# **EQTH105** Basic Bible Doctrine

Unit 2 Activity — The Names of God

# Presented by the



For Use by the

**Blue Letter Bible Institute** 

Web: Study.Bible

A Ministry of the

**Blue Letter Bible** 

Web: BlueLetterBible.org

#### The Names of God to You

# https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/name\_god.cfm

"Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven." Psa 148:13

In the Old Testament times, a name was not only identification, but an identity as well. Many times a special meaning was attached to the name. Names had, among other purposes, an explanatory purpose (e.g., Nabal, whose name means "fool," is the target of Abigail's explanation to David: "For as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him:" - 1Sa 25:25). Throughout Scripture God reveals Himself to us through His names. When we study these names that He reveals to us in the Bible, we will better understand who God really is. The meanings behind God's names reveal the central personality and nature of the One who bears them.

## Who is God to you?

Is He your Most High God, All sufficient One, Master, Lord of Peace, the Lord Who Will Provide? Is He your Father? We must be careful not to make God into an "it" or a "thing" to which we pray. He is our Jehovah Raah, the Lord our Shepherd. God knows us by our name, shouldn't we know Him by His?

#### Hallowed be Your name?

To hallow a thing is to make it holy or to set it apart to be exalted as being worthy of absolute devotion. To hallow the name of God is to regard Him with complete devotion and loving admiration. God's name is of the utmost importance (Neh 9:5); therefore we ought reserve it a position of grave significance in our minds and hearts. We should never take His name lightly (Exd 20:7; Lev 22:32), but always rejoice in it and think deeply upon its true meaning.

- El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
- El Elyon (The Most High God)
- Adonai (Lord, Master)
- Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
- Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
- Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
- Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
- Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
- Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
- Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
- El Olam (The Everlasting God)
- Elohim (God)
- Qanna (Jealous)
- Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
- Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
- Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

#### Who is God to You?

As stated above, we should take care not to make God into an "it" or a "thing" to which we pray. Knowing the God of the Bible is to not only know His name but knowing Him personally means knowing how that name relates to you. For example to know God as Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd) is to know that a shepherd is one who feeds or leads his flock to pasture (Eze 34:11-15). An extended translation of this word, rea', is "friend" or "companion." This indicates the intimacy God desires between Himself and His people. When the two words are combined - Jehovah Raah - it can be translated as "The Lord my Friend."

What a comfort to know God personally as *friend!* 

### Instructions:

- 1. Choose three names of God from the list.
  - a. Go to the resource at Blue Letter Bible and click on the name for more information
  - b. <a href="https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/name\_god.cfm">https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/name\_god.cfm</a>
- 2. Complete the chart by researching the following:
  - a. List the name of God.
  - b. Locate 3 verse references in the Old Testament for the name you have chosen. For maximum enrichment, write out the full verses
  - c. In your own words, paraphrase a description of the meaning of the name
  - d. Reflect and discuss a personal application of that name. How will it apply to you personally?

Complete this worksheet for each name.

The Name of God:	
Bible verses relating to this Name:	
What does this Name mean?	
What does this Name mean for you?	