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WEEK 1
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DAY 1

What's in a name?

Prayer: Begin today by praying Matthew 6:9, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." Thank God that you can call Him Father. Praise Him as you recognize his heavenly position. Ask Him to strengthen you to honor His name in all you say and do.

Memorization: This week we will be memorizing Matthew 6:9, the first verse in the Lord's prayer. Begin today by repeating this verse a few times out loud. "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Bible Study: In ancient times, names were very significant. A person's name was thought to reveal their essential character and nature. That's why knowing and understanding the names of God revealed in scripture is so important. To know God's name is to know Him. As we begin our time of study together, we are going to look at a few names of God and what they reveal to us about who God is. Let's begin today by studying what the Bible has to say about God's name in general.

1. What does scripture say about the name of God? Look up the passages listed and record what they tell you about God's name and how we are to relate to it.

a. Exodus 20:7: _____

b. Leviticus 22:32: _____

c. 1 Chronicles 16:8: _____

d. Psalm 20:7: _____

e. Psalm 29:2: _____

f. Psalm 34:3: _____

g. Psalm 66:2: _____

h. Psalm 138:2: _____

i. Proverbs 18:10: _____

j. Malachi 3:16: _____

2. Looking at the scriptures above, what are we not to do with God's name?

3. From the above scriptures, what are we to do with God's name?

4. Let's look a little closer at a few of these scriptures now. One thing we are not to do to God's name is to profane it. According to Strong's Concordance the Hebrew word for profane, *chalal*, means to pierce, defile, pollute, desecrate, or to treat as common. What are some ways that we might take away the value from God's name or treat it as a common thing?

5. Confess to the Lord now any specific way that you have profaned His name. Ask His forgiveness and thank Him for it.

6. Psalm 34:3 says, "Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." The Hebrew for magnify is *gadal* and it means to become large, to advance, to increase, to lift up, to promote. Similarly the Hebrew for exalt is *rum* and it means to be high, to actively raise up. What are some ways that you can actively raise up and lift up God's name in your life?

7. What circumstances might tempt you to lift yourself up rather than raising up God's name?

8. Prayerfully consider now whether your life is guided by the desire to honor, magnify, glorify, and praise God's name in all you do.

What are some ways that you demonstrate this in your life?

What are some areas that need improvement?

Write down a specific way that you will honor God's name in a new or deeper way this week.

9. End today with prayer, asking the Lord to help you recognize specific circumstances in your life where you can honor his name in your actions, words, thoughts, and attitudes.

DAY 2

Yahweh: God's sacred, personal name

Prayer: Psalm 103:2-4 says: "Praise the LORD (Yahweh), O my soul; and forget not all His benefits- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion..." Begin your study today with prayer, asking the LORD, Yahweh, to reveal Himself to you. Thank Yahweh for all His benefits and for His personal involvement in your life.

Memorization: Continue memorizing today by repeating Matthew 6:9 out loud. Then write it on the lines. Matthew ____:____

Bible Study: Yesterday we learned some ways that we are to relate to God as we honor his name. Today let's look at one of the names of God found in scripture. The name Yahweh (translated LORD in scripture) is God's personal name. It was so sacred to the Israelites and they were so afraid that they might profane God's name that they would not even pronounce it and would instead say "The Name", "The Great and Terrible Name", or "The Unutterable Name". The name Yahweh is closely linked to God's redemptive acts in the history of His people. Begin today by reading Exodus 3:13-15.

1. What are some of the ways God describes himself in this passage?

2. What do you think Yahweh meant when He said "I AM WHO I AM"?

3. In verse 15, the name for LORD that God uses to describe Himself is the Hebrew *Yahweh*. (The word for Yahweh sounds very similar to and may be derived from the Hebrew for I AM found in verse 14.) Yahweh means the self-existent God or the eternal God. What does this passage tell you about God and who He is?

4. In Exodus 34:4-7, the LORD, Yahweh, describes himself again. Read the passage and record what you learn about who God is.

6. How can understanding who God is in this passage affect your relationship with Him?

7. The Brown-Driver-Briggs commentary expounds on the name Yahweh. Yahweh means the giver of existence, performer of His promises, He who brings to pass, the one who is, the absolute and unchangeable one. God is the faithful, covenant keeping one who desires to actively participate in your life! Meditate now on some attributes of Yahweh. On the lines below record what each attribute means for you.

a. Self-existent: _____

b. Unchangeable: _____

c. Faithful and true: _____

d. Eternal: _____

8. Let's go now to another significant mention of Yahweh in scripture. In John 8: 52-59, Jesus responds to some Jews who accuse him of being demon-possessed. What response does he give the Jews in verse 58?

9. The name Jesus is actually a form of the Hebrew Joshua and it means "Yahweh saves". What was Jesus saying when He told the Jews, "Before Abraham was born, I am!"?

Jesus is the ever-present Yahweh come to redeem His people! Thank Him now for being willing to redeem you from your sins!

10. End your time today by writing a prayer to Yahweh. Specifically thank Him for the characteristics that are revealed in the name Yahweh and all that they mean to you.

DAY 3

Adonai: Lord and Master

Prayer: Psalm 16:2 says, "I said to the LORD (Yahweh), "You are my Lord (Adonai), apart from you I have no good thing." Thank the Lord that He is your master today. Express to Him your desire to serve Him with your whole heart. Ask Him to open your eyes and ears as you study and to reveal to you any areas of your heart where you are not honoring him as Master.

Memorization: Continue memorizing Matthew 6:9 now by saying it out loud and then filling in the blanks. Matthew ____:____ Our _____ in _____,
_____ be your _____.

Bible Study: Today let's look at another name of God found in scripture, Adonai. Adonai is translated Lord (as opposed to Yahweh which is LORD). Whenever Yahweh and Adonai are found together they are translated "Sovereign Lord" or "Lord God". Let's begin today by reading Genesis 15:1-6, the first place the name Adonai is found in scripture. In verse 2 Abram addresses God as "Lord God" or "Adonai Yahweh".

1. What does God tell Abram in verse 1?

2. What problem does Abram bring before the Lord in verses 2-3?

3. Strong's Concordance defines Adonai as Lord or Master. This name of God implies a relationship with Him: He is the master and we are His servants. It also implies that He will provide for and direct His servants. How does God promise to provide for Abram in verses 4-5?

4. What is Abram's response to Adonai in verse 6?

5. What can you learn about Adonai from this passage?

6. As a loving master, Adonai promises to provide for Abram. Abram was a faithful servant and trusted that what Adonai said He would bring about. What keeps you from trusting Adonai, your loving master, with all your needs?

7. Let's look at another scripture that can tell us more about what Adonai is like. Read Isaiah 6:1-8. In verses 1 and 8, the word used for Lord is Adonai. What do you learn about Adonai in this passage?

8. When Isaiah saw Adonai in all his glory, he recognized his own desperate position and need for the Lord. What in your life keeps you from recognizing your need for the Lord?

9. In verse 8, the Lord (Adonai) asks, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" Isaiah responds, "Here I am. Send me!" What is your response to Adonai's question? Tell the Lord your answer to His question on the lines below.

10. Let's look at one other scripture where we can learn more about Adonai, our Master. In the New Testament the word for Lord or master is the Greek *Kyrios*. We find *Kyrios* used for Lord in Luke 6:46-49. Read the passage now. What is Jesus's question found in verse 46?

11. Do you find yourself addressing the Lord as master yet not obeying Him? Why or why not?

12. Look at verses 47-49. What is the difference between the man who hears and obeys the Lord and the one who hears and does not obey?

13. Write a prayer of response to Adonai now. Ask Him to show you where you have only been giving lip service to his Lordship. Confess Him as Lord of your life and ask the Spirit to empower you to live out that confession more and more each day.

DAY 4

Elohim: the Mighty Creator

Prayer: "Shout with joy to God (Elohim), all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!" (Psalm 66:1) Praise your mighty God right now out loud! Thank him for creating and sustaining all of life. Ask Him to continue to give you understanding today as you study who He is.

Memorization: Say our memory verse out loud now, emphasizing a different word each time. Say it first emphasizing "Father". Say it again and emphasize "heaven". Say it again and emphasize "hallowed". Say it a final time and emphasize "name".

Bible Study: Today we move to another name of God found in scripture, Elohim. Elohim is usually translated "God" in scripture. According to Strong's Concordance Elohim means "mighty creator" or "great God" or "Judge". In the name Elohim we see references to the Trinity because it's the plural form of the ancient word for god, "El". Begin today by reading Genesis 1:1-2:3. The name Elohim is found over 30 times in this passage of scripture.

1. What does this passage tell you about God, Elohim?

2. What does this passage tell you about you?

3. What does knowing God as the mighty creator mean for you?

4. Now read Psalm 139:13-18. In this passage we gain insight into how Elohim, the mighty creator, made us. What does this passage tell you about God, Elohim?

5. What does this passage tell you about you?

6. What a thought: we are fearfully and wonderfully made! God has a plan and purpose for your life! Have you accepted the fact that Elohim is your creator and that He did not make a mistake in the way He created you? He has a plan and purpose for everything about you: your looks, your personality, and your mind. Is this easy or hard for you to accept? Why or why not?

7. Let's look at two other scriptures that will help us understand our own purpose in relationship to Elohim, our God. Read Ephesians 2:10. What does this verse say we are in relationship to God?

8. The word "workmanship" used here is the Greek poiema and it means poem. We are God's masterpiece, His work of love. How does this knowledge affect your life?

9. What were we created for according to this verse?

We are not saved by any work of our own (Ephesians 2:9), but the free gift of salvation should inspire in our hearts a desire to serve God and work for Him.

10. According to Matthew 5:16, what should these good works inspire others to do?

11. Every act of ours should be done for the glory of God! Do your thoughts, words, and deeds demonstrate to others a proper opinion of the majesty and power of Elohim? Record below some ways that you could demonstrate the greatness of God to others in how you live.

12. Take some time now to prayerfully ponder these questions: Am I fulfilling the purpose for which Elohim created me: to glorify and honor Him? What do I need to change in my life in order to better glorify God? Record a prayer of response to Elohim on the lines below.

DAY 5

El Shaddai: God Almighty

Prayer: Begin today by meditating on Matthew 6:9. Picture your heavenly Father seated on his throne. Picture yourself bowed before Him. Worship Him as Yahweh, the Great I AM. Acknowledge Him as the powerful creator, Elohim. Surrender to Him as your master, Adonai. Ask Him to continue to open your eyes to see Him as He really is.

Memorization: Write our memory verse on the lines below.

Bible Study: For our last day together this week, we will study one more name of God, El Shaddai. El Shaddai literally means "the mountain one" or "the powerful one". It is translated in English as "God Almighty" or just "Almighty". The name El Shaddai speaks of God's strength and unchanging nature. It is also the name closely associated with His covenant. Begin today by reading Genesis 17:1-8.

1. What's happening in this passage?

2. What does this passage teach you about God, El Shaddai?

3. What is significant about the new name that God gives Abram?

4. What does God's covenant name, El Shaddai, mean for your life?

5. Now read Psalm 91:1-2. What words describe the Almighty, El Shaddai, in this passage?

6. What words speak to what you should be doing in relation to the Almighty?

7. In verse 1 of Psalm 91, the psalmist tells us that we will rest in the shadow of the Almighty if we dwell in his shelter. Picture yourself now in the shadow of the Mountain One. How does this picture help you relate to the circumstances of life?

8. Let's move to the New Testament now to look at more scriptures that describe El Shaddai. The Greek word used in the New Testament for El Shaddai is Pantakrator, which in English is still translated Almighty. Look at the following scriptures and write down anything that you learn about El Shaddai from them.

Revelation 1:8- _____

Revelation 4:8- _____

Revelation 15:3- _____

Revelation 16:7- _____

9. What does the knowledge of El Shaddai from the above passages mean for your life?

10. How can knowing God as El Shaddai change how you live? Specifically list some ways below.

11. Write a prayer of response to the Lord now. Thank Him for being El Shaddai, the mountain one. Ask Him to help you to dwell and live with Him as you rest in His shadow.

12. Think back over this week of homework. Which name of God has most affected you? Why?

If you have enjoyed studying a few names of God found in scripture, I highly recommend the book "Praying the Names of God" by Ann Spangler. This book is a daily devotional that looks at 26 of God's names and their significance.