

WELCOME TO BSD

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MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LESSON 3:

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



MEMORY VERSE

You shall not misuse the Name of the Lord Your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His Name.

Exodus 20:7

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

DEFINITION

Power and Control

Expectations



PAT BYRNES FOR USA WEEKEND

**"Everyone else in my class is Shamiqua, Taylor or Ashley.
How'd I get stuck with a weirdo name like Mary?"**

Changing A Name

Abram → Abraham (father of a multitude)
Sarai → Sara (mother of nations)
Jacob → Israel (he strives with God)
Simon → Peter (rock)
Saul → Paul (small, humble)

The Names of G-d



I
THOU SHALT HAVE NO
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II
THOU SHALT NOT MAKE
UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN
IMAGE.

III
THOU SHALT NOT TAKE
THE NAME OF THE LORD
THY GOD IN VAIN.

IV
REMEMBER THE
DAY TO KEEP IT

V
HONOR THY FATHER
AND THY MOTHER

VI
THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

VII
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY.

VIII
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

IX
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS AGAINST
THY NEIGHBOR.

X
THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

"Love does
no harm to a
neighbor.
Therefore love
is the fulfillment
of the law."
-Romans 13:10

"For the law
was given
through
Moses; grace
and truth
came through
Jesus Christ."
-John 1:17

God Names Himself



Exodus 3: 13-15

CREATOR Abba, Father Light of the World ^{WISDOM} Elohim
The Lord of Hosts ALPHA AND OMEGA Holy Spirit
TRUTH RULER SAVIOR GATE Second Adam THE Way Friend
Lord of Lords JUDGE OF THE EARTH CORNER STONE HOLY I AM
SON ROCK GOD HIGH PRIEST I AM Jealous God Almighty
SERVANT YAHWEH JESUS IMMANUEL MASTER Lion of Judah
The First and the Last Good Shepherd DELIVERER
SURE FOUNDATION LIVING GOD WORD MEDIATOR Redeemer
RABBI KING OF GLORY King of Kings MESSIAH
PRINCE OF PEACE Advocate The Christ Wonderful Counselor

Old Testament

ELOHIM: The plural form of “El” meaning strong one, it implies the Trinity. El Shaddai means God Almighty.

YAHWEH (YHWH): derives from a verb meaning “to exist, to be” in Hebrew. This stresses God as the independent, self-existent God of revelation and redemption.

ADONAI: Like “Elohim” this is a plural noun. It means majesty and stresses man’s relationship to God as his master, authority and provider.

New Testament

THEOS: Greek word translated as “God”, the primary name for God used in the New Testament.

THEOS is the name used of Christ as God in John, Titus, Romans, Hebrews and 2 Peter.

New Testament

KURIOS : Greek word translated as “Lord”, stressing His authority and supremacy.

KURIOS is used mostly as the equivalent of Yahweh of the Old Testament and also used to refer to Christ.

NEW TESTAMENT

DESPOTES: “Master”, conveying the idea of ownership while Kurios stresses supreme authority.

New Testament

ABBA: “Father”. A distinctive revelation that through faith in Christ, God becomes our personal father.

“Father” is used of God in the Old Testament only 15 times, while it is used to refer to God 245 times in the New Testament.

ABBA stresses God’s loving care, provision, and discipline. Jesus teaches us to address God by that name when praying.

Power and Control

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

Genesis 2: 19-20

MISUSING GOD'S NAME

MISUSING THE NAME OF GOD

Calling on the name of the Lord to summon Him, as in an incantation. Those who do so are not calling on God to intervene but are trying to control God's divine power over life, death and the future themselves.

MISUSING THE NAME OF GOD

False prophets and teachers declare “thus says the Lord” to deceive people into thinking God has sent them. Those who swear falsely in the name of the Lord are putting His Name in service of their lies.

MISUSING THE NAME OF GOD

**Calling on God when you don't
expect Him to answer.**

MISUSING THE NAME OF GOD

**Using His name for
your own purposes.**

MISUSING THE NAME OF GOD

Using His name carelessly.

SPECIAL LECTURE NEXT WEEK!



Susan Jonesia, long-time BSD participant and a Jewish believer, will share with us next week how she and her family celebrate the Blessing of the Sabbath.

APPLYING THE LESSON

As you go through the week, be mindful of the ways you are tempted to misuse the name of God.

Discuss with your group what you noticed.

