**The Quiet Hour #2**

The Name of the Lord

**Matthew 6:9**

 *“And they that* ***know thy name*** *will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”*

**-Psalms 9:10**

 To those who seek to know God, His name is of great significance. It is the name of God that reveals the character of God. To “know the name of the Lord” is to know the Lord Himself in a more genuine way. The blessing of this hour will be found in developing an enhanced knowledge of God through the spiritual exercise of “knowing His name” more thoroughly.

**Step 1**

 What word or words are used in the following verses to describe the name of God?

* Ps. 72:19 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Ps. 99:3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Ps. 111:9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Ps. 148:13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pause for a moment and thank the Lord for these unique characteristics of His name, and for what they show us about God.

**Step 2**

 Read again the 4th commandment in Exodus 20:7. In your own words, explain what you think it means to take God’s name *“in vain”.* How might even a Christian do this? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If necessary, take time to confess your own carelessness and casualness when it comes to your own attitude toward the name of the Lord.

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**Step 3**

 Take a moment to read or recite “The Lord’s Prayer” (Matt. 6:9-13), paying close attention to the emphasis on God’s name in verse 9. Who is this model prayer addressed to? Where does He dwell? How is His name described? Take time to praise God for who He is, where He is, and what He is like.

**Step 4**

 The book of Psalms often emphasizes our response to the Lord’s name. Look up each of the 12 listed references and note the given way that you should be responding to His name.

* 5:11 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 7:17 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 20:7 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 29:2 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 33:21 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 34:3 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 63:4 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 89:16 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 105:1 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 140:13 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 145:1 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 145:2 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Take time to review and think about how these activities would change the atmosphere of your personal devotions, or a Sunday morning worship service or a midweek prayer service in your church.

**Step 5**

 Note the requests in the following prayers *“for Thy name’s sake”*:

* 25:11 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 31:3 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 109:21 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 143:11 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Step 6**

 In Exodus 3:14-15, God spoke to Moses, referring to Himself as *“I am that I am”*. This is the name “Jehovah”, the self-existent One, the One who is what He is, in and of Himself. This is the most frequently used name of God in Scripture, appearing 6832 times. Throughout the Bible, this name is used as part of various titles for God. These names help focus our attention on the God we are praying to. Allow these names to direct you in prayer either for yourself or for those close to you. Spend time in praise and in petition for yourself and for those you care most about.

* ***“Jehovah-Shalom”*** (Judg. 6:24) – **“The Lord is peace”** The Lord brings peace in times of turmoil and trouble. Peace is the calmness that comes because God is in control. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* ***“Jehovah-Rapha”***(Ex. 15:26) – **“The Lord Who Heals”** The Lord heals hurts that touch the lives of people both physically and emotionally. He can relieve the pain, and restore the body and mind that are suffering. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* ***“Jehovah-Jireh”***(Gen. 22:14) – **“The Lord will provide”** The Lord can meet any and every need. His unlimited resources are available to provide. Great or small – there is nothing too hard for Him. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* ***“Jehovah-Rohi”*** (Ps. 23:1) – **“The Lord is my shepherd”** The Lord leads and guides His own. Every day decisions are made that determine an individual’s destiny in life. God delights to make the way clear.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Step 7**

 Open your Bible to Phil. 2:9-11 and read these verses aloud. Record several insights that stand out to you about *“the name of Jesus”*. How would you describe the significance of His name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Take a moment to thank the Lord for your observations.

**Step 8**

 Conclude your hour by either reading or singing the words of William Clark’s hymn, *Blessed Be the Name*. Allow these words to be a fitting conclusion to this hour focused on the name of the Lord.

**1*.*** *All praise to Him who reigns above, In majesty supreme,*

*Who gave His Son for man to die, That He might man redeem!*

**Chorus**

*Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord;*

*Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

**2.***His name above all names shall stand, Exalted more and more,*

*At God the Father’s own right hand, Where angel hosts adore.*

**3.** *His name shall be the Counsellor, The mighty Prince of Peace,*

*Of all earth’s kingdoms Conqueror, Whose reign shall never cease.*

*“Blessed be the name of the LORD*

 *from this time forth, and for evermore.”*

**Ps. 113:2**

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