

DOCTRINE

GOD

LESSON #2

I. NAMES OF GOD

Question: What is the primary purpose of man?

Answer: Man's chief purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. But we can enjoy God in this manner only if we really know Him. This knowledge of God is more essential than any other knowledge. Jesus said (John 17:3), "And this is life eternal that they might know Thee, the only True God." The goal of Paul's life was "That I may know Him." Therefore, the purpose of this study.

God – Gen. 1:1 – "Elohim" – Strength or "Strong One" and "To swear by oneself or to bind oneself by an oath," thus implying faithfulness. This is a uni-plural word indicating the Trinity in its makeup. See Gen. 1:26-27. The following is a few of the uses of this name in Scripture. Deut. 10:17, Gen. 17:1, Gen. 50:24, I Kings 8:23. Occurs 2,570 times in the Old Testament.

LORD – Gen. 2:4 – "Jehovah" – "The self-existent one." Also, "To become known," indicating a continuing self-revelation. Therefore, He is "the self-existent one who reveals Himself." This is the redemptive name of God. See Ex. 3:14. "He that is who He is." It is interesting that this name does not appear on the scene until God had made man and begins to deal with him. Occurs 6,823 times in the Old Testament.

Lord – Gen. 15:2 – "Adonai" – Master. This word is applied to both God and man in Scripture. Example: Gen. 24:9, referring to Abraham as master (Lord). To show the use of the two words (LORD) and (Lord) see Ex. 4:10-12. "Moses said unto the LORD (Jehovah), Oh my Lord (Adonai)." Since creation power is involved in vs. 11, it is Jehovah who answers.

Almighty God – Gen. 17:1 – "El Shaddai." El is "the strong one," Shaddai is the breasted one, strength giver, satisfier, fruitfulness. Seen in use in Isa. 60:15-16. Here God is seen nourishing Israel back to prominence and fruitfulness before God. Also, Isa. 66:10-13. In the New Testament, Christ is seen as fullness of the Christian.

Jehovah – Jireh – Gen. 22:13-14 – "The Lord will provide" in the time of need. God provided Abraham a lamb as a substitute for Isaac, his son.

Jehovah – rapha – Ex. 15:26 – "The Lord that healeth." After leaving Egypt, Israel having a new beginning, received the promise that if they obeyed God, He would put none of the diseases of Egypt on them.

Jehovah – nissi – Ex. 17:8-15 – "The Lord our banner" shows how the Lord wishes to fight for us, but we must learn to give Him the room to work.

Jehovah – M'Kaddesh – Lev. 20:8 – "The Lord who sanctifies you." The Lord requires holiness of His people, yet it is only the Lord who can sanctify.

Jehovah – Shalom – Judges 6:24 – "The Lord our peace." Gideon learning the God of peace and peace with God is the best way to face the enemy.

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Jehovah – řa-ah (rohi) – Ps. 23 – “The Lord, my shepherd.” Here, David expresses that all-important truth: The Lord wants to care for us.

Jehovah – Tisdkenu – Jer. 23:6 – “The Lord, our righteousness,” showing the future restoration of Israel and their recognition of Jesus as their King.

Jehovah – shammah – Ez. 48:35 – “The Lord is present” looking forward to the Great future city where the Lord will be the center of everything.

1. What do you think should be the primary purpose of man in the world?
2. Which knowledge is most essential?
3. What is your goal in this life?
4. Why did God swear by Himself only?
5. What important doctrine is contained in the word “Elohim?”
6. What important revelation do we have in the name “Jehovah?”
7. What primary doctrine is the name “Jehovah” connected with?
8. Almighty-God is a beautiful name. Give its meaning.
9. Who is the real substitute the Lord has provided for us?
10. Upon what basis did the Lord promise not to put the diseases of Egypt on Israel?
11. What is the name of God who wishes to fight for us?
12. Who is it that sanctifies us?
13. Gideon became acquainted with the Lord our peace, then won what great battle?
14. Express briefly how you have found the Lord to be your Shepherd.
15. Who is our righteousness?
16. What does it mean to you – “The Lord is present?”