

# THE IMPORTANCE OF A NAME

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Pro 22:1 A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches, *and*

Ecc 7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

**name** — character; a godly mind and life; not mere *reputation* with man, but what a man *is* in the eyes of God, with whom the *name* and *reality* are one thing. This alone is “good,” while all else is “vanity” when made the chief end.

Act 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the *son* of Jesse, **a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.**

## NAMES AND MEANINGS

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

1. In the English language names have a meaning but not always is it known to anyone.
2. In Biblical times it was different – as a rule everyone knew their meanings.
  - a. Sarah – Princess
  - b. Jacob – Supplanter
  - c. Miriam – Rebellion
  - d. Martha – Lady.

3. The Hebrew names were given on the eighty day after their birth .
4. The Hebrew children were sometimes named after objects.
  - a. Terah – Wild Goat
  - b. Leah – Wild Cow
  - c. Jonah – Dove
  - d. Tamar – Palm Tree

5. Some names were given expressing their physical condition.
6. Others were given prophetically. (Matt. 1:21).

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

7. Others were in memory of national events – Ichabod (I Samuel 4:21)

1Sa 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

1Sa 4:22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

**saying, the glory is departed from Israel:** the God of glory, or the glorious Lord, was departed from Israel; the ark, the symbol of his presence, being taken from them, and carried captive by the enemy.

Psa 78:61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

8. Yet others wore family names.
9. When Character had developed, a new name was sometimes given as expressive of it:
  - a. Jacob – Israel
  - b. Peter – Cephas

Joh 1:42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

**The stone**, or rock, is a symbol of firmness and steadiness of character - a trait in Peter's character after the ascension of Jesus that was very remarkable. before the death of Jesus he was rash, headlong, variable; and it is one proof of the omniscience of Jesus that he saw that Peter "would" possess a character that would be expressed appropriately by the word "stone" or "rock."

Gen 49:3 Reuben, thou *art* my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:  
Gen 49:4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou *it*: he went up to my couch.

10. A name was often translated and the person was known by two names, such as:

- a. Cephas – Armaic
- b. Peter - Greek
- c. Messiah and Christ – Both have same meaning "The Anointed One"

11. **In the Bible God places great importance upon names:**

- a. Abram to Abraham
- b. Jacob to Israel
- c. Saul to Paul

12. **This is also seen in the naming of John the Baptist and the naming of Jesus by the angel.**

Luk 1:60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.

Luk 1:61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

### **SEVEN COMPOUND NAMES**

1. **In the Old Testament the seven compound names of God are in relation to his redemptive relation to man.**
2. **In the Word**, there are seven compound names of God, as he reveals himself as meeting every need of man, from his lost state to the end of the age.

**Number 1:** Jehovah – Jireh (Ji-ray): **The Lord Will Provide** (Ex 22:14)

1. Abraham was asked of God to offer up his only son, Behold the fire and wood, where is the Lamb? God will provide Himself a lamb. This is prophetic utterance which was fulfilled at Calvary. This is God's salvation name to Abraham.
2. He provided a covering of skins for our first parents. He provided a shelter for Noah and his house, He provided a substitute instead of Isaac. He provided for the needs of the thirsty Israelites by giving them water out of a flinty rock. He provided bread from heaven for three million men, women, and children. He provided the brazen serpent for the plague stricken people in the wilderness.
3. He provided salvation so rich, so full so free, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

**Number 2:** Jehovah- Rapha: **"The Lord that healeth"** (Ex 15:26)

1. Immediately after the waters of Marah that the Lord said "I am the Lord that healeth thee." These words refer to physical healing is undoubtedly true, but the deeper healing of the soul is also implied. Jehovah Rapha takes in spirit, soul, and body.

Psa 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Number #3:** Jehovah –Nissi: “**The Lord our Banner**” (the name of the memorial altar erected by Moses after the nation of Israel won the battle against the Amalekites.) (Ex 17:15).

1. The one who fights our battles, the one who is our protector, “If God be for us, who can be against us.”

Psa 20:5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we **will set up our banners**: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

Psa 20:6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

2. The enemy was the Amelek, a type of the flesh. Our victory is due wholly to divine help.

**Number #4:** Jehovah Shalom: “**The Lord our Peace**”

1. **Peace is maintained through Strength:** “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might”

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Jas 4:1 From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members?

Jas 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Jas 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**Number #5:** Jehovah – Ra-ah: “**The Lord our Shepherd**”

1. As the Good Shepherd, He died
2. As the Great Shepherd, He Lives
3. As the Chief Shepherd, He will come again
4. The Lord is not only a Shepherd but “He is my Shepherd”

**Number #6: Jehovah Tsidkenu: “The Lord our Righteousness”**

1. Jehovah sets forth the fact that all our righteousness is as filthy rags.

Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Rom 10:4 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Php 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Php 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

Php 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

**Number #7: Jehovah Shammah: “The Lord is Present”**

1. This name signifies God's abiding presence with his people.

Jos 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Jos 1:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

**MY PEOPLE SHALL KNOW MY NAME**

Isa 52:6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

Act 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Php 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;