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A STUDY BASED OFF THE BOOK BY KAY ARTHUR

Jehovah: Self-Existent One

God calls himself Jehovah right off the bat in Genesis, but we get the meat behind it in Exodus, when Moses stumbles upon the burning bush. (Don't know that story? Check out Exodus 3.) In fact, "Jehovah" is used more than any other name for God in the Old Testament.

The name Jehovah is derived from "havah," which means "to be, to become." Jehovah is the self-existent one. God simply...is. And He always was. He will always be.

We hear these things often but let's think about it. Our God is not simply alive. He *is* life.

Kay Arthur writes, "When you need assurance that God is there, that He will keep His promises without changing - even though you have wavered in your promises to Him - run to your Jehovah. Trust in His name. It can't change because He can't change. He is Jehovah - the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

In the Bible

Exodus 34:5-7

5 The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping

steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

Exodus 3:13-15

13 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am.”[a] And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” 15 God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord,[b] the 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 thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Questions

- 1.) Define "Jehovah."
- 2.) Why do you think "Jehovah" is used more frequently in the Old Testament than any other name for God?
- 3.) What does God's forever unchangingness/absolute permanence mean to you/for you?
- 4.) Jehovah keeps his covenants (promises.) What are some of the covenants He has made to us, His people?

****when "LORD" is in all caps in your Bible, they are referring to "Jehovah."*