

Names of God part 3

Name: Jehovah

Passage: Isaiah 12; Exodus 3:14-15

Jehovah is the most widely used name of God in the Bible. It is used 6, 823 times. To the Jews, this name was so holy and special that they would use a new pen every time they wrote Jehovah! In the Bible (KJV), every time you see LORD it is referring to Jehovah.

Through this name, we see that God is self existing. Jehovah literally means “One who is what He is.” Jehovah tells us that God existence is permanent which is why He could say to Moses to tell Israel that: “I AM That I AM...” has sent you. (Exodus 3:14) This name also reveals to us that God is holy. (Isaiah 6:3) Because Jehovah is holy, He loves righteousness and blesses His children who strive to be righteous. (Deuteronomy 11:13-14) Since He loves holiness so much and expects it of His people, then He hates and will not tolerate any form of sin in a person’s life. (Exodus 20:4-6; Habakkuk 1:12-13)

Every time you find God revealing new truth in the Bible, He is doing it by the name Jehovah. (...thus saith LORD) The phrase “thus saith LORD” is found 413 times in the Old Testament; and the phrase “the word of the LORD came unto...” is found 63 times in the Old Testament. Clearly, we see that Jehovah is the God of special revelation!

As we have seen, the name Jehovah allows us a glimpse into the very heart and character of God! We see a God who is eternally holy; and because of His holiness, He can not tolerate any sin in His children’s lives. We also see that it is Jehovah who has revealed to man the revelation of His Word so that man will see his sin and there need for Christ!

Jehovah, we bow before you as unworthy servants. We know that within ourselves that we will never be like you! Thank you for revealing to us Your Word. Guide us through Your Word and Holy Spirit so that we may become more and more like you. Cause us to pursue holiness in our lives and help us to realize that it is you that we grieve when we sin. Jehovah, help us to understand you more each and every day that you give us life!