



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

EXPLORATION I

CATEGORY: THE BEING OF GOD
1/8

Section #1: God Exist, the Beginning the Creator
1/45

Section #2: God the Craftsman, sustains, incomparable, Unknowable/Know
1/22

Section #3: God is Good, Spirit, Light, Judge, Love (FRUIT/HS)
1/29

Section #4: God Unchangeable, Faithful & True, [Holy-LATER]

EXPLORATION II

CATEGORY: THE NAMES OF GOD (God as)

LET ME INTRODUCE TO YOU Facet of his Character
2/5 (Jenni)

Section #5: God, Yahweh, I AM, Provider, Healer
2/12

(Section #6: X-God is Love
2/19 **Section #7:**

The God Who Sees Me Genesis 16:13—El Roi

2/26 Section #8:
I am Almighty God
Genesis 17:1-2—El Shaddai

The LORD Will Provide
Genesis 22:14—Jehovah-jireh
3/5—**BAPTISM**

EXPLORATION III

CATEGORY: GOD IN 3 PERSONS

3/12 PR. ROBIN

Section #9: Trinity, power that Raised J.C

3/19 Section #10:
One, Father

Compassion, Christ

3/26 Section #11:

Lord, Flesh, Lamb,

Mediator

4/2 Section

#12: Shines, KoK, Son of Man

EXPLORATION IV

CATEGORY: THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

4/9 PR. ROBIN

Section #13:

Knowledge, Greatness, Justice, Mercy

4/16 (Easter is 4/20)

Section

#14: Wisdom, Stength, Wrath, Grace

4/23 Section

#15: Majestic, Mighty, Happiness, Speaks

4/30 - OPEN

Section #16: Fire, Fear, Friendship, Glor

Other Names/Attributes: Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent Attributes. Shepherd, Right, There. Banner, Sanctifies, Peace, Most High, Hosts, Rock, God of Israel The FEAR of Isaac-Ge 31:42)

GOD IS...now, prove this with scripture.

Without Theology, we just end up with personalities.

Theology matters because: It trains our thoughts and develops our expectations. It guides decisions. It teaches us about the LORD.

Theology: The Study of God.

GOD IS Journal – (on whiteboard)

Name of God:

Scripture Reference:

Have I met this facet of God?

Where would I?

How would I know Him?

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

NAMING

Onoma (OH.na.ma)

1. the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc. <https://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/onoma.html>

IN A NAME (Deut. 18:5) *shem* (*shem*); *Strong's* #8034: Name, renown, fame, memorial, character. Possibly *shem* comes from a root that suggests “marking” or “branding.”

The Hebrews believed that naming something was to encompass and control it Spoke of essence/nature (attributes, identities, characteristics) of the person.

Also thought of as “prophetic”. Naming them for what they will do and become.

Hayford, J. W. 1995. Hayford's Bible handbook. Thomas Nelson Publishers: Nashville

[A NAME SHADOWS YOU? A NAME REPRESENTS YOU.]



“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

With this cultural and Biblical understanding, we now step into the diamond...the facets of who God is described by the Names given in scripture.

NAMES of GOD:

LET ME INTRODUCE TO YOU

The LORD Will Provide – Jehovah-Jireh

Yahweh is One – Adonai Echad (eh.Hod)

The LORD Will Provide Genesis 22:14 – Jehovah-jireh

Yahweh is One Deuteronomy 6:4 – Adonai Echad

#1. The LORD Will Provide – Jehovah-Jireh

The Hebrew word *raah* (RA-ah, from which *yireh* is derived) means “to see.” In this case, it is translated as “provide.” Since God sees the future as well as the past and the present, he is able to anticipate and provide for what is needed. Interestingly the English word “provision” is made up of two Latin words that mean “to see beforehand.” When you pray to *Yahweh Yireh*, you are praying to the God who sees the situation beforehand and is able to provide for your needs. Spangler, A. (2008). *Praying the Names of God*. Zondervan.

NKJV **Gen 22:14**

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, ^[a]The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

a. [Genesis 22:14](#) Heb. YHWH Yireh

The name of the place, *Jehovah-jireh* (AV, RV),

- It is about 70 kilometres (45 miles) from Beersheba to Mount Moriah,
- 3 day hike
- Worship usually accompanied the sacrifice of an animal¹

Abraham’s Faith Confirmed

22 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

*2 Then He said, “Take now **your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love**, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”*

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young

¹ Baldwin, J. G. (1986). *The Message of Genesis 12–50: From Abraham to Joseph* (J. A. Motyer & D. Tidball, Eds.; pp. 89–93). Inter-Varsity Press.



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

*men, “Stay here with the donkey; the [a]lad and I will go yonder **and worship, and we will come back to you.**”*

⁶ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷ But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!”

And he said, “Here I am, my son.”

Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the [b]lamb for a burnt offering?”

*⁸ And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself **the lamb** for a burnt offering.”*

Jn. 1:29²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!,”

Jn. 1:36³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

The name of the place, *Jehovah-jireh*, meaning ‘the Lord will provide’, became proverbial. Since the Lord had commanded this sacrifice, it was reasonable to suppose that the Lord would see the need (the Hebrew verb *yir’eh* literally means ‘see’) and meet it, but to answer thus is easier with hindsight than, as in the case of Abraham, without any precedent.

Baldwin, J. G. (1986). *The Message of Genesis 12–50: From Abraham to Joseph* (J. A. Motyer & D. Tidball, Eds.; pp. 89–93). Inter-Varsity Press.

So the two of them went together.

⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him.

And Abraham built an altar there

and placed the wood in order;

and he bound Isaac his son

and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

[faith growing with each and every **and**]

¹¹ But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.”

*¹² And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld **your son, your only son**, from Me.”*

[Isaac heard this. This is a father/son miracle from obedience] MESSIANIC

SIGNIFICANT: ‘your *only* son’ (12, 16), which the LXX translated as ‘beloved’ (Gk. *agapētos*), and which recurs at the **baptism** of Jesus, ‘This is my beloved Son’

(Mt. 3:17 *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My **beloved** Son, in whom I am well pleased.”)* and at the **transfiguration**

(Mt. 17:5 *⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My **beloved** Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”).*

The beloved Son was also the ‘only’ or unique Son, for whom there could never be a substitute.



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

Baldwin, J. G. (1986). *The Message of Genesis 12–50: From Abraham to Joseph* (J. A. Motyer & D. Tidball, Eds.; pp. 89–93). Inter-Varsity Press.

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

[Isaac was released from the altar, and he experienced **the wonder of substitutionary salvation.**]

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, [c]The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

[Christianity is NOT a game.]

Remove the “fairy tale” feeling attached to this and get it into our everyday life:

If I want to know God as Provider (Jehovah Jireh):

- A. I will accept **TESTING** as part of God’s Love. His education of me, His child, so that I may become a Grown Up Christian (Jas. 1:2–4).

James 1:2–4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters [adelphoi],^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance [patience NKJV]. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. NIV

The Greek word for *brothers and sisters (adelphoi)* refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of God’s family; also in verses 16 and 19; and in 2:1, 5, 14; 3:10, 12; 4:11; 5:7, 9, 10, 12, 19.

1 Peter 4:12 NIV

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you^(A) to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

James 1:12 NIV

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial^(A) because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life^(B) that the Lord has promised to those who love him.^(C)

Matthew 5:12 NIV

¹² Rejoice and be glad,^(A) because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.^(B)

Hebrews 10:34 NIV



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

³⁴ You suffered along with those in prison^(A) and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.^(B)

[Hebrews 12:11 NIV](#)

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace^(A) for those who have been trained by it.

If I want to know God as Provider (Jehovah Jireh):

B. OBEDIENCE, to be Obedience, must cost me something (it is an action):

Abraham **believed** ‘that God was able to raise men even from the dead’. ²

Hebrews 11:17-19

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ ^[a] of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” ¹⁹ **concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.** NKJV

1 Peter 5:10 NIV

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you^(A) to his eternal glory^(B) in Christ, after you have suffered a little while,^(C) will himself restore you and make you strong,^(D) firm and steadfast.

[Hebrews 10:36](#)

You **need** to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

[James 1:2 NIV](#)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

If I want to know God as Provider (Jehovah Jireh):

C. I need to wrap my head around the need for what **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES** develop:

FAITH - (Abraham: Gen 21:12 Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; **for** ^(A) **in Isaac your seed shall be called.**)

- Begins with SALVATION
- FAITH/TRUST which is a decision followed by an action
- STUDY- His WORD

[2 Timothy 2:15](#)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not **need** to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

- PRAY – Conversing with God

[Hebrews 4:16](#)

² Baldwin, J. G. (1986). *The Message of Genesis 12–50: From Abraham to Joseph* (J. A. Motyer & D. Tidball, Eds.; pp. 89–93). Inter-Varsity Press.



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of **need**.

- SUBMISSION to HIS WORD - Obedience
- SIMPLICITY – Living by His Priorities
- SERVE – Loving His People for Him
- CONFESS – Living as Transparent as possible
- WORSHIP – Loving God
- CELEBRATE - Party
- REPENT – Turn around from sin
- COMMUNITY – Be WITH

If I want to know God as Provider (Jehovah Jireh):

D. I HAVE TO SEE MY NEED

[Psalm 70:5](#)

But as for me, I am poor and **needy**; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.

[Psalm 72:12](#)

For he will deliver the **needy** who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

[Psalm 74:21](#)

Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace; may the poor and **needy** praise your name.

[Psalm 82:4](#)

Rescue the weak and the **needy**; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

[Psalm 86:1](#)

A prayer of David.

Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and **needy**.

[Psalm 107:41](#)

But he lifted the **needy** out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

[Psalm 109:22](#)

For I am poor and **needy**, and my heart is wounded within me.

[Psalm 109:31](#)

For he stands at the right hand of the **needy**, to save their lives from those who would condemn them.

[Psalm 142:6](#)

Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate **need**; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

[Isaiah 11:4](#)

but with righteousness he will judge the **needy**, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

[Isaiah 29:19](#)

Once more the humble will rejoice in the Lord; the **needy** will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

[Matthew 6:32](#)

For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you **need** them.



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

Mark 2:17

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who **need** a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your **needs** according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 10:36

You **need** to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

2 Peter 1:3

Confirming One’s Calling and Election

His divine power has given us everything we **need** for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

1 Peter 1:6-9 NKJV

⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been ^(B)grieved by various trials, ⁷that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not ^(E)seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, ^(A) though now for a little while ^(B)you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ^(C) ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness ^(D) of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire ^(E)—may result in praise, glory and honor ^(F) when Jesus Christ is revealed. ^(G) ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him ^(H) and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ^(I)

When we hear the name:

Jehovah Jireh – My God WILL Provide

- WHAT do I think He is providing?
- How often do I think of this provision as in material things?

THE RESPONSE:when we meet a facet of HIM, there is ALWAYS a response

GOD IS Journal – (on whiteboard)

Name of God:

Scripture Reference:

- Have I met this facet of God?
- How would I know it is Him?
- Where would I meet this Name?
- What words would I use to describe Him as revealed here in scripture?
- How would I respond to Him?
- What would be signs, or evidences, that I have met this facet of God?



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

USE? Acts 5:20-29 NKJV

²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people ^(A)all the words of this life.”

²¹ And when they heard *that*, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. ^(B)But the high priest and those with him came and called the ^(C)council together, with all the ^(D)elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

Apostles on Trial Again

²² But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, ²³ saying, “Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing ^(E)outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!” ²⁴ Now when ^(F)the high priest, ^(G)the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. ²⁵ So one came and told them, ^(H)saying, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!”

²⁶ Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, ^(I)for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. ²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set *them*before the council. And the high priest asked them, ²⁸ saying, ^(J)“Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, ^(K)and intend to bring this Man’s ^(L)blood on us!”

²⁹ But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: ^(M)“We ought to obey God rather than men.

CLOSING:

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

GOD IS Journal – (on whiteboard)

Name of God:

Scripture Reference:

- Have I met this facet of God?
- How would I know it is Him?
- Where would I meet this Name?
- What words would I use to describe Him as revealed here in scripture?
- How would I respond to Him?
- What would be signs, or evidences, that I have met this facet of God?



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

What is Adonai Echad?

What does it mean to say “Adonai Echad”, which literally means something like “God One”? The most familiar translation of the phrase is “God is one,” thus understanding it as a declaration of monotheistic belief. Sep 5, 2019

[Echad: A D'var Torah on Parshat Vaetchanan by Perry Dane - SSRN](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers)

<https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers>

INSPIRED BY PR. ROBIN’S SERMON...

The LORD Will Provide Genesis 22:14 – Jehovah-jireh

Yahweh is One Deuteronomy 6:4 – Adonai Echad

#2. Yahweh is One – Adonai Echad

With regard to the teaching pertaining to the nature of God, the word “one” (*echad*) **designates a compound unity rather than an absolute singular**³

A/DA A lot of radical things have been said about God over the years, but perhaps the most radical of them all was in **Deuteronomy 6:4**.

Wilson, A. (2013). *Incomparable: explorations in the character of god*. David C Cook.

- Revolutionary statement made in that culture of multiple gods.
- Actually, these are fighting words to state in that culture.
- Gods ruled in their territories but don’t put your god on our territory.
- You can worship your god but don’t put your god as the ONLY god and DO NOT PUT YOUR GOD ON US!

Yahweh is One – Adonai Echad (eh.Hod)

A. O.T. Response

B. Jesus’ Response

Yahweh is One – Adonai Echad (eh.Hod)

A. O.T. Response

Deuteronomy 6:4 NKJV

³ Elwell, W. A., & Beitzel, B. J. (1988). *Shema, The*. In *Baker encyclopedia of the Bible* (Vol. 2, p. 1945). Baker Book House.



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

⁴ (A) “Hear, O Israel: (A) The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

Deut 6:4 HCSB ⁴ “Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is **One**.

A. Deuteronomy 4:35

³⁵ To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; (A) there is none other besides Him.

Mark 12:29

²⁹ Jesus answered him, “The (A) first of all the commandments is: (A) Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

John 17:3

³ And (A) this is eternal life, that they may know You, (B) the only true God, and Jesus Christ (C) whom You have sent.

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

⁴ Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that (A) an idol is nothing in the world, (B) and that there is no other God but one. ⁵ For even if there are (C) so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), ⁶ yet (D) for us there is one God, the Father, (E) of whom are all things, and we for Him; and (F) one Lord Jesus Christ, (G) through whom are all things, and (H) through whom we live.

Deuteronomy 6:4 NIV

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^(A)

Footnotes

- a. [Deuteronomy 6:4](#) Or The Lord our God is one Lord; or The Lord is our God, the Lord is one; or The Lord is our God, the Lord alone

Nehemiah 9:6

⁶ You alone are the Lord. (A) You made the heavens, (B) even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, (C) the earth (D) and all that is on it, the seas (E) and all that is in them. (E) You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven (G) worship you.

Psalms 86:10

For you are great (A) and do marvelous deeds; (B) you alone (C) are God.

Isaiah 44:6

“This is what the Lord says—

Israel’s King (A) and Redeemer, (B) the Lord Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last; (C) apart from me there is no God. (D)

Zechariah 14:9

⁹ The Lord will be king (A) over the whole earth. (B) On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. (C)

John 10:30

³⁰ I and the Father are one. (A)

Ephesians 4:6

⁶ one God and Father of all, (A) who is over all and through all and in all. (B)

James 2:19

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. (A) Good! Even the demons believe that (B)—and shudder.

How does one live this way? The ONE LORD way? What is “ONE LORD” living?

HISTORICAL NOTE

If someone were to advertise in the paper tomorrow that they were starting a new faith and that they believed God was one, we would shrug our shoulders and move on, having come across things like that before. If instead, though, the advert said they believed God was orange, we might balk, or laugh, but we would probably not know quite what to do with it. If we could establish that they were being serious, we would have to assume either that they were mad, or that they were using the word “god” in a



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

completely different sense to us. This may give us an idea of the strangeness of the Jews’ belief in one God. The nations around Israel at this time all believed in many gods.

They might serve only one of them, but if they did, they would never contest the claim that there were lots of others.

Wilson, A. (2013). *Incomparable: explorations in the character of god*. David C Cook.

Is this multi-god mindset present today?

Deuteronomy 6:4 was known as the **Shema** (from the first word, meaning “Hear!”) and it was a prayer the Jews would recite daily for the next 3,500 years and counting, to remind themselves of the most important truth they had: Their God was the one and only, and the gods of the nations were idols.

Wilson, A. (2013). *Incomparable: explorations in the character of god*. David C Cook.

Deuteronomy 4:39

³⁹ Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that ^(A)the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. NKJV

Write on Board:

HOW does “ONE LORD LIVING” LIVE?
HOW does MULTI-LORD LIVING LIVE?

Yahweh is One – Adonai Echad (ch.Hod)

A. O.T. Response

B. Jesus’ Response

Deuteronomy 6:4 NKJV

4 ^(A)“Hear, O Israel: ^(B)The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

NIV ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^{(A)(B)}

HCSB ⁴ “Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is **One**.

A. Deuteronomy 4:35

³⁵ To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; ^(A)there is none other besides Him.

Mark 12:29

²⁹ Jesus answered him, “The ^(A)first of all the commandments is: ^(A)‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

John 17:3

³ And ^(A)this is eternal life, that they may know You, ^(B)the only true God, and Jesus Christ ^(C)whom You have sent.

John 10:30

³⁰ I and the Father are one.”^(A)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NKJV

⁴ ^(A)“Hear, O Israel: ^(B)The Lord our God, the Lord is one! ⁵ ^(B)You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, ^(C)with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶ “And ^(D)these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ ^(E)You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church
Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

up. ⁸ (E) **You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.** ⁹ (G) **You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Mark 12:28-34

Mark 12 - Pharisees -Pay taxes to Ceasar? Saducees (do not believe in resurrection) - asked JC about that. **NKJV** The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?(A)

²⁸ (E) Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, [a]perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the [b]first commandment of all?”

²⁹ Jesus answered him, “The [c]first of all the commandments is: (G) ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall (D) **love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**’ [d] This is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second, like it, is this: (E) ‘You shall **love your neighbor as yourself.**’ There is no other commandment greater than (E) these.”

³² So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, (G) and there is no other but He. ³³ And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, [e] with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, (H) is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴ Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**” (I) But after that no one dared question Him.

Jesus gets radical in Verse 30:

He **ADDS**: “**With All Your Mind**”

Jesus adds the phrase “and with all your mind” to the list of how one should love God (compare Deut 6:5 and Mark 12:30)...**In Old Testament thinking, the heart was considered the place of decision-making, but in the New Testament era, it was worth explicitly mentioning the mind as well.** For example, the Greek philosophical importance of “mind” is made clear in the LXX reading of Joshua 22:5, where a clear reference to the Shema has the Hebrew word for “heart” (לֵב, *levav*) translated with the Greek word for “mind” (διάνοια, *dianoia*).

He **ADDS**: “**Love Your Neighbor**”⁴

Jesus also relates the Shema to the command to “love your neighbor as yourself.” He praises this directive as the second greatest commandment

Lev 19:18 ¹⁸ (A) **You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, (B) but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.**

Write on Board:

HOW does “**ONE LORD LIVING**” LIVE?
HOW does **MULTI-LORD LIVING** LIVE?

THE RESPONSE:when we meet a facet of HIM, there is ALWAYS a response

⁴ Huffman, D. S., & Hausherr, J. N. (2016). *Shema, the*. In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, L. Wentz, E. Ritzema, & W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press.



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church

Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott

NoteS:

GOD IS Journal – (on whiteboard)

Name of God:

Scripture Reference:

- Have I met this facet of God?
- How would I know it is Him?
- Where would I meet this Name?
- What words would I use to describe Him as revealed here in scripture?
- How would I respond to Him?
- What would be signs, or evidences, that I have met this facet of God?

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



GOD IS...NAMES OF GOD

Section #10:

Wednesday Night Church

Winter Series 2025

“No, the true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship...Our place is on our faces before him in adoration.” John Stott