

NAMES OF GOD - III

Ex. 6:2-3

- I. DEITY REFERRED TO BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT TITLES, AMONG THEM GOD, LORD, JEHOVAH
 - A. Not a problem until 1756
 - B. French physician observed in Genesis divine names YHWH and Elohim were not used interchangeably and one was more dominant in some sections
 - C. Liberal theologians took lead in concluding that two separate and distinct deities were involved, not considering the possibility that these designations related to various functions of God

- II. ONE TRANSLATION OF LORD IS ADONAI (ADONAY)
 - A. Signifies ownership or mastership, claims obedience of all
 - B. Acknowledges God's complete possession and perfect right to all that he is
 - C. Used over 300 times in the Old Testament
 - D. Often a title of respect, a term of direct address usually assuming a specific master-servant relationship
 - E. Scriptures
 1. Ps. 8:1 - "*O LORD (Yahweh) our Lord (Adonai) how excellent is thy name...*"
 2. Deut. 10:17 - "*For the LORD (Yahweh) your God is God of gods and Lord (Adonai) of lords*"
 3. Gen. 15:2 - "*And Abram said, Lord (Adonai) God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless.*"
 4. Ps. 86:3 - "*Be merciful unto me, O Lord (Adonai), for I cry unto thee daily*"

- III. YWHM MOST SACRED OF GOD'S NAMES
 - A. Found 6823 times in Old Testament
 - B. YHWH appears only in Bible
 1. Precise meaning debated
 2. God chose it as His personal name by which he related specifically to His chosen or covenant people
 - C. Too sacred to pronounce - fear of blasphemy
 1. Appears without vowels
 2. Jewish scholars in 6-7th centuries took vowels of Adonai, added to YHWH and read "Adonai"
 3. Creation of "Jehovah", Yehovah, Jahweh, Yahweh, Yahveh
 4. Translated LORD in KJV, Jehovah ASV, Yahweh in some modern English versions
 - D. I am that I am revelation of very inner meaning of name of yahweh
 - E. God spoke to the fathers as YHWH but the promised deliverance and fuller significance or meaning of His name were unknown to them (Ex. 6:2-8)

- F. Compound divine name YHWH - Adonai translated LORD, is name used when OT people came face to face with the deity
1. Gen. 33:9 - "...and the LORD talked to Moses"
 2. v. 11 - "...and the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend."
 3. v. 19 - "...I will make all my goodness pass before thee and i will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee"

IV. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF YAHWEH

- A. Distinctively the God of Israel
- B. God as lawgiver, rules maker, disciplinarian
- C. God as judgment
- D. God of battle and victory
- E. God of refuge
- F. Redemptive God who delivered Israelites out of hand of enemy
- G. Masculine nature of God

COMPOUND NAMES OF JEHOVAH

- A. Jehovah-jireh
 1. The Lord our provider
 2. Gen. 22:14 - "*And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.*"
- B. Jehovah-rophe
 1. The Lord our healer
 2. Ex. 15:26 - "...for I am the Lord that healeth thee."
- C. Jehovah-nissi
 1. The Lord our banner
 2. Ex. 17:15 - "*And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi.*"
 3. Uplifted rod in Moses' hand became symbolic of Lord's strong arm or banner
- D. Jehovah-M'kaddesh
 1. Expresses spiritual completeness
 2. The Lord our sanctifier - Ex. 31:13 - "*Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.*"
 3. Sets forth that holy way in which a people already redeemed should walk worthy of their calling and the spiritual worship which the Lord demands of them
 4. In connection with their moral and spiritual purity, this title of God is repeated six times in two chapters following its first appearance
 5. Ex. 28:36, Lev. 19:2, 20:8, 22:32, I Co. 1:30, Eph. 4:24, II Tim. 1:9, Heb. 3:1, 12:14
- E. Jehovah-shalom

1. The Lord is peace
2. Title Gideon gave to altar built at Ophra _ "*Peace be unto thee*" (Judges 6:23)

F. Jehovah-tsidkenu

1. The Lord our righteousness
2. And this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS - Jer. 23:6
3. Designation appears hundreds of times and is used in the sense of rendering justice and making right

G. Jehovah-rohi

1. The Lord our shepherd
2. Ps. 23:1
3. In this name, this relationship finds its highest and tender rest expression

Jehovah-shammah

The Lord is there

Ezek. 48:35 - "*It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.*"

Ezek. 43:1-7 -

Promise to complete the pledge to bring man to his final rest and glory.