

## **“God – The Father – part two”**

### **Exodus 3:13-14**

#### **Introduction:**

- Tonight we continue our series we have entitled “ground work – laying a foundation for faith”.
  - The reason we are doing this is it is so important that every one of us are able to give a reason for the things we believe.

**“Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you.” – I Peter 3:15**

- We are supposed to understand what we believe and as the verse above states, we are to consider, ‘why’ we believe it.
  - Why do we hold the convictions that we do.

#### **We looked first at God – His Existence...**

- So often we are told that smart people believe in things like evolution and weak-minded people believe in God.
  - But as we saw there are some great reasons to believe that something out there exists greater than ourselves.

#### **Next we look at God – His Word.**

- If we are going to study theology, the study of God, then we need to have some logical reasons we believe He exists and we need have a reliable source to learn about Him.
  - And although there are 27 books consider ‘religious’ in our world, all teaching different things about God – only one is backed up with consistency of scripture, archeological evidence, fulfilled prophecy, external sources and scientific facts.

#### **Then we considered that God is the Trinity.**

- He is one God, but one God that exists in three persons.
  - God the Father
  - God the Son
  - God the Holy Spirit

#### **And last we began to consider God the Father.**

- And we started by looking at His attributes or as we called them His perfections.
  - Perfections because when the Word says God is love – it is more than the truth He is loving, He is love – He is everything love is and nothing love is not.
  - And so last time, though there are many more than this, we went through seven perfections of God.

#### **Seven Perfections (Attributes) of God:**

**#1 – Eternal**

**#2 – Holy**

**#3 – Unchanging**

**#4 – Omnipotent**

**#5 – Omnipresent**

**#6 – Omniscient**

**#7 – Love**

- And if you missed those, we record all of these Gather services – you can listen online or subscribe to the podcast – totally free @calvaryvista.com.

#### **Tonight we are going to wrap up our study on God the Father by looking at the names by which He choose to call Himself in the scripture.**

- As we read in Exodus chapter 3, before Moses is going to go back and attempt to lead the children of Israel out of the Egypt, Moses says, I need to know your name.

## **The reason He was asking was not for information, but revelation.**

- When we ask each other's name, it is for information.
  - I don't want to forever call you bro or sis.
  - I want to use your name – so I ask for information.
- But understand our parents give us a name because it sounds good with your last name or your sibling's names or they had a friend with that name in school.
  - In Biblical times – that was not how someone got a name.
  - Their name was tied into their personality.
  - Jacob – the heel catcher.

## **So Moses is asking God His name, not for information, but for Revelation, because the more I understand the names of God, I understand who God truly is.**

- There are many names people have given Him.
  - The Man upstairs.
  - The Big guy.
  - My personal favorite, and closest to the truth, Tommy Lasorda used to call Him - "Big Dodger in the Sky".
- But we are obviously not going to study those.
  - We are going to look at what He calls Himself, and thus the names that reveal aspects of His character that God wants emphasized.

## **Now there are four main names of God given in the Bible, with many compound names.**

- And each one reveals to us a unique aspect of God.

### **Names of God:**

#### **#1 – Yahweh or Jehovah – “The Becoming One”.**

- This is the name that God gave to Moses when he asked, “What is your name? - This is the most frequent name given to God in the Bible.

#### **It basically means “The Becoming One” – we see that a little bit in the English, “I am that I am”.**

- God is telling us through this name that He is everything we will ever need.
  - Jesus filled in the gaps in the New Testament when He said – I am the door, I am the great shepherd, I am the resurrection and the life.
  - I am everything you will ever need.
- We come to the end of ourselves, which I think is a great thing.
  - But we think – Lord how am I going to get through this.
  - The answer as it always is, is Him.

## **We see this in the compounds of the name Jehovah in the Bible – God is just revealing more and more He is everything we will ever need.**

### **Compounds of God's Name Jehovah:**

#### **#1 – Jehovah Jireh – the Lord will provide.**

- After Abraham almost offered his son to God, God stopped him and said He would provide for him what he needed for the Sacrifice.
  - And this teaches me as I look back that God did provide – He paid my way to heaven.
  - And this teaches me as I look ahead – that God is going to provide what I need to survive and to be used of Him in the future as well.
- The Lord will provide.

#### **#2 – Jehovah Rapha – the Lord who heals.**

- He has the power to touch you and bring you through sickness.
  - He doesn't always heal, because sometimes He teaches us through things.
  - But He can – He is able.

### #3 – Jehovah Shammah – the Lord is here.

- You feel alone, you feel like no one is there for you.
  - God wants you to know His name is Jehovah Shammah – I am here.

### #4 – Jehovah Shalom – the Lord my peace.

- He is able to bring comfort in the worst of circumstances.
  - My life can be out of control, but I know that He is there, and He is in control.
  - The Lord my peace.

### #5 – Jehovah Tsidkenu – the Lord my righteousness.

- I don't approach God on my own works.
  - I approach Him covered in what Jesus has done.
  - He is the Lord my righteousness.
  - Oh how I need this from God.
- God is truly everything we need.

### In ancient times Israel had great reverence for this name.

- When they would read the Bible they wouldn't even pronounce it – why we don't know – YHVH.
  - They would say, “the name” or replace it with one of the other names of God in the Bible.
  - When scribes would copy the Word, when they came to “the name”, they would bathe themselves before they would copy it.
- Now to put that in perspective the word is used 5,321 times in the OT – over 100 times per book and many places it is used over ten times per chapter.
  - That is one clean scribe!

### It convicts me how lightly I can take the name of God.

- Now I think they went a little over board.
  - But I really don't like when Christians used God's name as an expression.
  - Oh that we would reverence it like they did.

### Names of God:

#### #1 – Yahweh or Jehovah – “The Becoming One”.

#### #2 – Elohim – “To be revered”.

- The name means “to be revered” – and it is the first name God gives to Himself in Genesis 1:1 – **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” – Genesis 1:1**

### But what is so significant to us about this name is that it is a single word in plural form?

- And we see the indication of that in the text later in Genesis chapter 1...Now, no where in the Bible are we taught that there is more than one God, but this word is used.

### “Let us make man in Our image and in Our likeness”. – Genesis 1:26

- Who is the us, them and our?
  - Nowhere in the Bible are we taught there is more than one God, but this word is used.
- And of course when we did our study on the Trinity, we pointed out that the reason for the plurality is not because there is more than one God, but that one God exists in three persons:
  - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
  - Elohim.
- Now just as with Yahweh or Jehovah, there are compounds of the name Elohim.

### Compounds of the God's Name - Elohim

### **#1 – El Roi – The God who sees.**

- When Hagar was cast out of Abraham's family.
  - She thought no one noticed the injustice done to her.
  - She thought no one cared.
- But then God revealed Himself to Hagar as the one who sees.
  - Nothing escapes His attention.

### **And that blesses my heart.**

- And challenges my life.
  - I am not alone – thank you Jesus.
  - And nothing is hidden from your sight – help me Jesus.

### **Compounds of the God's Name – Elohim**

#### **#1 – El Roi – The God who sees.**

#### **#2 – El Shaddai – The Lord Almighty.**

- God sees everything and God is all-powerful.
  - What do you need tonight?
  - What is weighing on your mind?
- God wants you to know His name is El Shaddai – God Almighty.
  - There is nothing too hard for the Lord.

### **Compounds of the God's Name - Elohim**

#### **#1 – El Roi – The God who sees.**

#### **#2 – El Shaddai – The Lord Almighty.**

#### **#3 – El Olam – The Lord Everlasting.**

- Not only does God see everything and has the power to deal with everything, but God also is everlasting.
  - He is not going to leave you.
  - He is not going to retire.
  - No one is going to impeach.
- God wants you to know His name is El Olam - From Everlasting to Everlasting – He is God.

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#### **#3 – Adonai – “Lord and Master”.**

- Another name we see all through the word of God that God chooses to be called by is Adonai or as it reads in English – Lord.
  - This name teaches He alone has absolute authority.

**In Joshua chapter 5:14 Joshua is worried about the battle with Jericho, and he sees this man with him suddenly. He asks are you for us or for our enemies? – And the Man response neither, wrong question – I come as Adonia of the Lord's army.**

**Master. – And God lead to lead the people.**

- He is the Lord of Israel and He is the Lord of our lives as well.
  - Or at least He needs to be.
- So Often I just do what I want with no thought of Him. And that is in a sense denying who He is.
  - I am not master of my own destiny, I am not the captain of my own ship no matter how much I think I am - He is Lord and master.
  - He is Adonia

**Now all these words are Hebrew and have Greek equivalent in the New Testament.**

- As you know or should now.

- The OT is written in Hebrew (mostly).
- And the NT is written in Greek.
- So there are other different sounding names for God, but they are just forms of one I have given you.
  - **Kurios is the equivalent of Adonia.**
  - **Theos is the equivalent of Elohim.**

**But the 4<sup>th</sup> name is one that is unique to the New Testament, not the concept, but the name.**

- It is a new idea that we see in the latter part of the Bible and that is the name....

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**#4 – Father – “Caring and Concerned”.**

- And it is something unique about the God we serve.

**Most false gods of the world are tyrants and Kings which have little dealings with people if possible.**

- They reign above and over the people.
  - And although that is true of God, that He reigns over us.
  - He is different in that He is also our Father.

**And that is the balance we need to have.**

- As we learned earlier there needs to be some respect for God – He is not just your buddy.
  - He is your God and worthy of all your worship.
- But also we learn another name God gives Himself is that of Father.
  - Because not only does He reign over you, but He loves you tremendously too.
  - And has given so much for you.

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- No – you miss one – there is another name for God in the Bible.
  - Jesus???
  - Oh yes – Jesus – Jehovah is salvation.
  - We will discover the truth of not just only that name, the name above all other names.
- But we will discover this second part of the trinity in our next study together.
  - Next week – Harvest America.
  - Two weeks from tonight – Jesus Christ – we will see who He is, His deity, His humanity and what He came to do – Jesus – Jehovah is salvation.