

YHWH- The Name of God

Isaiah 42:5-9

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"To professing Christians...the name of God is most significant...the most common name for deity is God, a translation of the original Elohim. The normal word for Master is Lord, a rendering of Adonai. There is yet another name which is particularly assigned to God as His special or proper name, that is, the four letters YHWH...However, it is felt by many who are in touch with the laity of our churches that this name conveys no religious or spiritual overtones. It is strange, uncommon, and without sufficient religious and devotional background. No amount of scholarly debate can overcome this deficiency. Hence, it was decided to avoid the use of this name in the translation proper." —Preface to the 1972 NASB

"In regard to the divine name YHWH, commonly referred to as the Tetragrammaton, the translators adopted the device used in most English versions of rendering that name as "Lord" in capital letters..." —Preface to the NIV

"God...introduced himself to the people of Israel with a special personal name, the consonants for which are YHWH... The exact pronunciation of YHWH is uncertain...When the vowels of the word 'adonay are placed with the consonants of YHWH, this results in the familiar word Yahweh that was used in some earlier English Bible translations. As is common among English translations today, the ESV usually renders the personal name of God (YHWH) by the word LORD (printed in small capitals)." Preface to the ESV

"...The Lord (Yahweh) God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations." (Exodus 3:15)

Isaiah 12:2, "...for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."

Psalms 83:18

Exodus 6:2-3, 6-7 **"2** And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the Lord. **3** I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord I was not known to them...**6** Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. **7** I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord..."

Exodus 20:2

Exodus 3:13-15

Psalms 90:1-2

Isaiah 42:5, "Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out..."

1.) YHWH is Creator

Isaiah 42:9

2.) YHWH is Revealer

Isaiah 42:8, "I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another..."

3.) YHWH is Jealous for His Glory

Exodus 20:5, you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God...

Question #104 of the Westminster Larger Catechism- "What are the duties required in the first commandment?"

Answer- "The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him; giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience

and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended; and walking humbly with him."

Psalm 9:17

Psalm 50:22

Matthew 22:37-38, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." **38** This is the first and great commandment.

Psalm 148:13

"Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing with angels above and thanks never ceasing for infinite love." -Charles Wesley

Application:

1.) Be Encouraged, YHWH Hears your Prayers

Isaiah 42:9

2.) Be Reminded, YHWH is the God of History

Proverbs 18:10