

AGENDA: THE FAMILY NAME

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INTRODUCTION

As Shakespeare famously wrote in *Romeo & Juliet*, “What’s in a name?” Pastor Joe mentioned that there are 900+ names-titles-descriptions of God in the Bible. Some are well-known (“Father”, “I Am”), others, not so much (“Plant of Renown”*, “Nail in a Sure Place”*). As we learned on Sunday, the Family Name is important. Let’s take a look at some of the Names of God found in Scripture.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share with your group your full name, and the meaning behind your name (if you don’t know it, Google it). Is there a story for why you are named what you are named?
2. Read John 17:11-13. The power of God’s Name is rooted in His character – which we learned about in our last sermon series (“Our God”). List four of God’s attributes (character traits) and discuss how these attributes protect us.

3. Write out how God is referred to in the following verses (the Name in Hebrew is written in italics). If you have trouble, the answers are on the back.

Genesis 49:24; Psalm 132:2,5 (*El Shaddai*) _____

Exodus 3:14 (*Ehyeh asher Ehyeh*) _____

Deuteronomy 6:4; Daniel 9:14 (*YHWH*) _____

Genesis 22:14 (*YHWH-Jireh*) _____

Exodus 15:26 (*YHWH-Rapha*) _____

Judges 6:24 (*YHWH-Shalom*) _____

Jeremiah 33:16 (*YHWH-Tsidkenu*) _____

4. Which of the above Names are you drawn to most? Why?
5. In the Book of John, Jesus gives eight “I Am” statements. List them below.

John 6:35,38 “ _____ ”

John 8:12, 9:5 “ _____ ”

John 8:58 “ _____ ”

John 10:9 “ _____ ”

Study Questions for Community Groups

John 10:11 “ _____ ”
John 11:25 “ _____ ”
John 14:6 “ _____ ”
John 15:1 “ _____ ”

6. Why do you think Jesus described Himself using these terms?
7. Which “I Am” statement is most meaningful to you?

APPLICATION

The Navigators developed “30 Days of Praying the Names and Attributes of God” (attached). Use this document and pray through God’s Names over the next month.

SCRIPTURE

“I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.”

John 17:11-13 (NIV)

* Extra Credit ☺ - Find the Scripture where these names (“Plant of Renown”, “Nail in a Sure Place”) are mentioned and discuss what they mean with your group.

Answers to Question 3

Genesis 49:24; Psalm 132:2,5 (El Shaddai) “God Almighty” “The Mighty One Of Jacob”
Exodus 3:14 (Ehyeh asher Ehyeh) “I AM THAT I AM”
Deuteronomy 6:4; Daniel 9:14 (YHWH) “LORD”
Genesis 22:14 (YHWH-Jireh) “The LORD Will Provide”
Exodus 15:26 (YHWH-Rapha) “The LORD Who Heals”
Judges 6:24 (YHWH-Shalom) “The LORD Our Peace”
Jeremiah 33:16 (YHWH-Tsidkenu) “The LORD Our Righteousness”

30 Days of Praying the Names and Attributes of God

Though God is infinitely far above our ability to fully understand, He tells us through the Scriptures very specific truths about Himself so that we can know what He is like, and be drawn to worship Him. The following is a list of 30 names and attributes of God. Use this guide to enrich your time set apart with God by taking one description of Him and meditating on that for one day, along with the accompanying passage. Worship God, focusing on Him and His character.

<p>4 God is omnipotent. This means God is all-powerful. He spoke all things into being, and all things—every cell, every breath, every thought—are sustained by Him. There is nothing too difficult for Him to do. —Jeremiah 32:17, 18, 26, 27</p>	<p>5 God is good. God is the embodiment of perfect goodness, and is kind, benevolent, and full of good will toward all creation. —Psalm 119:65-72</p>	<p>6 God is love. God's love is so great that He gave His only Son to bring us into fellowship with Him. God's love not only encompasses the world, but embraces each of us personally and intimately. —1 John 4:7-10</p>	<p>7 God is Jehovah-jireh. "The God who provides." Just as He provided yesterday, He will also provide today, and tomorrow. He grants deliverance from sin, the at of joy, for the ashes of sorrow, and eternal citizenship in His Kingdom for all those adopted into His household. —Genesis 22:9-14</p>	<p>8 God is Jehovah-shalom. "The God of peace." We are meant to know the fullness of God's perfect peace, or His "shalom." God's peace surpasses understanding and sustains us even through difficult times. It is the product of fully being what we were created to be. —Judges 6:16-24</p>	<p>9 God is immutable. All that God is, He has always been. All that He has been and is, He will ever be. He is ever perfect and unchanging. —Psalm 102:25-28</p>	<p>10 God is transcendent. We must not think of God as simply the highest in an order of beings. This would be to grant Him eminence. But He is more than eminent. He is transcendent—existing beyond and above the created universe. —Psalm 113:4, 5</p>
<p>11 God is just. God is righteous and holy, fair and equitable in all things. We can trust Him to always do what is right. —Psalm 75:1-7</p>	<p>12 God is holy. God's holiness is not simply a better version of the best we know. God is utterly and supremely untainted. His holiness stands apart—unique and incomprehensible. —Revelation 4:9-11</p>	<p>13 God is Jehovah-rapha. This name means "Jehovah heals." God alone provides the remedy for mankind's brokenness through His son, Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the physical, moral, and spiritual remedy for all people. —Exodus 15:22-26</p>	<p>14 God is self-sufficient. All things are God's to give, and all that is given is given by Him. He can receive nothing that He has not already given us. —Acts 17:24-28</p>	<p>15 God is omniscient. This means God is all-knowing. God's knowledge encompasses every possible thing that ever exists, has ever existed, or will ever exist. Nothing is a mystery to Him. —Psalm 139:1-6</p>	<p>16 God is omnipresent. God is everywhere—in and around everything, close to everyone. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the Lord. —Psalm 139:7-12</p>	<p>17 God is merciful. God's merciful compassion is infinite and unmeasurable. Through Christ, He took the judgment that was rightly ours and placed it on His own shoulders. He waits and works now for all people to turn to Him and to live under His justification. —Deuteronomy 4:29-31</p>
<p>18 God is sovereign. God presides over every event, great or small, and He is in control of our lives, to be sovereign. He must be all-knowing and all-powerful, and by His sovereignty He rules His entire creation. —1 Chronicles 29:11-13</p>	<p>19 God is Jehovah-nissi. This name means "God our banner." Under His banner we go from triumph to triumph and say, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" —Exodus 17:8-15</p>	<p>20 God is wise. All God's acts are accomplished through His infinite wisdom. He always acts for our good, which is to conform us to Christ. Our good and His glory are inextricably bound together. —Proverbs 3:19, 20</p>	<p>21 God is faithful. Out of His faithfulness God honors His covenants and fulfills His promises. Our hope for the future rests upon God's faithfulness. —Psalm 89:1-9</p>	<p>22 God is wrathful. Unlike human anger, God's wrath is never capricious, self-indulgent, or irritable. It is the right and necessary reaction to objective moral evil. —Habakkuk 1:2-8</p>	<p>23 God is full of grace. Grace is God's good pleasure that moves Him to grant merit where it is undeserved and to forgive debt that cannot be repaid. —Ephesians 1:5-8</p>	<p>24 God is our Comforter. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the "Comforter," and the apostle Paul writes that the Lord is "the God of all comfort." —2 Corinthians 1:3-4</p>
<p>25 God is El-Shaddai. This name means "God Almighty, the God who is all-sufficient and all-bountiful, the source of all blessings." —Genesis 49:22-26</p>	<p>26 God is Father. Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father" (Matthew 6:9), and the Spirit of God taught us to cry, "Abba, Father," an intimate Aramaic term similar to "Daddy." The Creator of the universe cares for each one of us as if we were the only child He had. —Romans 8:15-17</p>	<p>27 God is the Church's head. God the Son, Jesus, is the head of the Church, as the head, the part of the body that sees, hears, thinks, and decides. He gives the orders that the rest of the body lives by. —Ephesians 1:22, 23</p>	<p>28 God is our intercessor. Knowing our temptations, God the Son intercedes for us. He opens the doors for us to boldly ask God the Father for mercy. Thus, God is both the initiator and conclusion of true prayer. —Hebrews 4:14-16</p>	<p>29 God is Adonai. This name means "Master" or "Lord." God, our Adonai, calls all God's people to acknowledge themselves as His servants, claiming His right to reign as Lord of our lives. —2 Samuel 7:16-20</p>	<p>30 God is Elohim. This name means "Strength" or "Power." He is transcendent, mighty and strong. Elohim is the great name of God, displaying His supreme power, sovereignty, and faithfulness in His covenant relationship with us. —Genesis 17:7, 8</p>	<p>31 God is infinite. God is beyond measurement—we cannot define Him by size or amount. He has no beginning, no end, and no limits. —Romans 11:33</p>

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