

# GOD HAS A NAME: IMPORTANCE

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Legendary princess

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God...

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. -- A. W. Tozer

Big Idea: The Name of God is just as important as the existence of God.

Big Question: What's so important about God's Name?

Main Scripture: Exodus 34:5-8

Exodus 33:20 <sup>20</sup> But you may not look directly at my face, for no one may see me and live.

This moment of revelation on Mount Sinai where we learn God's name—it's the moment in the Hebrew Bible. The rest of what we call the Old Testament is just story after story of this God in action. -- John Mark Comer

Exodus 34:5-6a <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. <sup>6a</sup> The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, "Yahweh! The LORD! (Leav up)

Exodus 34:6b-8 The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. <sup>7</sup> I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected— even children in the third and fourth generations." <sup>8</sup> Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped.

1. It deserves reverence

"G-d" or "L-rd".

YHWH

Exodus 3:14-15 <sup>14</sup> God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. (Ehyeh = I Am) Say this to the people of Israel: I AM (Ehyeh) has sent me to you." <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, (He is) the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.

John 8:56-59 <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced as he looked forward to my coming. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup> The people said, "You aren't even fifty years old. How can you say you have seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!" <sup>59</sup> At that point they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple.

John 18:4-6 <sup>4</sup> Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them. "Who are you looking for?" he asked. <sup>5</sup> "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied. "I AM he," Jesus said. (Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.) <sup>6</sup> As Jesus said "I AM he," they all drew back and fell to the ground!

## 2. It demonstrates relationship

John 1:18 <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

John 17:26 <sup>26</sup> I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.

"I have revealed to them your name."

## 3. It demands a response

Exodus 34:8 <sup>8</sup> Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped.

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