

# What's In A Name?

## There is Strength in the Name of the Lord

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### Series Truth:

What, if anything, is significant about a name? It has been said, "Call me whatever you will, just don't call me late to dinner." Do you mind if someone mispronounces your name? What if they get it totally wrong? Those of us who have unusual names have gotten used to people not getting our names exactly correct; but those who know us best know our name and get it right. Is it important that we know God's name? If you know and love God, don't you think you should know His name and don't you think you should get it right? Does it matter? Would it matter to you? What if you are witnessing to a Muslim?

### Series Text:

<sup>10</sup> *The name of the LORD (YHWH) is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.* Proverbs 18:10

<sup>8</sup> *Our help is in the name of the LORD (YHWH), who made heaven and earth.* Psalm 124:8 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> *From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD (YHWH) is to be praised!* Psalm 113:3 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD (YHWH) our God.* Psalm 20:7 (ESV)

1. We have no spiritual power in o\_\_\_\_\_.
2. A\_\_\_\_\_ spiritual power is God's.
3. We only have access to this power through His n\_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>13</sup> *"Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.* John 14:13-14 (NASB)

### Message Text

<sup>13</sup> *Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "* Exodus 3:13-14

### 1. We only know God's name because He r\_\_\_\_\_ it to Moses.

- God's name is only known to those whom He favors and loves.

### God reveals Himself as He c\_\_\_\_\_ to do so.

### 2. We know that the name of the Lord is very important because He c\_\_\_\_\_ us not to take His name in vain.

- The people of Israel took this commandment most seriously.

### 3. The more you know about God, the more you w\_\_\_\_\_ to know about Him.

- Do you have a desire to know more about God and to know God better?

### 4. The more you want to know about God, the m\_\_\_\_\_ He will reveal to you.

- God revealed much more to Moses than just His Name.
- God revealed His Law to the nation of Israel.
- God revealed His character traits.

## Special Revelation is Progressive

- **God revealed His New Covenant through His P\_\_\_\_\_.**
- **God fully and c\_\_\_\_\_ revealed Himself in Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* John 1:1 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.* John 1:14 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> *Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"* John 14:9 (ESV)

Because Jesus is the full and complete revelation of God to man the revelation is therefore now closed.

**5. You and I are to reveal Christ in o\_\_\_\_\_.**

**God is manifested in Jesus,  
Jesus is to be m\_\_\_\_\_ in me.**

What does knowing you reveal to your family and friends about Jesus?

As your friend or acquaintance, would I be more or less interested in knowing more about God?

What about your family?

What are you doing to create an authentic Christian worldview in your children or grandchildren?

Do you read or tell them Bible stories?

Do you help them discover the truths contained in those stories?

Do the math!

### Viewing Among Kids is at an Eight-year High

On average, children ages 2-5 spend 32 hours a week in front of a TV—watching television, DVDs, DVR and videos, and using a game console.

Kids ages 6-11 spend about 28 hours a week in front of the TV. The vast majority of this viewing (97%) is of live TV.

68% of 8-18 year olds have a TV in their bedroom  
54% have a DVD/VCR player  
37% have cable/satellite TV  
20% have premium channels

53% of households with 7th-12th graders say there are no rules about TV watching.

In 51% of households the TV is on "most" of the time. Kids with a TV in their bedroom spend almost 1.5 hours more per day watching TV than kids without a TV in the bedroom.

Many parents encourage their toddlers to watch television.

- Kayla Boyse, "Television and Children," University of Michigan (Nov. 2009)  
Assessed Feb 4 2010 at <http://www.med.umich.edu/yourchild/topics/TV.htm>  
Internet.