

## The Name of the Lord; Proverbs 18:10

### I. A Name

#### A. There is something important to God about names

1. Adam — to make (the Hebrew word for earth is *adamah*)
2. Eve — life, living

#### B. God changed names to suit His (and their) purpose(s)

1. Genesis 17:4–5 (ESV); <sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.
2. Abraham — Father of a multitude or many
3. Genesis 17:15–16 (ESV); <sup>15</sup> And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”
4. Sarah — Princess
5. Genesis 32:27–28 (ESV); <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup> Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”
6. Israel — God strives
7. Matthew 16:15–18 (ESV); <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
8. Peter — Stone (different from ‘rock’)
9. Acts 13:8–10 (ESV); <sup>8</sup> But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. <sup>9</sup> But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <sup>10</sup> and said, “You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?”
10. Paul — small or humble

#### C. God chose His name, and we should take notice

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### II. I AM

#### A. Jesus equates himself with God

1. John 8:25–28 (ESV); <sup>25</sup> So they said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” <sup>27</sup> They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.
2. In the original Greek texts, verse 28 does not have the word “he” — “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM”

3. There are many places Jesus' words are translated, "I am he" but only say "I AM"
  4. John 8:42 (ESV); Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am **here**. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.
  5. John 8:56–58 (ESV); <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."
  6. Notice the change from past to present tense
  7. Both the Hebrew and Greek words, "I AM" are the 'to be' verb — to exist
  8. Before Abraham existed, Jesus exists — past, present, and future
- B. There is immense power in God's name
1. Jesus is in the Garden and confronted by Judas and the mob that have come out to arrest Him
  2. John 18:4–8 (ESV); <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup> They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am **he**." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, "I am **he**," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am **he**. So, if you seek me, let these men go."
- C. The power to save
- III. Jesus
- A. "When westerners say "Jesus," We're using an anglicized version of the Greek name Iēsous, which corresponds to the Hebrew name Yeshua—a shortened form of Yehoshua.
  - B. Yehoshua is made up of two parts. The prefix "Yeho" is a version of the Tetragrammaton: the four-letter name of God (YHWH). We can find this prefix in many Hebrew names: Jehoshaphat (YHWH has judged), Jehoiachin (established by YHWH), Jehonathan (YHWH has given)
  - C. The second part of the name comes from the Hebrew verb "yasha" which means rescue, deliver, or save. Jesus' name communicates the truth that "Yahweh will save!" <sup>1</sup>
  - D. God rescues, or Savior
  - E. Luke 8:44–46 (ESV); <sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. <sup>45</sup> And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" <sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me."
  - F. Jesus is the manifestation of God, the power of God, the great I AM — His name being the very purpose of God — God Rescues!
    1. The One whose sacrifice satisfied God's wrath on mankind
    2. The One who redeemed mankind removing the separation between them and God
    3. The One who restored the 'garden' relationship between God and mankind
    4. Philippians 2:8–11 (ESV); <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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<sup>1</sup> "What Does the Name 'Jesus' Mean?: Jesus Film Project." *What Does the Name "Jesus" Mean?* | *Jesus Film Project*, 28 June 2018, [www.jesuskfilm.org/blog-and-stories/jesus-name-mean.html](http://www.jesuskfilm.org/blog-and-stories/jesus-name-mean.html).

G. Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord — Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

IV. Submit

- A. Submit yourself to the Name of the Lord
- B. Submit yourself to the One Who Rescues
- C. Submit yourself to the Savior, the One Who Redeems
- D. Submit yourself to the Great I AM