

Revitalize: Getting to Know God by Name

We all know God, the Father (Jehovah); God, the Son, Jesus; and God the Holy Spirit. But each part of the trinity also wears different names. These names are descriptive (remember we talked about how names had meanings back in the day), some are titles and some are terms of endearment. As you continue in your relationship with Him, you will get to know Him by His different names.

If this isn't making sense to you, think of it in terms of someone you know and the many names, titles and terms of endearment they might have. I'll use myself as an example. My given name is Nancy Leigh Senier. My married name is Nancy Leigh Nettles. I had an aunt that called me Nanny, I had a friend in High School that called me Nan. I am also Mrs. Nettles or Mrs. Nancy. I was Miss Senier. I am a daughter, sister, wife, mother, niece, aunt and my great-nephew calls me Graunty. I am a church secretary, but aspects of my job make me a manager, volunteer coordinator, administrative assistant and a ministerial assistant. I am a Sunday School teacher, a prayer leader, and a Bible study leader. I am a writer. I am a dog owner. Some of the kids at church have adopted me as Grandma. I am asthmatic, diabetic, and currently a frequent dental patient! I am an avid reader and a crocheter. In High School I had the nickname, Nancy Pickles. In college I was called a Mother Hen (Not flattering to a girl with leadership ability). When I was a child someone called me Miss Chatterbox and someone called me Smiley. Those are just a few of the names, titles, endearments and attributes I can claim.

Now, consider our eternal God and all of the names, titles, endearments and attributes of who He is. Let's look at a few of the names listed for our Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

God the Father: Jehovah; Creator, Elohim-God Most High; El Roi, God Who Sees; Jehovah Jireh, God Who Provides; Jehovah Shalom, God of Peace; El Shaddai, All Sufficient One; Jehovah Rophe, God Who Heals; Jehovah Nissi, the Lord is My Banner.

Jesus the Son: Messiah; Savior; Lamb of God; Immanuel, God with Us; Living Water, Bread of Life: Alpha; Omega; The Word; Redeemer; The Way; The Truth; The Life.

Holy Spirit: Counselor; Comforter; Intercessor; Indwelling Spirit; Fullness of God; the Doorkeeper; the Dove; the Guarantee; My Blessing.

This looks like a long list, but this is just a few of His names. Each name reflects an aspect of God, part of his personality or ways that He interacts with us. Every time we understand or meet God by one of His names it's like a gift that we are allowed to open.

I remember the year I really met God as Jehovah Jireh, The God Who Provides or also the God that Knows our Need. That was 2009. I saw Him provide for friends, for the church, and for us in marvelous and miraculous ways. What name of God would you like to get to know? Would you like to meet the Provider, the Rock, the Way, the Comforter, Prince of Peace, Teacher, the Good Shepherd? God is willing to meet you by any and all of His names. You need only ask Him to show you that aspect of His being.

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