



Sunday December 05, 2021
What's In A Name? - The Names Of God

INTRODUCTION:

The word 'name' in English comes from the Old English '*nama*', Greek '*onoma*'
Names are given and used in order to refer to a person, place, or thing.

It is interesting to note that certain standards, criteria or social norms are followed in giving names – be it parents naming their children (different cultures follow different norms) or be it in fields like chemistry, biology, etc.

And there is actually a study dealing with the origin, history, development, and the use of proper names called *Onomatology* or *Onomastics*.

We see that in the Bible, the name given to an individual was quite significant.

It described the character and potential of that person.

Abram – exalted father

When a person's name was *changed* by God, it literally changed the course of a person's life - bringing in a change of potential and destiny.

Abraham – father of a multitude

So, we see that **God re-named individuals** to:

- 1) Show them how He actually saw them
- 2) Reveal their true potential & character which they may or may not know
- 3) Change the way they looked at themselves
- 4) Change their course of life and destiny

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH HIS NAMES:

In the Bible we see many instances where God is introduced to man or God introduces Himself.

He is introduced each time with a name or He Himself says 'I Am' so and so.

The Names of God reveal the character, nature and attributes of God
In other words, the Names of God reveal and describe who He is and what He does.



THE NAMES OF GOD:

While there are many names and titles of God in the Bible, we will study just a few of them here.

1) ELOHIM

The powerful God, the source of all creation

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The word used for God here is *Elohim* – the supreme God, the powerful God. It is a plural word used as a singular to refer to Majesty and by implication, the Triune God

The heavens and the earth were created by the supreme and powerful God who is creative.

Theos, a word never used for any other being other than God Himself is the Greek word equivalent of Elohim used in John 1:1

John 1:1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Hebrews 11:3

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Creation did not happen by chance. It was brought forth by the creator.

There is beauty, purpose and design in all creation.

The fall & sin has marred the beauty, purpose and design but, creation itself will be redeemed from the fall.

Romans 8:21

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.



As Elohim, God is the supreme and powerful one who is our creator.

Psalm 139:14

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

2) EL SHADDAI

The Almighty, the bountiful, the all-sufficient one.

After God's promise of a heir in Genesis 15, Abram heeds Sarai's counsel regarding Hagar in Genesis 16 and Abram was 86 years old when Ismael was born.

Genesis 17:1

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

God visits Abram when he was 99 years old and introduces Himself as the all-sufficient one, reminds him about His promise and re-names Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah.

Genesis 18:14

14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

The bountiful, all-sufficient One – He is sufficient for all our needs, even in the face of what seems to be contrary to all natural circumstances

Hebrews 10:23

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

3) JEHOVAH RAPHA

The Lord who heals, the Lord your health

Exodus 15:26

..."If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the



diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.”

The Lord took the Israelites through the Red Sea.

They were in the wilderness of Shur for 3 days without water and came to Marah but were disappointed as the waters were bitter.

We read in Vs. 25 that upon obeying the instruction of the Lord, the bitter waters were made sweet. He further instructs the Israelites in Vs. 26 and reveals Himself as the Lord who heals.

The Lord, in His instructions, is inviting us to walk in divine health.

This invitation to walk in divine health is connected to walking in fellowship with the healer.

Let Jehovah Rapha lead us in paths of divine health as we walk with Him – heed His voice, give ear to his commands, keep His statutes and do what is right.

4) JEHOVAH NISSI

The Lord my Banner/Victory

Exodus 17:15

And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner.

The Lord will give us His supernatural strategies and lead us into victory.

Do not be afraid of the battle.

Receive wisdom and strategies through His Word by His Spirit.

May the Lord be your banner of victory as He leads you.

5) JEHOVAH JIREH

The Lord is my provider

Genesis 22:14

And Abraham called the name of the place, The- Lord -Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

We observe that Genesis 22:5, 8 are declarations of faith that Abraham makes.



The Lord is our provider. He is a generous giver.

Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Romans 8:32

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

6) JEHOVAH SHALOM

The Lord is Peace

Judges 6:24

So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Shalom – health, prosperity, peace, safety, well-being, rest.

In the face of sickness, poverty, confusion, danger, restlessness, the Lord Himself is our Shalom.

Vs. 16. The Lord promises Gideon that He will be with him

Vs. 23. The Lord declares to Gideon 'Shalom be with you'

The Shalom of God enabled Gideon to *overlook his past, discard his old identity* and *move forward into God's assignment* for him to be one of the Judges of Israel

7) JEHOVAH ROI

The Lord my Shepherd

Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.



In *Psalm 23*, we see that:

The shepherd leads, restores, cares, accompanies, provides nourishment & rest, anoints, so that we don't lack any good thing and we can declare that His goodness and mercy comes after us.

In vs. 6 the word 'follow' is from the Heb. *Radaph* which is also translated *chase, hunt*.

This is the psalmist's declaration - that goodness and mercy will chase and hunt him down as he is led by the Shepherd

THE NAMES OF GOD - HIS REVELATION, HIS INVITATION

The Names of God reveal the greatness of God

The Names of God reveal the power of God

The Names of God reveal the love of God

The Names of God reveal the heart of God

The Names of God reveal the holiness of God

The Names of God reveal the will of God

God's revelation of Himself through His names is an invitation from Him to us.

An invitation to encounter and experience that specific characteristic of Himself which He reveals through His Names.

Psalm 34:8

8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Taste = to perceive, to become aware, to experience

JESUS, THE WONDERFUL NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

All the characteristics of these names that we studied are embodied in the person of the Lord Jesus.

The Name of Jesus is above every other name

Philippians 2:10

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,



Song: What's in a name? | Band: Petra | Album: Beyond Belief

Chorus

What's in a name that the demons flee?

What's in a name that the captives go free?

What's in a name that every knee should bow?

In the name of Jesus, name above all names

There is power and glory, forever and ever

There is Salvation only in the name of Jesus

Matthew 1:20-21

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Acts 4:12

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."

The revelation of the name of Jesus is an invitation to an eternal relationship.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

SALVATION CALL

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8

If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12

If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6

If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12

If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12

If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31

As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#) . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Take turns to read the following Scripture references (each person can read a reference)

Genesis 1:1, John 1:1, Hebrews 11:3

Genesis 17:1

Exodus 15:26

Exodus 17:15

Genesis 22:14

Judges 6:24

Psalm 23



INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Share if you have experienced a particular 'Name of God' in your life – eg. God as your provider, healer, etc.

2, Share about a particular 'Name of God' (characteristic, aspect of God) that you are yet to know/experience in your life.

3, Take turns to pray for one another for God to reveal Himself in all these ways.

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

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