

# What Is His Name, Part 2 of 2

## *Glorifying His name.*

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**Summary:** Names are important. The living God's personal name is important as well, according to Him in His own word. All we ask is that you hear Parts 1-2 to the end, and then decide what you believe on this issue. Is there a restoration work of an end-time Elijah? What one name did our fathers most often use when addressing their Creator in prayer? Read and hear their recorded prayers. Is "God" His name, or what He is? A close look at the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment. Shouldn't we just call him "Father"? Is that His name? More on the question of is Yahweh just the Father – or Father and Son? See the prophecies of Gentiles and all the world worshipping His name soon. Hallelu Yah!  
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A warm hello and a holyday season shalom to children of the Eternal God, Yahweh. We're going to continue the discussion today of "What is His name? Part 2 of 2."

I can't tell you how *exciting* it is to see the Holy Spirit – the Ruach HaKodesh – moving in the hearts and minds of more and more of God's children to respond and be part of the beginning of the restoration work Yahweh is doing on the earth.

ESPECIALLY in this holyday season, picturing the return of Word, this time as the Lion of David, the conquering King of kings to RESTORE and set up HIS kingdom, HIS way, on the earth – this sermon should have extra meaning in times like this. With that in mind, I pray you hear this carefully and prayerfully to the very end and shout out His name aloud.

You're going to hear me speak the wonderful, awesome, glorious name. He's "Yahweh Elohim". There are many who are referred to in the Bible as *elohim* – a lot of so-called gods – out there in all the nations. ***Only Yahweh however, is the living God, the only true God (John 17:3).***

So I'll say His name often in today's message, because *we haven't been hearing it in the very house of Yahweh, His church. His name has been practically banned by many who are supposed to be our teachers, who should be helping us come to know Him better.*

I realize "knowing" someone has more to do with it than just the person's name. I realize that. But we'll see how the Creator says He wants the whole world to know His name. OK, I also realize "to know one's name" means more than just the sound of the name, but certainly it includes knowing what the name is. We've been told right in the very house of God that it was somehow strange to say or write the name He says is His name!

*Well, it's time. It's time we start to reverse that trend.* It's time. It's time that his name once more resounds in His church. It's time His name is known and spoken among His people, in His body, among His children – that the name 'Yah YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, the only true living God, will be proclaimed, starting in His own household! It's time we recognize also Yeshua as the one who spoke, who interacted, who appeared and was seen by various ones – yes, He ALSO is Yahweh.



The words “El, Eloah, Elohim” are all translated “God” about 4,396 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. It’s the same word that was used to refer to pagan gods as well! Therefore SO many times, He is identified further by *Yahweh* Elohim, or “the Elohim of Israel” or “the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”. That is why so often I speak of “the Living God”, or “Eternal God”, or even “My God”. I personally don’t think just saying “God” isolates Him enough as the one true God. You’ll see that a LOT in today’s teaching. So “God” gets translated 4,000 times, and YHVH almost 7,000 times!

**So our Eternal God has a name that is sacred, holy** – meaning it is specially *set apart* as the name of the only true alive and living God. It is to be hallowed, “Hallowed be your name” – according to Yeshua, son of the Almighty. And almost 7,000 times, that name is spoken, written, preached, sung to, bowed down before, adored and loved throughout the Hebrew Scriptures we call “the Old Testament.”

**You can’t just erase or change names in a contract**

**But you know what’s happened? It’s a little like this:** Let’s say you write a covenant, a contract sealed with blood with millions of people. You are the senior party to this covenant and almost 7,000 times you carefully record your name in this contract/covenant. But somewhere down the road, people decide they want to honor you by *wiping out your name* all 7,000 times and replacing it with “the Author”.

***You can’t even do that with human contracts!*** In human contracts, *we can’t just go willy-nilly changing the names of the parties in the contract.* Can you imagine a contract where the **name** of the main party is changed, crossed out, replaced over and over, 7000 times!?

Can any contract you know of survive when the senior participant of the covenant’s name is changed, almost 7,000 times? We covered that last time – how the holy name Yahweh was replaced with a title – “the LORD” – that is neither a translation of YHVH nor a transliteration of it.

**Even in Jewish Bibles they replace Yahweh with “Adonai”** and give all their reasons for doing so, but we showed last time how we are sternly warned not to change, not to add to, not to remove anything in His book. So we change His name?! Go figure. Yah have mercy on us.

***Now don’t misunderstand. Yahweh IS Lord and Master.*** But that doesn’t mean we have any right to *change* where it specifically says “YHVH” to “the LORD” – because “the LORD” is *not* what YHVH means, or sounds like! It is an unauthorized change of His name.

How dare anyone do that? We wouldn’t do that to human names! But to do it to the Creator’s name, in His very own contract, is skating on very thin ice.

**Don’t forget the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment**

**Exodus 20:7**

"You shall not take **the name of YHVH (“the LORD”)** your Elohim (God) in vain, for YHVH will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”

Those of you who think there are many names of God – instead of calling them titles – let me point out: the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment singles out the “name (singular) of YHVH” in particular!

**The Jerusalem Bible** puts it this way:

“You shall not utter the name of Yahweh your God *to misuse it*, for Yahweh will not leave unpunished the man who utters His name to misuse it.”

The Hebrew can mean “Do not make my name worthless”. We’ll be reading dozens of times in the next 45 minutes of where God delights in us using His name. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment, He singles out His name “YAHWEH” – we are to *especially* honor *that* name! Nowhere do we read Him say – not a single time – “Don’t be using my name or pronouncing my name now.” We never read that. NO, what He says is, “Don’t disregard me, disrespect me or disregard my authority.” We are to treat His name with reverence – but that doesn’t mean we aren’t to use it with reverence.

### **Yahweh’s spirit is MOVING people to LEARN AND USE HIS NAME**

Well, the good news on this subject is that Yahweh’s spirit *is* stirring up more and more people to know and proclaim the name of Yahweh, even though well-intentioned but misguided preachers are warning against this tide of “Sacred movement folks” – though most of us have never had anything to do with such a movement.

We’ll do a **quick review** first – and then start talking about:

- the Work of Elijah (Eliyahu) and how it includes restoring the Holy Name
- Proving that Yahweh wants us using and proclaiming His name

**QUICK REVIEW.** If you want the scriptures with this review, go back to part 1 transcript.

- Names are special in Scripture. So it stands to reason, we can’t go changing the Eternal God’s name.
- God’s name is sacred, is holy – per Yeshua and dozens of scriptures. I have a hard time understanding why **some pastors are giving sermons against using God’s name** “Yahweh”, as if the people using the Name are the ones in the wrong; like we’re doing something weird, stupid or sinful. Or like using the name “Yahweh” is somehow linked to some mysterious conspiracy. To you preachers doing that: wake up! If you don’t want to use His holy name, then you take it up with Him. But don’t try to shame the rest of us from doing the right thing.
- **“God” is not His name. God is what HE IS, so 9 times He says simply “I am God” – or in Hebrew it can be “I am El your Elohim” or “I am El Shaddai” – God. In Hosea 11:9 – “I am God (El) and not man...”** (But 165 times He says “I am Yahweh” – getting more personal.) He is the only true living God/Elohim (Isa. 45:22; 46:9).

*But here’s the rub: the word “El” or “Elohim” is not confined just to the living God; it’s also used of idols and pagan gods. Same word. All other elohim are just imaginations of men’s minds – or idols. I showed how the word Elohim is applied to pagan gods as well as to the living God. I showed how Elohim is even the word sometimes translated as judge, angel, and ruler. So El or Elohim, translated “God” –cannot be His name. “God” is a kind or type of being, like a human is a type of being, like an Angel is a type of being. But humans have names. Angels have names. God also has a name.*

- **Yahweh has also been revealed to be our “FATHER”.** We can call him Father, Abba. That is a very intimate and personal way of addressing Yahweh and we should, I recommend it, and there’s everything right with that! Its closeness and an honor to be invited to call this great Being – “Father, Abba”. I often do in my sermons and in everyday speech, as well as in prayer.

*But is “Father” his name? Now think about this: “Father” is what He is to His children. My children call me “Dad” or “Father”, but that’s not my name.* That’s what *they* are allowed to call me, and in that sense it is my name to them. I love them calling *me* “Dad or Father” -- and I love calling Yahweh “my Father”.

*So “Father” is a wonderful way to address the only true God, Yahweh.* Likewise, my children call me “Dad”. But now consider: if my children were asked “WHO is your father?” – they’d use my name, Philip Shields.

In the same way, if you ask me “Who is your God, your heavenly father? What is His name?” I’d personally reply, “**My Father, My God’s name, is Yahweh.** Yahweh is the same God Abraham, Isaac and Jacob worshiped. He’s the God of Moses and David and of Peter and Paul.” Do you see the difference?

*Sometimes the name Yahweh is shortened, even in the Bible, to Yah.*

**Isaiah 26:4** – “**4** Trust in YAHWEH forever, **for in Yah YAHWEH** is an everlasting rock.”

- The name Yahweh was written and spoken often by God’s people. We’ll see lots of examples. It’s written almost 7,000 times in the Hebrew Scriptures, far more than any other name, *far more than even all the various words translated “God” put together!* This time turn to Isaiah 12 and let’s revel in the exultation of the anointed message of Isaiah:

### **Isaiah 12**

On that day you will say: “I will praise You, **Yahweh**, although You were angry with me. Your anger has turned away, and You have had compassion on me.

2 Indeed, God is my salvation (El is my Yeshuwah). I will trust Him and not be afraid.

Because **Yah Yahweh** is my strength and my song, ***He has become my salvation*** (Yeshuwah)” 3 You will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation,

4 and on that day you will say: “Give thanks to **Yahweh**; ***proclaim His name!*** (Call his name aloud – Jerusalem Bible.) Celebrate His deeds among the peoples. ***Declare that His name is exalted.***

5 **Sing of Yahweh**, for He has done glorious things. Let this be known throughout the earth.

6 Cry out and sing, citizen of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is among you in His greatness.”

76 times the word “Yeshuwah” is used in Scripture – usually translated as “Salvation”.

Psalms 98:3 – “...the ends of the earth have seen the salvation (Yeshuwah) of our Elohim.”

- Some consider it odd to use the name Yahweh, and even preach against using this “weird” sounding Hebrew name in the churches of God. Why? Why is it strange to some people that others want to use the name He said is his name?

*If it were the name of an important human being with a foreign name, we would take great pains to learn his name and USE it. We wouldn't just say "the prime minister" all the time, – no, we'd say "David Cameron, the Prime Minister of the UK" – just as we read of "Yahweh, the God of Israel". We pointed out last time how many times Yahweh tells us, "My name is", or "His name is..." – and it's always Yahweh. On top of that, 165 times we read the statement "I am Yahweh".*

- **Using the name "Yahweh" is NOT Judaizing.** How can it be when *they* don't use the name YHVH themselves? They definitely preach against it! Whenever the 7,000 times we see the word YHVH in their scripture, they've changed it to "Adonai" – meaning "Master" or "Lord". I could actually make a case that when anyone changes YHVH to "the LORD"; it is those people who are actually "Judaizing" his name, for that is what the Jews do!
- We can **translate YHVH into "The Everliving One" or "the Eternal"** – but now we're making it more like a title again with the prefix "the". There's no "the" in Yahweh, any more than you'd be called "the George" or "the Mary". Besides that, nowadays we don't translate names of foreigners. Felipe Calderon is Felipe – not Philip. Why not just use the name as it's given? I see no reason to try to translate it. But that would be preferable to outright removing it, like virtually every Bible does!
- Some stumble over **the pronunciation** having to be just right. Well, we are but babes to Yahweh. Sometimes toddlers don't pronounce "Grandpa" or our names just right, but we love hearing them try, and we accept their heart and their effort. I'll take that and see it as a loving step far more than someone who just decides to do an unauthorized change of my name – or Yahweh's name, more importantly
- We also covered last time how **"Yahweh" applies to both the one we know as the Father as well as to the one we know as "the Son". Both of them are Yahweh.** It's the family name. After all, throughout Genesis 1, the Hebrew is clearly "God" in the plural – "Elohim" – which when applied to pagan gods is translated in the plural "gods". In Genesis 1:26, Elohim says "Let *us* make man in *our* image..." ***But there is such unity, such oneness, that they are said to be "echad" – ONE (Deut. 6:4).*** But Adam and Eve were also said to be "echad" – "one". See the end of Genesis 2. Yeshua repeated this concept often in John 17.

There was more than that covered, but we have to continue on now. I want to cover this next. Turn with me to Malachi 4:5-6 about an end time event that IS going to happen.

## **PART OF THE WORK OF THE END TIME ELIJAH – REVEALING THE NAME OF YAH**

We know there is a coming work of **Elijah (Mal 4:1-6) "before the great and dreadful day of Yahweh" (Mal. 4:5). John the Baptist certainly was a type of Elijah, but that was not the "great and dreadful day", so I believe there still remains a future Elijah.**

**In Matthew 17**, Yeshua takes Peter, James and John to a mountain top and is there transfigured before them, and is seen talking with Moses and Elijah.

### **Matthew 17:10-12**

And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" (NOTE: John the Baptist was long dead by this time.)

11 Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, ***Elijah IS coming first and WILL restore*** all things." [Again, John the Baptist was long dead already.]

***What did the original Elijah do?*** We learn a lot by going to the beginning and the original Elijah. By the time Elijah comes on the scene, the nation of Israel had mixed the worship of Yahweh with the worship of Ba'al, the god of the sky and fire. It was a time of revival on one hand and a time of darkness on the other. The spirit of Elijah was at work, but so was the spirit of the "fallen woman" Jezebel. This will be the way it will be in the end time as well. There will once more be the spirit of Elijah and there will be the spirit of the woman riding the beast. Keep in mind what the NAME of Elijah (Eliyahu) means: YAH is God!

**What did Elijah do? The ONE doctrine he pointed to was – who is the right God and what is His name? Who and what is God? HE clearly emphasizes His name.** He brought the children back to their fathers (see Mal. 4:1-6) and to the laws of God, the Torah of Moses as Malachi says. Before the Great and dreadful "day of Yahweh (not 'the LORD')", once again an end-time Elijah does this. I hope to have a message on the Restoration soon.

So Elijah gathered Israel to Mt. Carmel by the northern coast of Israel and there made a challenge. Turn to **1 Kings 18:30**. As you do, be sure to let the words of Elijah and the words of the Israelites ring in your ears. He was to turn the nation back to their fathers – including their true God. *Is it possible that we are seeing more and more interest in coming back to the name YAHWEH because it is something GOD is doing, that GOD'S SPIRIT is guiding this, since we are once more in the days of the end-time Elijah?*

***I'm going to read this the Jerusalem Bible, which uses the word Yahweh where it should be!*** And what does "ELIJAH" mean? Eliyahu is his name in Hebrew. It means – ready for this? – "YAH (shortened form of Yahweh) is God."

The point of the meeting was to determine which god was the one true God by causing fire to come down from heaven: Ba'al or Yahweh. Baal was the god of fire and the sky, so surely he would win. But after taunting the priests of Ba'al that their god was sleeping or taking a ... er, going to the bathroom...or deaf, or something, because nothing had happened... Elijah finally takes center stage.

### **1 Kings 18:30-39 from Jerusalem Bible**

30 Then ***Elijah*** said to all the people, "**Come closer to me.**" So all the people came closer to him.

[We're too separated from God's *true* ministers and from each other. It's time to come near to one another and stop the divisions in God's body! I've spoken on that over and over. We should quit dividing over doctrine, including this one. We can agree to disagree. I just felt it was time for me to speak on the name of Yahweh. But you do as you please, and I can still love you and accept you. But no more splits! Wake up, children of God – and come together. Beware of people who cut out members of the body of Christ from fellowship! Even the actual Christ allowed a woman of ill repute to have contact with his body! Think of that! But somehow *some brethren, members of the body of Christ, are not allowed close contact with the other body members*. That's a sure sign of carnality at work. Now let's continue in verse 31:

“Then he *repaired the altar of Yahweh* that had been broken down: (the end time Elijah will also restore proper worship of Yahweh]

31 Elijah took **12 stones**—according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of Yahweh had come, saying, “***Israel will be your name***”— 32 and he built an altar ***in the name of Yahweh***.

[Those of you who believe God has many, many names – why do they keep coming back to this one?]

Around the altar he dug a trench of a size to hold two measures of seed (about 4 gallons). 33 He then arranged the wood, dismembered the bull, and laid it on the wood. He said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the offering to be burned and on the wood.” 34 Then he said, “A second time!” and they did it a second time. And then he said, “A third time!” and they did it a third time [12 jars].35 So the water ran all around the altar; and the trench itself was full of water.

[Elijah now is about to pray to the Great Living God. Notice what word or name he chooses first to address Him. And then says Yahweh several more times!]

36 At the time when the offering is presented, ***Elijah the prophet approached the altar and said, “Yahweh***, God (Elohim) of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, ***let them know today You are God in Israel*** and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at your command. 37 ***Answer me, Yahweh!*** Answer me so that this people may know *that You, Yahweh*, are God and are winning back their hearts.”

[See Mal. 4:3-6; notice how directly Elijah now talks to God by the name Yahweh! Yes, we can too!]

38 ***Then the fire of Yahweh*** fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces. “***Yahweh is God***”, they cried, “Yahweh is God!” [Elijah’s name]

WE are the Israel of Yahweh today. Are we hearing Elijah’s prayer to recognize that YHVH is God in Israel? WE are the Israel of God! Are we going to respond as they did, and proclaim “Yahweh is God” – or are we going to let Satan turn our hearts against using the very name of our Creator that He says over and over he wants people to know and use, but use respectfully, and reverently?

Remember again, the very name Elijah means – “Yah is God”. Or you can say “God is Yah”.

### WHAT SHOULD WE CALL HIM WHEN PRAYING TO HIM?

I pray I teach a very balanced and Biblical approach in this section of the sermon. I hope by taking some time to read, pray about, ponder some of the recorded prayers of the Bible, we can learn by example what our forefathers in the faith did, and how they addressed the great Yahweh.

**I certainly when praying to Almighty God, call him “Father” most often, or even “Abba”.** That’s what I do. That’s what Yeshua did in Gethsemane (Mark 14:36).

**In John 17**, throughout His prayer as Yeshua prays a very intercessory prayer for us, several times Yeshua addresses God Most High as “Father” and “Holy Father” (John 17:1, 5,11 ) or even “O



Righteous Father” (v. 25). A good pattern for us. In Gethsemane, He prayed, “*Abba, Father...*” (Mark 14:36), “all things are possible for you. Take this cup from me...”

We cry to him – Abba, Father...Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6.

We were taught to pray, “Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name.” Matt 6:9

Yeshua came and taught us that when we speak to Yahweh, we have the high privilege to call Him “Father” – and that is what we do. But as I’ve explained before, when we tell people who our Father is, we can say, “***God our father is Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob***” – thereby fulfilling the prophesied “return to the fathers” (Mal. 4:5-6).

But again, certainly as the children of our Great God, we get to call Him “Father”. What an honor.

**Some of you simply call him “God” throughout your prayer. That’s how the Hebrew “Elohim” or “El” is translated.** There’s certainly some Biblical precedent for that. I find people using this word – “God/Elohim” – especially in times of feeling weak and exposed or feeling the weight of sin.

**In David’s prayer of repentance in Psalm 51:1 for example**, he begins by saying, “Have mercy on me, Elohim (O God), according to your tender mercies...” Then in verse 12, he says, “Create a clean heart in me, Elohim (O God)...”

The Publican repenting at the temple, said, “Have mercy on me, O God, a sinner...” (Luke 18:13).

On the cross, Yeshua in one of His many prayers crucified to the tree cries out, “Eloi, Eloi” – Aramaic for “My God, My God...”

So yes, we can call Him “God” in prayer. **But for most of the prayers from men and women of God that I can find, when someone is feeling in right standing before Elohim, they use the name “Yahweh”** – boldly and directly. The notion that only the High Priest on Atonement ever used this name Yahweh simply does not square up to the Biblical record. Lots and lots of people, the everyday ordinary man and woman, used it. Let’s look at a few examples.

***Before we do, let me say again, as His children, we call him “Father”. When we identify Him, I say: “My God and father is Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”***

**If some of you still think the name Yahweh was not known to Abraham and our fathers because of a misreading of Exodus 6:3** – let’s look at the time Yahweh appears before Abraham at the oak in Mamre. Turn to Genesis 18 please. Here Yahweh – the Word of God – is forewarning Abraham about the coming destruction of Sodom. Notice what Abraham says, as he intercedes for his family Lot as well as the city. As you read this, you tell me: does Abraham know the name Yahweh? Remember again, where you see “the LORD” in all caps, its YHVH in the Hebrew.

**Genesis 18:22-33**

22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before Yahweh. 23 And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? 25 Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! **Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"**

26 So **Yahweh** said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."

27 Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself *to speak to Yahweh*: 28 Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?"

So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it."

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty."

30 *Then he said, 'Let not Yahweh be angry, and I will speak*: Suppose thirty should be found there?"

So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "*Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to Yahweh*: Suppose twenty should be found there?"

So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty."

32 Then he said, "*Let not Yahweh be angry, and I will speak but once more*: Suppose ten should be found there?"

And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." 33 So Yahweh went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

Now, is it even possible that Abraham didn't know the name "Yahweh?"

Our forefathers used His name a lot. I want to read a few more examples just so we get the flavor and feel of how our fathers spoke to our great God.

### **DAVID – when told God was pleased:**

**2 Samuel 7:18-29** David uses the personal name of Yahweh over and over but he combines it with Adonai – Adonai Yahweh – Lord God. Adonai means "Master" or "Lord".

18 Then King David went in and seated before **Yahweh**, said;

"Who am I, **Master (Adonai) Yahweh**? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?

19 And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, **Master Yahweh**; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, **Lord Yahweh**?

20 Now what more can David say to You? For You, **Lord Yahweh**, know Your servant.

21 For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them.

22 Therefore You are great, **Adonai Yahweh (Lord God)**. For there is none like You, nor is there any God (Elohim) besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name — and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land — before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods?

24 For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; *and You, Yahweh, have become their God*. [Do you see it? Yahweh – that's clearly His name; their God—that's what he is.]

25 "Now, **Lord Yahweh**, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish it forever and do as You have said.

**26 So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, Yahweh Sabbaoth (of hosts) is the God over Israel.** And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.

27 For You, **Yahweh Sabbaoth, God of Israel**, have revealed this to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.

**28 "And now, Adonai Yahweh, You are God**, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. 29 Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You, **Lord Yahweh**, have spoken it, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever."

### **SOLOMON'S PRAYER OF DEDICATION of the Temple -- LOOK how directly he prays:**

#### **1 Kings 8:14-30**

14 Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

15 And he said: "**Blessed be Yahweh, God of Israel**, who spoke with His mouth to my father David, and with His hand has fulfilled it, saying,

16 'Since the day that I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a **house, that My name might be there**; but I chose David to be over My people Israel.'

17 Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the Lord God of Israel. 18 But **Yahweh** said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build **a temple for My name** [It was called "the Temple of Yahweh"] you did well that it was in your heart. 19 Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall **build the temple for My name**.'

20 So **Yahweh** has fulfilled His word which He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as **Yahweh** promised; **and I have built a temple for the name of Yahweh, God of Israel**. 21 And there I have made a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of Yahweh which He made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt."

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of Yahweh in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven; 23 **and he said: "Yahweh, God of Israel**, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.

24 You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. 25 Therefore, **Yahweh, God of Israel**, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' 26 And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father.

27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built! 28 Yet regard the prayer

of Your servant and his supplication, **Yahweh my God**, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: 29 *that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,'* that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.

He goes on for quite some time, but be sure you know **what this building is called**: “**The Temple of Yahweh**” – verse 64. See also 1 Kings 9:1 – “When Solomon had finished building *the temple of Yahweh*...”

In the section of his magnificent and personal prayer in 1 Kings 8, he also prays for the foreigners who come to worship. Notice what he says - 1 Kings 8:41-43, still part of his prayer of dedication:

**1 Kings 8:41-43**

41 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far *country for Your name's sake* 42 (*for they will hear of Your great name* and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, 43 hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, *that all peoples of the earth may know Your name* and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built **is called by Your name.**”

Solomon says it again in **I Kings 8:60-61** at the end of his prayer:

“....**so that all the peoples of the earth may come to know that Yahweh is God** indeed and that there is no other.”

Is the name Yahweh being used here, a lot? Being used even by foreigners? You bet it is. Does Yahweh want His name recognized, spoken, praised and known around the world? Absolutely.

**There are many other prayers I found and you'll notice they consistently use the name Yahweh most often when addressing our Creator and Father. When we understand that Yahweh is a family name, this allows us to address both the Father and Son.**

- **Habakkuk's prayer in Hab. 3:2-19** – throughout he says “Yahweh” (the LORD in English Bibles)
- **Ezra's prayer of repentance** for the people he mixes Yahweh and Elohim throughout his prayer (**Ezra 9:5-15**).
- **Hannah, the mother of Samuel**, in praying for a son and in her prayer of praise when gifting him back to Yahweh, uses the name “Yahweh” throughout 1 Samuel 1 and 2. See 1 Samuel 1:10-12 especially, then her praise in 1 Samuel 2. It's very moving. She named him “Asked – or heard – of El (God)”. She literally prayed him into existence and then praises Yahweh in chapter 2.
- **Deborah's song in Judges 5** – everywhere you read “the LORD”, restore His name “YHVH” where it should be in the text and read it to yourself that way and see how much more meaningful it is. That's the Name she uses, over and over.
- **The Aaronic blessing** – which is really Yahweh's blessing spoken from the priests....

**Numbers 6:22-27**

22 And **Yahweh** spoke to Moses, saying: 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

24 "**Yahweh** bless you and keep you;

( no "the" before YHVH; and certainly not "the LORD")

25 **Yahweh** make **His** face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

26 **Yahweh** lift up **His** countenance upon you, [look with favor upon you]  
And give you peace [shalom]."

Now notice what is the point of invoking His name on to Israel in a blessing – Num 6:27.

27 "**So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.**"

**WHAT name? Which name? Over and over, as I showed in part 1, His name is Yahweh.**

- **Hezekiah's prayer** when he was sick and told he would die - Isaiah 38:2-8

**Isaiah 38:2-3**

Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, 3 and said, "**Remember now, Yahweh, I pray**, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

When Hezekiah received the threats from Sennacherib:

**2 Kings 19:14-19**

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to **the house of Yahweh [the name of the Temple!]**, and **spread it before Yahweh**. 15 Then Hezekiah prayed before **Yahweh**, and said: "**Yahweh Sabbaoth, God of Israel**, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16 Incline Your ear, **Yahweh**, and hear; open Your eyes, **Yahweh**, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. 17 Truly, **Yahweh**, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, 18 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands — wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. 19 Now therefore, **Yahweh** our God, I pray, save us from his hand, **that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone are God, Yahweh.**"

Are we getting it? We lose so much when our regular Bibles have changed His holy name Yahweh to "the LORD". We must restore the use of His holy name Yahweh, the name He says all nations wills someday know.

**So DOES YAHWEH WANT HIS NAME KNOWN?****Exodus 5:2**

2 And Pharaoh said, "Who is YHVH, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know YHVH, nor will I let Israel go."

**Exodus 9:15-16 Moses, quoting Yahweh, to Pharaoh:**

"Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth. 16 But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, **and that My name may be declared in all the earth.**"

It sounds to me that Yahveh wants to be known. You can read this also in **Isa. 29:22-23** where He says the time is coming when "they will all hallow my name". Now turn to Jer. 16:19-21.

**Jeremiah 16:19-21**

19 O YHVH (mistranslated "LORD"), my strength and my fortress,  
My refuge in the day of affliction,

**The Gentiles shall come to You** From the ends of the earth and say,  
"Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things."

20 Will a man make gods for himself, which are not gods?

21 "Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know,

I will cause them to know My hand and My might;

***And they shall know that My name is YHVH***" (the LORD).

**Jeremiah 31:33-34**

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says YHVH: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 **No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know YHVH,' for they all shall know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says YHVH. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

**Malachi 1:11, 14**

1 For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down,

***My name shall be great among the Gentiles;***

In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering;

**For My name shall be great among the nations,**" says YHVH of hosts.

**14 --** "...for I am a great King," says YHVH of hosts,

***"And My name is to be feared among the nations"***.

How will His name be feared if it is not known?

Now read Isa. 19:19-25 – where we see a wonderful and loving prophesied relationship between Egyptians and Israelites and Assyrians.

**Isaiah 19:19-25**

19 In that day there will be an altar to YHVH in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to YHVH at its border. 20 And it will be for a sign and for a witness to YHVH of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to YHVH because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them. 21 ***Then YHVH will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know YHVH in that day,*** and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to YHVH and perform it. 22 And YHVH will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to YHVH, and He will be entreated by them and heal them. 23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. 24 In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria — a blessing in the midst of the land, 25 ***whom YHVH of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."***

Yahweh tells us in so many verses that His name is what He actually is as well. To love His name is to love Him Himself (Isaiah 56:6). I wish I had time to develop this concept, but I'm out of time. Maybe that's for another time and teaching. To have His name, is to have Him himself near you (Psalm 71:1). His name is a strong tower (Proverbs 18:10). Anyway, that's an entire subject in itself. His name is more than just letters on a page.

**We're out of time again – so let's end with a few verses that I pray will now mean more to you than ever before:**

**Revelation 3:11-12 Yeshua Yahweh speaking....**

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him *a pillar in the temple of My God*, and he shall go out no more. I *will write on him the name of My God* and the name of the city *of My God*, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from *My God*. And I will write on him My new name."

Four times, Yeshua refers to "my God". Do you think Yeshua has a God? Of course! And He mentions "the name of my God". By now we know what it is: It's Yah Yahweh.

Now turn to Rev. 7:1. Before the 7<sup>th</sup> seal can open, Yahweh seals His people.

**Revelation 7:1-4**

After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees **till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**" 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and **forty-four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.

Of course they are sealed by God's spirit – but just as the Beast system puts a mark on their people's forehead, Yahweh puts a seal on His people. I wonder if it's His name.

**Revelation 14:1**

14 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, *having His Father's NAME written on their foreheads.*

***Do you think for a moment that the 144,000 will include people who insist on speaking against Father's name? Don't go there, brethren.*** And if you *have* spoken against using Father's holy name "Yahweh" – repent of it deeply and realize Father knows your heart; you meant well. But don't do it anymore. Once we know better and still sin, it is much worse.

Let's magnify His name. Let's practice the "Hallowed be thy name" attitude. Hallelu YAH! That's what Hallelujah means – praise Yah! There's no "J" sound in Hebrew.

***You all have a wonderful Sabbath. Have a meaningful Yom Kippur Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles and 8<sup>th</sup> Day. Until next time, your fellow servant Philip Shields magnifying our Father and His name Yahweh.***