

Yahweh

The name of God represents the person of God. The name of God speaks of who God is; who you are; and the great hope of heaven that you embrace. The name of God means something to God and God wants His name to mean something to you.

Genesis 1 highlights the creation of world and God is called Elohim.

Genesis 2 highlights the creation of people and God is called Yahweh.

Elohim is the plural form of the name El and it just simply means, God. What was interesting about Elohim is that the verbs and adjectives that are attached to it are almost always singular. So God reveals His plurality and unity. What we learned from other pieces of Scripture is that God exists as Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Spirit are the one God.

Yahweh is the personal name of God and it appears in the English Bible as **LORD**. Notice the “ord” of Lord is in all caps with a smaller font. That’s how the modern translators tell us that this is the name of God.

The fact that the Creator has a name tells us that God is more than a power; He is a person. In Genesis 2 God shows the key attribute of being a person – the ability to have relationships.

The story attached to this name of God is found in Exodus 3:1-15

In Exodus 3 Moses is told by God that he is to go to Pharaoh and request the release of the people of Israel who were being worked as slaves. So Moses asks a great question. Who are you?

God gives his name in Exodus 3:14 - I am who I am.

The verbs are the first person imperfects of “to be.” Imperfect means the action is not finished. I is the one that is. I am the one that always is. I am.

A very long time ago the name Yahweh was brought across into English as Jehovah.

This week – be a protector of God’s name in your personal usage. If you are in the habit of saying oh my God, I am asking you to stop saying that. Find another way to express yourself. Move toward a stance of protecting God’s name.

Think about this: When Moses encounters God in the burning bush and is given God’s personal name, he has to come to the realization that everything he believes about God is wrong. Moses has to do the hard work of change before he can lead.

Even if you have been a Christian for years and attend a Bible teaching church there are some things you believe about God, life and yourself that need to change. This will be an encouraging series but it will be hard. You will need to change to keep up with your understanding of God.

Also for this week - get to know God by reading His Word.

