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INTRODUCTION

You and I were created to know God Almighty. This is man's chief end and ultimate purpose. There is an empty place deep within each of us that will never be filled, a hunger that will never be satisfied, until we know Him.

Many journey through life confused, unfulfilled, and continually searching because they have not taken the time to truly know their heavenly Father. This occurs through an unfolding revelation of who God is: *“And this is life eternal; that they might know thee, the only true God”* (John 17:3).

This is not only a prayer; it is the beginning of a marvelous revelation, since Jesus desires for us to intimately know His Father. It is also eternal in nature, because what starts at salvation has no ending. Through the knowledge of Him, we are changed *“from glory to glory”* (2 Corinthians 3:18).

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God Almighty reveals Himself to us in twelve revelations of His name: one name, twelve revelations. Although these revelations were given years apart, they were recorded in perfect order by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and define with perfection the nature of an awesome God.

“THAT I MAY KNOW HIM”

When the apostle Paul was nearing the end of his life, confined to the dungeon of a Roman prison, he wrote these words to the believers at Philippi: *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death”* (Philippians 3:10).

This was after being shipwrecked, beaten, and persecuted for preaching the Gospel of Christ. Why could he make such a statement? Because Paul had a revelation of God.

Think of it! The apostle, after being caught up to the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12), seeing things he could not fully describe, having revelations from God that very few on earth have ever had or will experience, would still say, *“That I may know Him.”*

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This tells me Jehovah God is so deep, so eternal, so timeless and unlimited, that even when we enter heaven, we will only scratch the surface of the knowledge of the Father.

HE IS!

I have said many times, God Almighty does not live in eternity; rather, eternity lives in Him. He does not have any reason to say “I was” or “I will.” He always declares, “I Am!” Why? Because He is!

- God doesn't have life; He *is* Life.
- He doesn't have power; He *is* Power.
- He doesn't have healing; He *is* Healing.
- He doesn't need a map; He *is* the Way.
- He doesn't have a lamp; He *is* the Light.
- He doesn't have truth; He *is* Truth.

THE REVELATION

Jehovah God is revealed through a variety of ways, including:

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- Through His Word
- Through His Son
- Through His Spirit
- Through His names

The meaning of a person's name helps to give insight into their character. For example:

- Moses means “to come out of the water” or “draw out”—as he was rescued from the river.
- Jesus means “Savior” or “salvation”—which was why God sent Him to earth.
- Elijah means “Jehovah is my God”—which reflected the prophet's life.

A BUILDING PROCESS

Because man is inclined to respond to God based on his perception of Him, it is important to have a right concept of God. Though our natural minds are incapable of comprehending the inexhaustible greatness of God, we can know Him and understand what He is

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like through the revelation of His Word as well as through a personal relationship with Him.

As you will learn, by knowing the names of God, you will discover His nature, His personality, and how He can touch your life in so many miraculous ways.

Many natural-minded men and women have put their trust in temporal things, inadvertently believing that success and life's achievements represent the purpose for their existence. The Word of God, however, offers this admonition: *“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD”* (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

Since the Father reveals Himself through His names, by a diligent study of them, we will obtain a much greater insight and knowledge of who He is.

As I mentioned, in truth there is only one name for God, but twelve revelations of His name.

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You and I were created to know God, and in the eloquent words of A.W. Tozer, “God can be known in increasing degrees of intimate acquaintance as we prepare our hearts for the wonder. It may be necessary for us to alter our former beliefs about God as the glory that gilds the Sacred Scriptures dawns over our interior lives.” As God Almighty reveals Himself to us as believers through the revelations of His name contained in the Scriptures, we can know Him and become more like Him.

In this study, each divine title builds on what has come before. For example, you can't truly understand Jehovah Rophe, without knowing Jehovah Jireh, or claim the promises of Jehovah Tsidkenu, without first meeting Jehovah Mikkadesh.

A NEW DIMENSION

As you read these pages, I pray you will embrace Jehovah not only as your Creator and Lord God, but also as your Supplier, Master, Provider, Healer, Banner, Sanctifier, Righteousness, Peace, Shepherd, and Abiding Presence.

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As a result of using these names in your prayer life, worship, and times of praise, you will move into a new, powerful, spiritual dimension. You will touch the very throne of heaven as you begin to declare the names of God.

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ELOHIM

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I can't begin to tell you how thrilled I am you have chosen to read this book. The revelation the Lord has given me concerning the names of God has transformed my life and my relationship with Him. And I pray that as you read these pages and discover the truth concerning His names and nature, your life will be gloriously transformed too.

Please excuse me if I pause now and again to offer a mighty shout of praise while I am sharing these truths with you. I believe you'll understand why as you, too, discover the powerful progression of names used to bring Jehovah to life in Scripture.

Let's start at the beginning—and even before!