



# BIBLE STUDY

## “THE BEST OF BIBLE STUDY”

### Lesson 4: The Names Of God

#### I. People Who Know Their God

"A little knowledge of God is worth more than a great deal of knowledge about Him." p. 26 (*Knowing God*, by J.I. Packer)

##### 1a.

1. One can know a great deal about God without much knowledge of Him. Even though one may have a deep interest in theology, read books about God, and even study the Scriptures, that may not say that one truly knows God.
2. One can know a great deal about godliness without much knowledge of God.

##### 1b. Evidence of Knowing God

###### 1. Those who know God have great energy for God, p. 27

- a. Daniel 11:32 - Action-Oriented
- b. Daniel 1: 1-16 - Actively stand for their belief

"It simply means that those who know their God are sensitive to situations in which God's truth and honor are being directly or tacitly jeopardized, and rather than let the matter go by default will force the issue on men's attention and seek thereby to compel a change of heart about it-even at personal risk." p. 28

- c. Daniel 9 - People who have the energy to pray for God's cause

###### 2. Those who know God have great thoughts of God, p. 29

- a. God foreknows all things - Daniel 4:25 & 5:21
- b. Awesome thoughts of God - 2:20-22, 9:4,7,9, 14

The test: Does our sense of holy majesty, moral perfections and gracious faithfulness keep us humble, dependent, and awed?

###### 3 Those who know God show great boldness for God, p. 30

- a. Acts. 20:24 - Tremendous loyalty to God
- b. Daniel 3:17-18 - Does not matter that others see the matter differently

###### 4. Those who know God have great contentment in God

- a. Romans 5:1
- b. Romans 8: 1-31

What really is going in your heart concerns the things that you pray about. That will determine whether or not you know God.

**1c. The Names of God-** The names of God provide insight into the nature and character of God.

- **Elohim (E-lo-HEEM)** = Generic word for God (Gen. 1:1, 26)  
The Hebrew word for God. When we call God Elohim, we remember He is the creator, all of His creative power, authority and Sovereignty.  
This name of God is used to emphasize the majesty of the one true God.
- **Yahweh** = Sacred personal name of God or Lord of (Ex. 3:13, 14; 1 Sam. 1:20)  
Name that is linked to God's redeeming acts in the history of His chosen people. Yahweh reminds you that when you pray God is able to draw near to you to save you, just as He did Israel from the oppression of Egypt. He is self-existent, He never changes. Yahweh means that God is self-existent, but He is also there for His people.
- **Adonai (a do-NAI)** = Lord, Master, Owner ( Ps. 2:4; 97:5, Ps. 16:2)  
First used in Genesis 15:2  
Name means a relationship with God, who is Lord, and we are His servants.  
Ex. 4: 1-5 - Moses was holding back from doing God's will. What has held you back from doing what the Lord asks of you?  
Praying to Adonay means you want to surrender your life to Him.
- **Ab, Abbi** = Father (2 Samuel 7:4, Mk. 14:36)  
Name by which Jesus addressed God the Father in His agonizing moment in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mk. 14:36 - Jesus knew God more intimately than anyone else, John 10:15)
- **Attiq Yomin** = Ancient of Days (Dan. 7:9, 13, 22)  
Everything in the world changes, but God remains the same. The Ancient of Days is not limited by time or space. Our real security is trusting in the one who never changes, but remains true to Himself and His character.
- **Qedosh Yisrael (ke-DOSH yis-ra-AIL)** = The Holy One of Israel (Is. 1:4, Is. 43:10, Lev. 19:1-2) mentioned 29 times in the book of Isaiah. This term emphasizes God's uniqueness, and His call to the people to become Holy as He is holy. Holiness is grounded in who God is, it is His nature. The people became holy because God chose them and their holiness was to be maintained through their expression, worship and service unto God.

### Composite Terms

#### a. **El Shaddai (El Shad -DAI)- God Almighty ( Gen. 17: 1-8)**

Why did God reveal His name when speaking of the covenant He made with Abraham and his descendants?

**b. El Olam (EL o-LAM)= Eternal God, Everlasting, forever, lasting (Gen. 21:33).**

What images come to mind when you think of the “Eternal God?” Ps. 100

**c. El Elyon (EL-el-YOHN) = The Exalted One, Highest (Gen. 14:18-20; Dan. 4:34-35)**

Nebuchadnezzar, why do you think his boasting led to this kind of punishment?

**d. El Roi (EL raw-EE) = The God Who Sees ( Gen. 16:13)**

Why do you think the angel of the Lord began his communication with Hagar by questioning her?

**e. YHWH-Nissi (yah-WEH nis-SEE) = The Lord is my Banner (Ex. 17:15) God is able and powerful enough to overcome any enemy.**

What does it mean to engage in spiritual battles today? What difference does it make for you to be able to say, like Moses, “The Lord is my Banner?”

**f. YHWH-Tsebaoth = Lord of Hosts (I Samuel 1:3, 17:45-46)**

Remember a time in your life when you felt embattled, how did you deal with the struggles?

**g. YHWH-Shalom (yah-WEH sha-LOME) = Lord is Peace (Judges 6:24; Jer. 29:11)**

What comes to mind when you hear the term, peace?

**h. YHWH-Yireh yah-WEH yir-EH) = Lord will provide (Gen. 22:14)**

Why do you think God tests people?

**i. YHWH-Tisdekenu (yah-WEH tsid-Kay-nu) = Lord our Righteousness (Jer. 23:6)**

What comes to mind when you hear the words righteous or righteousness?

**j. YHWH-Rohi (yah-WEH row EE) = Lord is my Shepherd (Ps. 23:1)**

**k. YHWH-Rophe (yah-WEH ro FEH) = Lord my Healer (Ex. 15:26)**

Healing not just of body, but of mind and soul.

The waters of Marah were bitter and God made them sweet. What areas of bitterness in your life might need to be healed or have been healed?

## II. The Benefit Of Knowing God's Name

The Christian is able to benefit when he or she **knows the names of God**. God has promised that there is power in calling on His name. Read the following scriptures:

- John 14:13 - "Ask in my name"
- John 21: 31 - "Life through his name"
- Acts 3:6 - "In the name of Jesus Christ"
- Acts 4:10 - "By the name of Jesus Christ"
- Acts 16:18 - "In the name of Jesus Christ"
- Ephesians 5:20 - "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Praise is lifted when the Christian knows God's name:

- One cannot help but to praise God.
- If you call God, **Jehovah-Jireh**, God our provider. Because He has made provisions for you and provided for you when you knew of no other means, you have to praise God.
- If you call God, **Jehovah Rophi**, God our healer. When you think about how God healed your body from anything such as a common cold to a heart attack or lung cancer, you cannot help but to praise God.