



## I. WHY IS GOD'S NAME SO IMPORTANT?

God's name "Yahweh" or "I AM" represents and \_\_\_\_\_ who and what He is.

1. God's name represents His \_\_\_\_\_.

God's name summarizes all the other names of God that also describe His character and attributes.

Here are just a few...

- Jehovah-Elohim—the Eternal Creator (Genesis 2:4-25)
- Jehovah Jireh—the Lord will provide (Genesis 22:8-14)
- Jehovah Nissi—the Lord, our victory (Exodus 17:15)
- Jehovah-Rapha—the Lord our healer (Exodus 15:26)
- Jehovah-Shalom—the Lord our peace (Judges 6:24)
- Jehovah-Tsidkeenu—the Lord our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6, 33:16)
- Jehovah-Saboath—the Lord of hosts (1 Samuel 1:3)
- Jehovah-Shammah—the Lord is near (Ezekiel 48:35)
- Jehovah-Elyon—the Lord Most High (Psalms 7:17)
- Jehovah-Rohi—the Lord my Shepherd (Psalm 23:1)
- Jehovah-Hoseenu—the Lord our Maker (Psalm 95:6)

O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.  
Psalm 8:1 (NIV)

2. God's name signifies His \_\_\_\_\_.

So God lifted him up to the highest place. He gave him the name that is above every name. When the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone's knee will bow to worship him. Every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth will bow to worship him. Everyone's mouth will say that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
Philippians 2:9-11 (NIRV)

3. God's name embodies His \_\_\_\_\_.

Those who know your name trust in you  
Psalm 9:10 (NLT)

## II. HOW DO I MISUSE GOD'S NAME?

To "misuse" or "use the Lord's name in vain" as older translations say - means to make His name unimportant, empty, and meaningless by using it in irreverent, careless, or disrespectful ways.

I misuse God's name when...

1. I \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I \_\_\_\_\_.

Do not misuse my name by making promises you don't intend to keep. I am the Lord your God.  
Leviticus 19:12 (CEV)

Again, the law of Moses says, 'You shall not break your vows to God but must fulfill them all.' But I say: Don't make any vows! And even to say 'By heavens!' is a sacred vow to God, for the heavens are God's throne. And if you say 'By the earth!' it is a sacred vow, for the earth is his footstool. And don't swear 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the capital of the great King. Don't even swear 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair white or black. Say just a simple 'Yes, I will' or 'No, I won't.' Your word is enough. To strengthen your promise with a vow shows that something is wrong.

Matthew 5:33-37 (TLB)

3. I make it an exclamation \_\_\_\_\_.

4. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.

Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me...'

Matthew 7:21-23 (NLT)

### III. WHAT CAN I DO TO HONOR GOD'S NAME?

**I do that by remembering - that as a Christian - I am God's representative and His ambassador. As such - I want everything I think, everything I do, everything I say, and every way I treat people to make Him look good.**

Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

Colossians 3:17 (TMSG)

**Jesus said that ultimately all of this begins in my heart**

Good people bring good things out of their hearts, but evil people bring evil things out of their hearts. I promise you that on the day of judgment, everyone will have to account for every careless word they have spoken. On that day they will be told that they are either innocent or guilty because of the things they have said.

Matthew 12:35-37 (CEV)

**The best way to honor the name of the Lord - is to entrust my life to the name of Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

Romans 10:13 (NLT)

What are you waiting for now? Get up! Be baptized, and have your sins washed away as you call on his name.'

Acts 22:16 (GWT)