

What's in a Name?

(Exodus 6:2-9)

- Introduction:
1. Just as we may have several names by which we are known, so does God.
 2. There is a pivotal moment in Exodus 6, when God more fully revealed himself than he had in previous generations.
 3. In this lesson, I want us to examine this passage, and note what it means for us today.

I. Three Names in Exodus 6:2-3

- A. Elohim – This word that means, “God.”
- B. El Shaddai – This word means “God Almighty.”
- C. Yahweh/LORD – This word means “I AM” and is the covenant name of God.
- D. Note that Abraham only knew God as “God Almighty,” and did not know him as “Yahweh” as he revealed himself to Moses.
- E. This causes a problem harmonizing the Bible, for...
 1. Yahweh is used 186 times prior to Exodus 6:3.
 2. Noah addressed God as Yahweh as early as Genesis 9:26.
 3. Also, Abraham, himself, addressed God as Yahweh in Genesis 22:14.
 4. The resolution of this apparent contradiction is in understanding that what God meant was that while Abraham knew God’s name was Yahweh, he hadn’t experienced the full impact of that name.

II. The Full Impact of the Name, Yahweh

- A. He is a God of Relationships (Exodus 6:4).
- B. He is a God of Remembrance (Exodus 6:5).
- C. He is a God of Redemption (Exodus 6:6).
- D. He is a God of Revelation (Exodus 6:7).
- E. He is a God of Reward (Exodus 6:8).

- Conclusion:
1. What this means to us today is that God is so much more than just an All-Powerful being.
 2. He is also a God of relationship, closeness, love, and care.
 3. When Jesus asked us to cast our cares upon him (1 Peter 5:7), he was demonstrating the nature of God.
 4. He made you (Genesis 1:26). He loves you (John 3:16). He doesn’t want you to perish (2 Peter 3:9). And he wants to reward you (Hebrews 11:6).