.*

- Psalm 91



A FEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT NAMES OF GOD

The three basic words: God - *Elohim, El, Mighty, Covenant God*; LORD - *Jehovah, His relational Name*; Lord - *Adonai, Adon, Master*.

1. *Elohim God, Our Mighty Creator, Covenant God.*
 - Genesis 1 and throughout the Old Testament; John 1:1-13
2. *El-Shaddai The Mighty God.*
 - Genesis 17:1-2 and throughout the Old Testament; Matthew 14:13-33
3. *Adonai The Lord our Master.*
 - Genesis 15:1-3; Daniel 9:3-19; Malachi 1:6; John 13:12-17
4. *El Olam The Everlasting, Eternal God Who does not change.*
 - Genesis 21:33; Malachi 3:5-7; Hebrews 13:8
5. *JEHOVAH LORD, the Self-Existent, Holy, Righteous and Loving God throughout the Old Testament.*
 - Exodus 3:13-15, 6:2-3; John 8:58
6. *Jehovah-Jireh The LORD our Provider.*
 - Genesis 22:1-9; Isaiah 53; Luke 4:16-21
7. *Jehovah-Rophe The LORD our Healer.*
 - Exodus 15:22-27; Matthew 8
8. *Jehovah-Nissi The LORD our Banner.*
 - Exodus 17:8-16; Luke 10:17-20
9. *Jehovah-Sabaoth The LORD of Hosts.*
 - 1 Samuel 17:45; Haggai 2:4-9, 23
10. *Jehovah-M'Kaddesh The LORD our Sanctifier.*
 - Leviticus 20:8; Hebrews 10:14
11. *Jehovah-Rohi The LORD our Shepherd.*
 - Psalm 23; John 10:1-18
12. *Jehovah-Shammah The LORD IS THERE.*
 - Ezekiel 48:35; John 14:18-26

