

## Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



### ***The Names of God.***

This side of Heaven, it is impossible for our finite human minds to fully comprehend God's infinite, holy, awe-inspiring nature. We can only know about God what He chooses to reveal about Himself. In Scripture He reveals Himself to us through His attributes and through His names. We considered God's attributes earlier this year, so now we begin a series on the names of God.

### ***Yahweh ~ The Self-Existent One***

Yahweh (YHWH in Hebrew) is the personal, covenant name of Israel's God. It permeates the Old Testament over 6,800 times. It is first used in Genesis 2:4 but it is revealed by God as His personal name to Moses in Exodus 3:14-15 when God says, "I AM that I AM." The root meaning is "to be" meaning God's self-existence. This name teaches us God is personal, present, faithful, sovereign and good.

To the Jews Yahweh is the most intensely sacred name of God, the holiest of all His names and was held in such high esteem as to never be spoken aloud (Exodus 20:7). They would use other names in speaking.

In our English Bibles the word Yahweh is translated with LORD (notice the all capitals). When we read Lord, it is a different name for God (Adonai). Jehovah is another word for Yahweh.

### **Scripture for God as Yahweh**

***Genesis 2:4*** *These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.*

***Exodus 3:13-14*** *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?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, 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.*

***Exodus 20:7*** *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

***Deuteronomy 4:35, 39*** *To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him.  
<sup>39</sup> know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.*

***Psalms 100:3*** *Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

***Jeremiah 10:10*** *But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King.  
At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.*

***Isaiah 37:16*** *O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.*

## **Song**

**Psalm 59:16** *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

### **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Ever be my strength and shield, ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

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## **Prayer**

**Psalm 145:18** *The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

### **Prayer of David to Yahweh.**

#### **Psalm 86:1-17**

- 1 *Hear, Yahweh, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.*
- 2 *Preserve my soul, for I am godly.  
You, my God, save your servant who trusts in you.*
- 3 *Be merciful to me, Lord,  
for I call to you all day long.*
- 4 *Bring joy to the soul of your servant,  
for to you, Lord, do I lift up my soul.*
- 5 *For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,  
abundant in loving kindness to all those who call on you.*
- 6 *Hear, Yahweh, my prayer.  
Listen to the voice of my petitions.*
- 7 *In the day of my trouble I will call on you,  
for you will answer me.*
- 8 *There is no one like you among the gods, Lord,  
nor any deeds like your deeds.*
- 9 *All nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord.  
They shall glorify your name.*
- 10 *For you are great, and do wondrous things.  
You are God alone.*
- 11 *Teach me your way, Yahweh.  
I will walk in your truth.  
Make my heart undivided to fear your name.*
- 12 *I will praise you, Lord my God, with my whole heart.  
I will glorify your name forever more.*
- 13 *For your loving kindness is great toward me.  
You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.*

*14 God, the proud have risen up against me.*

*A company of violent men have sought after my soul,  
and they don't hold regard for you before them.*

*15 But you, Lord, are a merciful and gracious God,  
slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth.*

*16 Turn to me, and have mercy on me!*

*Give your strength to your servant.*

*Save the son of your servant.*

*17 Show me a sign of your goodness,  
that those who hate me may see it, and be shamed,  
because you, Yahweh, have helped me, and comforted me.*