

Names of God

Introduction:

Some may ask, “Why study the names of God?” After all no matter how we refer to Him, is not He the same person? Well, each name of God gives us a better insight into His name. In Bible times, people were given names because they meant something or described something about the person to which it was given. Today, most people are not even aware of what their name means.

As we study the names of God, we will get to know our God better and be able to worship Him better. Also, the Bible states that there are many benefits to studying the names of God¹:

1. Knowing His name helps us to give glory to His name. (Psalms 29:2)
2. Knowing His name brings joy. (Psalms 33:21)
3. Knowing His name allows us to praise Him at all times. (Psalm 113:2-3, 63:4, 145:1)
4. Knowing His name helps us to encourage others to exalt His name. (Psalm 34:1-3)
5. Knowing His name is our defence. (Psalm 20:6; II Chronicles 20:22)
6. Knowing His name defeats our enemies. (Psalm 44:5-8)
7. Knowing His name is our strong tower. (Proverbs 18:10)
8. Knowing His name is our help. (Psalm 124:8)
9. His name is exalted above every name. (Philippians 2:9-10)
10. Even Jesus came to exalt the Father’s name. (John 17:6)

God is very different than you and I. He has many different names and each name reveals some more about God to us. As we study each name, we will get to know and understand more of God. The more you know of God; the easier it is to speak with Him and tell others about Him.

God, we thank you and worship you for whom you are. Your Word says there are many benefits to know and understand your Names. Please guide and bless us as we now embark on studying your names.

¹ Thomas E. Ward, Learning to Worship His Name (Middletown, DE: Partners In Ministry, 1994), p. iii.