

# I SPEAK JESUS

## DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

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*Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods. The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the Lord made the heavens! Honor and majesty surround him; strength and beauty fill his sanctuary. O nations of the world, recognize the Lord; recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong. Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him. (Psalm 96:4-9)*

### WHAT MAKES A NAME?

Most of the time the first thing you ask someone you don't know is their name. Our name carries weight: when someone address us by our name, we feel like they know us, we feel a little important. As names are so important the question is what makes a name? In biblical times it's important for us to understand that names meant something, names were significant.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S NAMES AND TITLES

1. His name is precious and unique to Him.
2. His name portrays his character. God has revealed His many names to reveal the many distinctions of His character and to demonstrate how He has entered into relationship with us (Proverbs 18:10).
3. Knowing the names of God will lead us into deeper worship of Him (Psalm 8:9).
4. One name cannot fully describe God's majesty and power. One name alone can't fully communicate all of who He is.

### DIFFERENT NAMES OF GOD

Our God has many different names that show the different aspects of His character, power and majesty.

#### 1. Elohim

The Hebrew word for God, and means Creator. Throughout the first chapter of Genesis, we observe God speaking all creation into existence.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)*

With just a word, mountains are formed and galaxies of stars come into existence. Unlike the creative genius of man who shapes and forms works from already existing materials, God made the world from nothing (Isaiah 40:28-29, Psalm 19:1).

#### 2. Jehovah-Jireh

It means the Lord will provide. God will provide for our needs. Every one of them. He is faithful, He is able, nothing is too difficult for Him. Sometimes, His timing is different from ours, maybe we feel that He's forgotten us or abandoned us, especially in the dark times and that He has not heard our prayers (Genesis 22:14).

#### 3. Abba

Means 'Father'. Abba is the most intimate form of God's name, showing us His character as our loving father. He is the One who can be fully trusted, the One we can lean on, the One who cares about our concerns. He gives us the privilege of being called His own sons and daughters (Psalm 68:5, Matthew 6:28-32).

#### 4. Jehovah-Rapha

Means the God who heals. Not only reveals the power of God to heal, repair, and rejuvenate the areas of our lives that are not working in His perfect timing, but also the knowledge that it is God's intent to make us whole (Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 53:5).

## HOW WE CAN APPLY THE NAMES OF GOD TO OUR LIVES?

Do you take the name of God seriously? Do you treat it with the honour and reverence it deserves? It's a name that saves, a name that heals, a name that can restore. It is very easy for us to forget that if we dishonour the name of God we dishonour God himself.

*Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. (Matthew 6:9)*

It means to be set apart or sanctified. In other words, God's names are unique. They're not for us to mix up with anyone else's name or to treat lightly. God's names are to be kept holy. They're to be honoured, respected, and treated with the reverence they deserve. It means we recognise that God isn't an ordinary being and that His names aren't ordinary names. God's name is majestic. It's unique and set apart, something worthy of being kept holy through our actions and attitudes. Only when we keep God's name holy can we hope to truly experience its power.

It is not enough for us to just know the different names of God that we use to differentiate the many aspects of his character (Numbers 14:6-9).

## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO HIS NAME?

### 1. Praise His Name

The number one reaction we should have to His name is to praise it (Daniel 2:20, Psalms 113:1-2).

### 2. Honour His Name

God's name is so powerful that we must do all we can to honour it (Leviticus 19:12).

### 3. Proclaim His Name

When we praise, honour and call on His name we can't help but share it. Don't keep it to yourself (Deuteronomy 32:3).

### 4. Trust His Name

One of the best responses you can make to God is to decide to trust Him completely with everything. (Isaiah 50:10)

## THE RESULTS OF KNOWING HIS NAME

### 1. Our joy will increase

Once we know His name, we can't help but be filled with joy. His name brings joy, love and peace. Not because life will be easy but because He will be with us every step of the way (Psalm 5:11).

### 2. Our hope will grow

If you struggle with discouragement put your hope in His name. It never fails. It's 100% reliable, 100% of the time (Psalm 52:9).

### 3. We will be protected

When you're in trouble, run to Him. God's name is a fort of protection for the believer. Run to Him for safety (Psalm 91:14-15).

### 4. We will be saved

Ultimately to call on the name of the Lord brings salvation (Romans 10:13).

## CONCLUSION

*So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord who is the Spirit makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. (2 Corinthians 3:18)*

Let's use this year to understand more about our God and give Him the worship and praise He deserves, because as humans we become what we worship. So, make sure you know who you worship!