

The Name of God

- *And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them?*
- *14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. Ex 3:13-15*
- **Eternal, unchanging ... His Name forever ... His Memorial unto all generations!**

God Proclaims Fullness of His Name!

- *Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, (Jehovah, Jehovah God), merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."*

Ex 34:5-7

- God is not just eternal and unchanging ...

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- He is eternal and unchanging with these Qualities:
- *The Lord the Lord God –/– Jehovah, Jehovah God*
- *Merciful and gracious,*
- *longsuffering*
- *Abounding in goodness and truth*
- *Keeping mercy for thousands*
- *Forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.*
- *by no means clearing the guilty,*
- These are the things God wants His people to know about Him. They are essential to His Name

A Song to Extol His Name and Character

- *Bless the Lord, O my soul;*
- *And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*
- *2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,*
- *And forget not all His benefits:*
- *3 Who forgives all your iniquities,*
- *Who heals all your diseases,*
- *4 Who redeems your life from destruction,*
- *Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*
- *5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things,*
- *So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps
103:1-5*

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- Only answer: **JEHOVAH – THE LORD GOD**
- **When we think of God – This is His nature.**

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- *6 The Lord executes righteousness*
- *And justice for all who are oppressed.*
- *7 He made known His ways to Moses,*
- *His acts to the children of Israel.*
- *8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,*
- *Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.*
- *9 He will not always strive with us,*
- *Nor will He keep His anger forever.*
- *10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,*
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103:6-10

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- When we must go before Him in repentance – This is how He wants us to see Him.
- He is not angry – He wants to forgive us.
- He longs for repentance, confession, reconciliation

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- *11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,*
- *So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;*
- *12 As far as the east is from the west,*
- *So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*
- *13 As a father pities his children,*
- *So the Lord pities those who fear Him.*
- *14 For He knows our frame;*
- *He remembers that we are dust. Ps 103:11-14*

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- God wants us to see the immense magnitude of His mercy – Higher than the heavens.
- He wants us to see the expanse of how far away He has removed our sins.
- God wants us to see His pity as that of a father.

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- *15 As for man, his days are like grass;*
- *As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.*
- *16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,*
- *And its place remembers it no more.*
- *17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting*
- *On those who fear Him,*
- *And His righteousness to children's children,*
- *18 To such as keep His covenant,*
- *And to those who remember His commandments to do them. Ps 103:15-18*

God's Showed Pity for Cain

- God was not angry at Cain, He felt pity – to help
- *And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Gen 4:3-7*

Jonah's Misplaced Anger

- Jonah was very angry when God spared Nineveh. It is an amazing disconnect He could receive but would not give mercy. Yet God still gave a gracious response
- *But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2 So he prayed to the Lord, and said, "Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!" 4 Then the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Jonah 4:1-4*

As a Father Pities his Children

- God still pitied and sought to help him.
- God Prepared:
- A gourd to shade him :5-6
- A worm to wither the gourd :7
- A sultry east wind to make him hot :8
- Jonah threw a tantrum :9
- God patiently explained :10-11

As a Father Pities his Children

- *And the Lord God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. 7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. 8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live. Jonah 4:6-8*
- Is it now time for God to be angry and strike him

God Pitied Jonah and Nineveh

- *Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "It is right for me to be angry, even to death!"*
- *"But the Lord said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left — and much livestock?"*
Jonah 4:9-11
- This is how the story ends. What happened to Jonah? Did he learn and repent – did he die in sin?

God Pitied Job

- *² "Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? ³ Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Job 38:2-4*
- *Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said: ² "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it." ³ Then Job answered the Lord and said: ⁴ "Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. ⁵ Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further." Job 40:1-5*

God Pitied Job

- *Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: ⁷ "Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me: ⁸ "Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified? Job 40:6-8*
- *Then Job answered the Lord and said: ² "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. ³ You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴ Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.' ⁵ "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. ⁶ Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:1-6*

God's Mercy to Saul of Tarsus

- *This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 1 Tim 1:15-17*
- Not the Exception ... This is the Rule.