

Stay Connected with His Name

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“What’s in a name?” *William Shakespeare, 1595*

A name may speak of your identity or characteristics.

A name may also speak of the hopes and aspirations *someone else* has for you.

In the Bible, names were often given to tell a story—either a story of history or a story of prophecy.

When we connect with God through His name, we look back at what He has already done *and* we look ahead to what He will continue to do.

Exodus 3:13-15

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is His name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.”

Yahweh = I AM WHO I AM = *The LORD*

Jesus = Yahweh Saves = The LORD is Salvation

God’s name is kept holy when we connect with Him in worship.

Psalm 97:12

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise His holy name.

God’s name is kept holy when we connect with others in instruction.

Psalm 105:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

God’s name is kept holy when we connect with the world in witness.

John 20:30-31

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.