Lesson #

Theology – The Names of God

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\* The biology teacher was trying to get a little class participation, and said, “Some plants have the prefix “dog,” For instance, there is the “dogwood” and the “dogviolet.” Who can name another plant prefixed by the word “dog?” The smart little boy in the back called out and said, “How about “collie flower?” UhhHuh!

\* It must have been the world’s most confusing ball game. Every player on both teams and the umpire were named Jim Smith! The occasion was the annual convention of the Jim Smith Society in Las Vegas. The society sees a tremendous membership potential. In the United states alone, nearly 2 million people have been given the name James (Jim). Jim Smith of camp Hill, Pennsylvania is the founder and president of the unique organization. Okay!

\* Fontana, California. (AP)- What’s in a Name? No end of harassment for a 19-year-old steel corporation employee here, who plans to enter college in the fall. His name is Richard M Nixon. The “M”, though, is for Mark. He is a Democrat and he is not related to the former president with a similar name. “People are always saying things like, “Hello, Mr. President, how are things at the White House?” Richard said, “If I try to charge something at a store, I’m usually told, “sorry, your credits no good, ha-ha!” It isn’t even funny anymore, but I try to be polite and smile once in a while.” Richard said he was stopped by a policeman one night and when he gave his name as requested, the cop snapped: “Okay, you smart punk, now put your hands on the car and don’t move.” After the frisking, the cop ran a check on Richards license plate, since he’d lost his driver license and car registration. “When he found out I was telling the truth,” said Richard M. Nixon, “he started laughing like crazy.”

\* What is believed to be the longest name in the English language is the name of a town in Anglesea, Wales. The name of this town is ~Llanfairpwelggwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwellhandyssiliogogogoch~

It has fifty-nine letters. In the postal directory only the first twenty letters are given. The name means “The church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel, near to the rapid whirlpool, and to St. Tisilio Church, near to a red cave.”

\* We can see by the above illustrations that “names” mean and represent a lot of different things. The two books of Chronicles are historical lists of names and narratives of events arranged chronologically from Adam to the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. The first book stops at the death of David and the ascension of Solomon to the throne. Names are very important in the Bible.

\* In the Scriptures it is possible to get bored with the long list of names, but never forget this basic truth: since “love” in the Bible is defined as a man’s love for his son (the law of first mention-***Genesis 22:1 ,2***), the Author of the Holy Bible is interested in His Son. Being interested in His Son, God Almighty records anything connected with His Son. These vast lists of names we read, are more important to God than such names as Henry VIII, Peter the Great, Caesar Augustus Nero, Magellan, Charlemagne, Columbus, Bismarck, Napoleon, Mohammed, Buddha, and all the Popes. These Bible names are connected to God’s Son.

\* God has not hidden the fact that His name is very important to Him from the beginning.

“But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out offal your tribes t \_ p \_ \_ h \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:” ***Deuteronomy 12:5***

“Thou shalt n \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ G \_ \_ in v \_ \_ \_: for the

LORD will not hold him guiltless that t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ in vain.” ***Deuteronomy 5:11***

\* There are only two things that the Father has said that He considers to be above His name. One is *His written word*, and the other is the *Name of His Son the Lord Jesus Christ*.

“I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for t \_ \_ \_ h\_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 138:2***

“Wherefore God also hath h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, and g \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ a n \_ \_ \_ which is

a \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_: That at the n \_ \_ \_ o \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;” ***Philippians 2:9,10***

\* In Bible lands, names have had (and continue to have) significance of meaning in relation to the word of God, In the study of the names of God, we can learn many things about God in His revelation about Himself.

\* God is not the subject of scientific investigation. God is the subject of revelation. If God does not reveal Himself, then no amount of scientific endeavor will ever prove anything about Him. The Lord does not subject Himself to the depraved stupidity of educated sinners. After all, “God is a spirit.” In theology we are dealing with spiritual things which cannot be seen or tested with a microscope or a telescope. We are dealing with God’s revelation of Himself to man. Man is the object of God’s scrutiny-not vice-versa.

\* The names of God found in the Bible are found in three forms:

* 1. Primary names.
* 2. Compound names with the Hebrew word, “el.”
* 3. Compound names with the “tetragrammaton” in them, which is called “Jehovah.”

\* In the Hebrew language, the Masoretic “vowel points” for the word “Jehovah” are “Adonai,” making the word unpronounceable from the standpoint of the English language, since no one speaking the English language has ever heard the name pronounced. The name was considered too sacred to be pronounced, so we have transliterated it properly in the Old Testament as “Jehovah.” This is translated in the King James Bible as “LORD.” Many times, it refers to God the Father, and many times, of course, it refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the “Jehovah of Jehovahs,” according to ***Revelation 19:16***.

“And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KINGOF KINGS, AND

L \_ \_ \_ O \_ L \_ \_ \_ \_.”

\* In the ***primary names,*** we have one word only, such as “el,” “ela,” or “eloi” (or “Jehovah,” “Adon,” “Adonai,” “God,” or “Lord”).

\* In the ***compound names,*** we have two words used together, such as “Almighty God,” which is “EL Shaddai.” We have “the most high God.” We have “the everlasting God.”

\* In the ***compound names with the “tetragrammaton”*** which is “Jehovah” we have “Jehovah Rapha,” “Jehovah Nissim and so on.

\* Alright, now we will learn fourteen names of God used in the Old Testament. We will first see the “Hebrew” Old Testament name, and then the “English” translation name and meaning.

1.) ***“Elohim”*** This name is found in ***Genesis 2:4*** and is the most common name for God in the Old Testament. It is a compound word and clearly points out the Godhead as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. “Elohim” is a PLURAL word.

“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the L \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ made the earth and the heavens,”

This name means, “One who is mighty” or “The Lord who creates.”

2.) ***“El elyon”*** This name is found in ***Genesis 14:22***.

“And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the L \_ \_ \_, the m \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, the possessor of heaven and earth,”

This name means, “The One who is supreme” or “The Lord who owns.”

3.) ***“Adonai”*** This name for God is found in ***Genesis 15:2***.

“And Abram said, L \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?”

This name means, “The Lord our Master” or “The One who is Ruling.”

4.) ***“El olam”*** This name for God is found in ***Genesis 21:33***.

“And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on

the name of the L\_ \_ \_, t\_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_.”

This name means, “The Lord who reveals Himself” or “The One who is mysterious.”

5.) ***“Jehovahjireh”*** This name for God is found in ***Genesis 22:14***.

“And Abraham called the name of that place J \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the L \_ \_ \_ it shall be seen.”

This name means, “The Lord who provides.”

6.) ***“Jehovah raphe”*** This name is found in ***Exodus 15:26***.

“And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the L\_ \_\_ t \_ \_ G \_ \_, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the L \_ \_ \_ that h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ thee.”

This name means, “The One who heals.”

7.) ***“Jehovahnissa”*** This name is found in ***Exodus 17:15***.

“And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it J \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:”

This name means, “The Lord our Banner.”

8.) ***“El Shaddai”*** This name of God is found in ***Genesis 17:1***.

“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the L \_ \_ \_ appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am t \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_;walk before me, and be thou perfect.”

This name means, “The All-Sufficient One.”

9.) ***“Jehovahshalom”*** This name is found in ***Judges 6:24***.

“Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it J \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.”

This name means, “The Lord our Peace.”

10.) ***“Jehovah sabaoth”*** This name is found in ***1 Samuel 1:3.***

“And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the L \_ \_ \_ of

h \_ \_ \_ \_ in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.”

This name means, “The Lord of hosts.”

11.) ***“Jehovah tsidkenu”*** This name of God is found in ***Jeremiah 23:6***.

“In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, T \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ O \_ \_ R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

This name means, “THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

12.) ***“Jehovah shammah”*** This name is found in ***Ezekiel 48:35***.

“It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, T \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ is t \_ \_ \_ \_.”

This name means, “The One close by” or “The One present.”

13.) ***“Jehovah elyon”*** This name of God is found in ***Psalms 7:17***.

“I will p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the L \_ \_ \_ according to his righteousness: and willing praise to the name of the L \_ \_ \_ most high.”

This name means, “The One who is blessing” or “The lord our Blesser.”

14.) ***“Jehovah raah”*** This name of God is found in ***Psalms 23:1***.

“The L \_ \_ \_ is m \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; I shall not want.”

This name means, “The Lord our Shepherd.”

\* We have seen and studied fourteen names for God in the Old Testament. They all apply to Jehovah God and the Trinity, which is manifest as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. They do not represent fourteen different “gods” but the One True Living God of the Bible.

\* The names of God are very important and to be reverenced and respected, but we who are saved and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and under the New Testament that God has made with man, should not ever forget the most precious name. Our *Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Praise His Wonderful **Name**!