



GOD IS...THE BEING OF GOD  
**Section #5:** God, Yahweh, I AM, Provider, Healer  
 Wednesday Night Church  
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**GOD IS....**

Now, prove this with scripture. Theology: The Study of God.

Without Theology, we just end up with personalities.

**Theology matters because:**

- Road map of what a believer in JC does.
- Defines who we really are.
- Drives missions work.
- Fuels worship.

**GOD IS Journal –** (on whiteboard)

How does this attribute (BEING) of GOD affect my life? My thoughts? My relationships? My decisions? My hurts? My expectations? ME? My choices? My actions?

Intro – the declarative nature of all these names....

Section 5 – The Names of God – a facet of God

- 1- God
- 2- Yahweh - tonight
- 3- I AM - tonight
- 4- Provider



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## 5- Healer - tonight

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What's in a name?

- Why do we use names?
  - o So we are not calling everyone “you”
  - o It's all about PERSONAL - Personalized license plates – Woven is my fav that I see... it has MEANING
  - o Culturally – names have meaning, too, some cultures put more weight on this than others and within as well
  - o It establishes human relationship when we use names, when we remember names, given names like Jennifer, Madison, Orleen versus Jenni, Maddie, O, etc or pet names – LOL – it's about familiarity, our youngest had many names – Peanut butter, Buttercup, Sammy, Sammalamma, Sammers – his big brother thought it should be...
  - o God – relationship with US – understanding God is and God as – his character, HIS NAMES.....
  - o Tonight: Yahweh, I Am, Healer

1. **Yahweh** - Jehovah is the Latinized version of the Hebrew name Yahweh. Both names refer to God in the Christian Old Testament and Jewish scriptures.

- Occurs 6800 times in OT, every book in OT except for Esther, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes
- It is not used in the NT as it was written in Greek – Kurios (koo ree oss)
  - o Kurios (koo-ree-oss)  
in small capitals, to distinguish it from the rendering of the Hebrew *Adonai* and the Greek *Kurios*, which are also rendered Lord, but printed in the usual type. The Hebrew word is translated...
    - o [Easton's Bible Dictionary](#), p 366 (1 time)
- Aka the “Tetragrammaton” – b/c formed by the 4 Hebrew consonants: YHWH
  - o Tetragammaton: the Hebrew name of God [transliterated](#) in four letters as *YHWH* or *JHVH* and [articulated](#) as *Yahweh* or *Jehovah*.



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- Which led to middle ages mis-pronunciation: **Jehovah** was used and enshrined in the KJV (10<sup>th</sup> century Jewish scholars starting supplying vowels in the Hebrew language where originally they were written without them)
- Since Adonay was the substitute – they believe the vowels were inserted in Yahweh: YaHoWaH,
- Will often be paired with Elohim – The Lord God: Yahweh Elohim
  - o OT times - so many gods worshipped – Yahweh - distinguished him as the God of Israel

### Sacred name? Why?

- most closely linked with God’s redeeming acts in the history of his chosen people – **WE KNOW HIM BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE – same God as was in the OT – It’s INTIMATE**

It was so sacred that Rabbinical writers had fear of profaning his name so used phrases like this:

- The sacred personal name of Israel’s God, spoken aloud only by priests in Jerusalem temple, when temple was destroyed in 70 ad the name wasn’t pronounced at all, Adonay was a substitute when it appeared in biblical text, eventually the correct pronunciation was lost
- Other subs used: (Adonay was a substitute for Yahweh) The Name, The Great & Terrible Name, The Unutterable Name, The Ineffable Name, The Holy Name, The Distinguished Name

**DO NOT READ (it’s down below): Ex 3:14-15 – **Elohim Yahweh****

<sup>14</sup> **God** replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.” <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: **The LORD**, the **God** of your ancestors, the **God** of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation. <sup>1</sup>

**DO NOT READ: Ex 3:1-3**

Meanwhile, Moses was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> Then the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire within a bush. As Moses looked, he saw that

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<sup>1</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Ex 3:1-3,6-8,10–20.



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the bush was on fire but was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, “I must go over and look at this remarkable sight. Why isn’t the bush burning up?”<sup>2</sup>

### Listen to the intimacy in these passages:

- The experiencing Moses had were about as intimate as you could get

Moses fled to Midian – met and married Zipporah and had a son.... Tending flock and the burning bush happened....God called to him

Ex 3:6-8 – during the burning bush conversation

<sup>6</sup>Then he continued, “I am the **God** of your father, the **God** of Abraham, the **God** of Isaac, and the **God** of Jacob.” Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at **God**.

<sup>7</sup>Then **the LORD** said, “I have **observed** the misery of my people in Egypt, and have **heard** them crying out because of their oppressors. **I know about their sufferings**, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the territory of the Canaanites, Hethites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.<sup>3</sup> **“The Ites”**

Ex 3:10-16 (18-20 do not read)

<sup>10</sup>therefore, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you may lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses asked **God**, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup>He answered, “I will certainly be with you, and this will be the sign to you that I am the one who sent you: when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will all worship **God** at this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses asked **God**, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The **God** of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I tell them?”

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<sup>16</sup>“Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them: **The LORD**, the **God** of your ancestors, the **God** of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me and said: **I have paid close attention to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt.** <sup>17</sup>And I have promised you that I will bring you up from the misery of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, Hethites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>18</sup>They will listen to what you say. Then you, along with the elders of Israel, must go to the king of Egypt and say to him: The LORD, the God of the



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Hebrews, has met with us. Now please let us go on a three-day trip into the wilderness so that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

<sup>19</sup> “However, I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go, even under force from a strong hand. <sup>20</sup> But when I stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my miracles that I will perform in it, after that, he will let you go.<sup>4</sup>

- During this time – the knowledge of God’s proper name shows the intimacy he had with the people, the covenant relationship – always present and WITH – one who is near and intervenes on behalf of his people as in what happened in Exodus
- Translation for us – Lord is a title rather than a name – messes with the personal nature of God
- In our time – we lose the significance of the reverence of the Lord
- Using this name for God implies intimacy – IT’S PERSONAL! It means you know the person...scriptures that remind us of this:
  - Exodus 20:2-3
    - <sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. <sup>3</sup> Do not have other gods besides me.<sup>5</sup>
  - Proverbs 3:26
    - <sup>26</sup> for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from a snare. <sup>6</sup>
  - Psalm 34:18<sup>18</sup>
    - The LORD is near the brokenhearted; he saves those crushed in spirit. <sup>7</sup>
  - Other scripture for study:
    - Exodus 34:4-7
    - Numbers 6:24-27

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2 – Praying the Names of God for 52 weeks (Expanded Edition), by Ann Spangler, pub. HarperChristian Resources, 2017

<sup>3</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Ex 20:2–3.

<sup>4</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Pr 3:26.

<sup>7</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Ps 34:18.



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- Deuteronomy 28:9-13
- Psalms 32:10, 34:4-20, 37:34-40, 103

We are going to practice – call it a verbal posture shift:

Listen to the intimacy in this passage from Psalm and then spend a minute or two praying to yourself using Yahweh in the place of “Lord”:

Psalm 103:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Praise **Yahweh**, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise **Yahweh**, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. <sup>8</sup>

Nothing mystical magical – Yahweh it was all about intimacy with His people which we as believers are – try this on your own with the understanding of what it meant to the Jews of the time

## 2. I AM – Ehyeh (Hebrew) or Ego Eimi (ancient Greek); used in OT & NT by Jesus

OT:

- Closely related to Yahweh – declarative in itself, distinctive and sets Him apart – capital letter emphasis

Ex 3:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses asked God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I tell them?”

<sup>14</sup> God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”<sup>9</sup> - MIC DROP

In Moses’ second objection he felt the Israelites would challenge his assertion that God had **sent** him to deliver them. **God** told **Moses** to tell them, **I am who I am** (*’ehyeh ’ăšer ’ehyeh*, 3:14; cf. “I will be,” *’ehyeh*, v. 12) and **I AM** (*’ehyeh*) **has sent me to you** (v. 14). This One said He would be with His people in their time of trouble and need. **’Ehyeh is probably a wordplay on Yahweh (Lord) in verse**

<sup>8</sup> [The New International Version](#) (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Ps 103:1–5.

<sup>9</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Ex 3:13–14.



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**15. Thus, the name Yahweh, related to the verb “to be,” probably speaks of God’s self-existence, but it means more than that. It usually speaks of His relationship to His people.** For example, as Lord, He redeemed them (6:6), was faithful to them (34:5–7), and made a covenant with them (Gen. 15:18).

Hannah, J. D. (1985). [Exodus](#). In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 112). Victor Books.

NT: a WOW moment for me of the tying of OT I Am Who I Am to the NT I Am when Jesus is speaking to the Jews

- Jesus (Ego Eime – ego ay me (Greek)) referring to himself & God in the NT – a truth about himself and God – I AM
- He was declaring his divinity! Made the religious leaders go nuts.

Listen to this passage as Jesus “introduces/declares himself”:

John 8 – Jesus is in the temple and is really riling up the Jewish leaders & people of the time; this is after most of the original group of disciples had left him and it was down to the 12, division was getting bigger about who he was and the teachings & what he was sharing... right before this the Jews are accusing him of being a Samaritan (huge insult) and demon possessed... Jesus responds:

John 8:50-59

<sup>50</sup>I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and judges. <sup>51</sup>Truly I tell you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

<sup>52</sup>Then the Jews said, “Now we know you have a demon. Abraham died and so did the prophets. You say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham who died? And the prophets died. Who do you claim to be?”

<sup>54</sup>“If I glorify myself,” Jesus answered, “my glory is nothing. My Father—about whom you say, ‘He is our God’—he is the one who glorifies me. <sup>55</sup>You do not know him, but I know him. If I were to say I don’t know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad.”

<sup>57</sup>The Jews replied, “You aren’t fifty years old yet, and you’ve seen Abraham?”

<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, before Abraham was, **I am.**” (MIC DROP)

<sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden and went out of the temple. <sup>10</sup>

**Grab your notebooks and write these “Mic Drop” statements down as Jesus declares “I Am”**

- Jesus’ “I Am” statements with WEIGHT as it was back in Exodus 3:

<sup>10</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Jn 8:50–59.



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- John 6:35
  - <sup>35</sup> “I am the bread of life,”<sup>11</sup>
- John 8:12
  - <sup>12</sup> Jesus spoke to them again: “I am the light of the world.”<sup>12</sup>
- John 10:7
  - <sup>7</sup> Jesus said again, “Truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.”<sup>13</sup>
- John 10:11
  - <sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep
  
- John 11:25
  - <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.
- John 14:6
  - <sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- John 15:1
  - “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.”<sup>14</sup>

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## 15 Healer – It’s his name – Yahweh-rophe (ro-FEH), Yahweh-your-healer (noun, adjective, verb)

- This is part of his character!
- Healer as a noun – pray to “Healer”

### Overview:

#### 1. Healer – in scripture and as New Testament believers – do we understand Him as Healer?

- a. There can be some wackadoodle beliefs/teaching out there – use the HS to discern!
- b. Physical – many examples in scripture; not all physical issues are tied directly to our sin, some can be, but we can get sick just because we live in a fallen world –

#### John 9:1-3 (purpose to glorify God)

- i. As he was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

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<sup>11</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Jn 6:35.

<sup>12</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Jn 8:12.

<sup>13</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Jn 10:7.

<sup>14</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Jn 15:1.





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<sup>3</sup> “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” Jesus answered. “This came about so that God’s works might be displayed in him<sup>15</sup>

- c. He heals believers and non-believers (Matthew 8 & Acts 10:38) – ALL were healed
- d. Healing from the medical world – all knowledge comes from God – acknowledged and unacknowledged

Proverbs 2:6 - <sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.<sup>16</sup>

- e. Healing in relationship:
  - i. With Him - Healing that happens when we say “YES” to Jesus
  - ii. With Others
- f. Permanent healing – heaven bound

- 2. Healer as part of my personal testimony – cousin Judy
- 3. Close with the invitation to get a bottle of oil

**HEALS.** (Ex. 15:26) *rapha* (rah-phah); *Strong’s #7495*: To cure, heal, repair, mend, restore health. Its participial **form *rophe*, “one who heals,” is the Hebrew word for doctor.** The main idea of the verb *rapha* is physical healing. Some have tried to explain away the biblical teaching of divine healing, but all can see that this verse speaks of physical diseases and their divine cure. The first mention of *rapha* in the Bible (Gen. 20:17) refers unquestionably to the cure of a physical condition, as do references to healing from leprosy and boils (Lev. 13:18; 14:3). Scripture affirms, “I am Yahweh your Physician.”<sup>17</sup>

- First seen: Exodus 15:26

- o <sup>26</sup> He said, “If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for **I am the LORD, who heals you.**”<sup>18</sup> Some versions say “I am Yahweh your healer”

- Isaiah 53:4-5 – Isaiah prophesying about the Messiah and his sacrifice and how he healed us by his death, burial, and resurrection

<sup>15</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Jn 9:1–3.

<sup>16</sup> [Christian Standard Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Pr 2:6.

<sup>17</sup> Jack W. Hayford, Thomas Nelson Publishers, [Hayford’s Bible Handbook](#) (Nashville, TN; Atlanta, GA; London; Vancouver: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995).

<sup>18</sup> [The New International Version](#) (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Ex 15:26.



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Yet he himself bore our sicknesses,  
and he carried our pains;  
but we in turn regarded him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced because of our rebellion,  
crushed because of our iniquities;  
punishment for our peace was on him,  
and we are **healed** by his wounds.

- Testimony – Cousin Judy’s healing
- Close with invitation to come get oil bottle
- Other scriptures to consider the name Yahweh Rophe (ro-FEH)
  - 2 Kings 20:5
  - Psalms 38
  - Psalms 103:1-5
  - Psalms 147:1-6
  - Isaiah 53
  - Isaiah 57:18-20
  - Jeremiah 17:14
  - Matthew 8:16-17
  - Luke 4:4-19
  - Luke 8:50
  - John 9:1-7
  - James 5:14-16