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GOD'S NAME

By Pastor John Mochel



Names are important. When parents pick the name of a child, it is a major decision. It means something. That name is going to mean that person. The child will grow into his or her name and the name grows into them.

God has a name. The third commandment tells us that His name is special, holy.
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. Exodus 20:7

People commonly take this as a stipulation against swearing. It may be that, in certain situations, but really it is a commandment to use God's name as special because God is special.

But what is God's name? And now we get down to specifics that are important. Earlier in the book of Exodus, Moses actually asked God the question, "What is Your name?"

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. Exodus 3:13-15

In Genesis 4:26 we read that it was when Seth was born to Adam and Eve that "people began to call upon the name of the LORD." In most good English translations (ESV, NASB, NIV, KJV) the name "LORD" in all capitals is how God's name, Yahweh, is translated. In ancient Hebrew, which uses no vowels in the written language, this

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name for God uses the same Hebrew consonants as the verb “I Am.”

So, in Exodus 3:14, when He identifies Himself by name saying “I Am that I Am,” God is actually using a play on words in the Hebrew to say something about who He is that is indicated by His “name forever.” God is emphasizing His eternal nature and self-existence by connecting His name “Yahweh” with the Hebrew verb for existence in the present tense. God’s forever name tells us that He is forever.

Thus, whenever you are reading your Bible and see the name “LORD,” rather than “Lord,” you can be sure that it is a translation of the name Yahweh, or Jehovah, or YHWH, which is God’s name that you and I are required not to speak in vain or use in any way that is not very special.

Yahweh is the name God uses as He relates to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is His name in relationship with others, His creatures that He made to know Him. The world may know Him as God, but you and I get to know Him on a first-name basis, “Yahweh.”

Yahweh is the name that God uses when He makes and keeps promises with people whom He loves. It is His covenant-keeping name. You might think of it like this: When God makes promises to His people, He signs His name “Yahweh.”

What does His name mean? Yahweh means that God never had a beginning and that He will never end. Yahweh means that He is absolute reality and utterly independent and all things depend upon Him. Yahweh means that He is the absolute standard of truth, goodness, and beauty and that He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He never fails to do what He says He will do. Yahweh means that He makes His people His friends. Yahweh means that He does whatever He pleases and always pleases to keep His promises to those He loves and calls to His name, Yahweh.

God tells us how He wants to be called by His special people, “Yahweh.”

There is the title, “Adonai,” translated Lord, the sovereign King. There is the plural “Elohim,” God in the fullness of His divine attributes, one God in three persons, translated “God.” There is the singular “El,” the transcendent Divine being, also translated “God.” But there is only one “name” for God. God is what He is; Yahweh is who He is.



MAY MINISTRY

MAY 3

Daniel 2:31-49

All the Kingdoms of the World and Then

MAY 10

Daniel 3:1-30, Mother’s Day

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

MAY 17

Daniel 4:1-27

Nebuchadnezzar’s Second Dream

MAY 24

Daniel 4:28-37, Memorial Day

God’s Dominion is an Everlasting Dominion

MAY 31

Daniel 5:1-31

God Ruins the Feast



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Continue to PRAY

that we can gather together soon!



Mother

[*muhth-er*] -noun

1. one person who does the work of twenty. For free.

Graduate

[*grad-u-ate*] -noun

1. a person who has completed a course of study & is headed for new adventure! Congratulations, Kylie Dressen!

Memorial Day

[*Me-mo-ri-al Day*] -noun

1. a day on which those who died in active military service are remembered. Thank and honor those who serve(d).



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<p><i>All meetings on-line via GoToMeeting Contact Pastor John 605-351-6630 to join</i></p>						
3 9:30a Worship <i>Annie Bird Tarin Fahlberg Maura VanHof- wegen</i> 6p Evening Study	4 7p Deacon Board Meeting	5 9a Prayer <i>Louis Laten- dresse</i>	6 <i>Sandy Sheffield Caleb Carnes Trevin Fahlberg</i> 6:30p AIC Youth	7 7:30p Men's Discipleship	8	9
10 9:30a Worship <u><i>Happy Mother's Day</i></u> 6p Evening Study	11	12 9a Prayer <i>Sarah Hoffman</i>	13 6:30p AIC Youth	14 7:30p Men's Discipleship	15 <i>Louis & Joan Latendresse</i> <i>Michael Hoffman</i>	16 <i>Emily Booth</i>
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24 9:30a Worship <i>Reed & Marilyn Jensen</i> 6p Study 31 9:30a Worship 6p Study	25 <u><i>Memorial Day</i></u>	26 9a Prayer <i>Sarah Wergin</i>	27	28 <i>Ed Evenson</i> 7:30p Men's Discipleship	29	30 <i>Chris DeLay</i>

God's name is a place of protection

Proverbs 18:10