



LESSON FIVE– GOD'S IDENTITY: THE NAME OF JESUS

Abstract

God is not a name for there are "gods many and lords many". There is one real god and our understanding of him depends on having a correct concept of three things: his identify, his existence, and his essence.

Faith Toward God His Identity – The Name of Jesus

In our review of the three things that must be correct concerning our concept of God - our understanding of God is only as good as how we understand the three following things:

- His existence (we must believe that "He IS" – Hebrews 11:6) - He has always been here (the first and the last, the beginning and the end). Isaiah 44:6 compared to Revelation 1:17
- His essence (it is absolutely essential that we believe that "God Is Spirit")
 - John 4:24
 - Has not flesh and bones (Luke 24:39)
 - Is invisible I Timothy 1:17
 - Has no shape (John 5:37)
 - No man has ever seen him (I John 4:12)
 - Dwells everywhere (Jeremiah 23:24, Deuteronomy 4:39)
 - Idolatry and images of God are forbidden (Acts 17:29-30, Exodus 20)
- His identity

Who Is God – and what is his name?

Moses asked God about his name (Exodus 3: 13-14) "The I Am" - (Exodus 6:3) "my name Jehovah"

- The significance of "I Am" - ever present one
- Revelation 1:4 – Jesus is "him which is, and which was, and which is to come"
- Did Jesus ever say that he was the "I Am" (John 8: 51 – 59) (John 10:30-33)
- Jesus's riddle (Matthew 22: 41-45) compared to Revelation 22:16

The Name of God in the Old Testament

- The name of God was always sacred
- Jehovah (YHWH or YaHWeh) came from the root word "hayah" which means "to be"
- The compound names – this is the way the Jews would often identify God, and this is the way God would identify himself:
 - Genesis 22:14 – Jehovah Jirah (my provider) – this is the first time God is called by the name Yahweh or Jehovah
 - Exodus 15:26 – Jehovah Rapha (the God that heals)
 - Exodus 17:15 – Jehovah Nissi (our banner or victory)
 - Exodus 31:13 – Jehovah M'Kaddesh (the Lord that sanctifies)
 - Judges 6:24 – Jehovah Shalom (the Lord our peace)
 - I Samuel 1:3 – Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Host / or Lord Almighty)
 - Psalms 7:17 – Jehovah Elyon (the Lord most high)



- Psalms 23:1 – Jehovah Raah (the Lord my shepherd)
- Psalms 95:6 – Jehovah Hoseenu (the Lord our maker)
- Jeremiah 23:6 – Jehovah Tsidkenu (the Lord our righteousness)
- Ezekiel 48:35 – Jehovah Shammah (the Lord is present)

Other than being called Jehovah, 163 times in the Old Testament, God said – “I AM the Lord” (Isaiah 42:8). There is a great deal of significance in a Name. Consider the following:

- Each of the compound names of God revealed an attribute of God
- The Name meant ownership – property must always be associated with the name of its owner or it is considered abandoned:
 - Numbers 6 – The Priestly Blessing is recorded in Numbers 6:22-27
 - II Chronicles 7:14 – a people called by his name
 - Acts 15:7 – concerning the name Jesus “upon whom my name is called”
 - “Called by my name” – Isaiah 43: 5-7
 - Genesis 48: 16 – Ephraim and Manasses were Joseph’s children, but Israel blesses them with a blessing which said “let me name be named on them”. Here they were added as considered part of the “tribes of Israel” and in the promised land they received the inheritance.
- The Name is associated with someone’s Authority – when you write out a check or sign your credit card ticket, you are giving authority to the bank or credit card company to

pay the receiver on your behalf. We have an old saying – “Open up in the name of the law”

- Acts 3: 1 – 6, 16
- Acts 4: 6 – 10
- Mark 16: 15 – 18
- John 14: 13 – 14
- Colossians 3:17

Things we do in the Name of the Lord

- Baptize (Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:44, 19:5)
- Preach (Acts 9:29)(James 5:10)
- Heal the sick, anoint with oil (James 5:14)
- Cast out devils (Mark 16:17)
- Have church (Matthew 18:20)

The Name of Jesus is the Name of God

- The name Jesus is Greek meaning – “Jehovah Salvation” (like the compound names above)
- It was given by the angel to Mary and Joseph (Matthew 1: 18 – 23)
- It was given to the Son of God in order to reveal God the Father as the Savior of the world
 - John 17: 3 – Jesus (as the man) says that the father is the “only true God”
 - John 17: 6 – “I have manifested thy name”
 - John 17: 11- 12 “keep them through thine own name”
 - John 17: 26 – “I have declared unto them thy name”
- Acts 4:12 – “Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved”