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THE HOLY NAME OF GOD (II)

*“[I]f My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
(2 Chronicles 7:14)*

Objectives

Knowledge of God's Will	God's name holds many meanings.
Knowledge of God	God knows us by name. He heals our hearts, and He is our banner. God is faithful, and He sanctifies those who seek Him.
Good Works	Learn to take delight in and live out God's character. Rely on God's faithfulness by calling out to Him.

A. The Importance of Studying God's Character

We quickly forget the names of strangers and passing acquaintances. But for those close to us, it is easy to recall not only their name but their characteristics and shared memories, too. Can we also claim the same of God, our Father in heaven?

1. *God knows us by name:* God wants us to know Him as much as He knows us. But just as with our friends and family, to develop such a close relationship, we must learn more about Him.
2. *Reflect the glory of His name:* Just as a king's glory is revealed by his subjects, God's glory is revealed through His people (2 Cor 3:18).

B. The Meanings of God's Names

1. *The Lord Who Heals (Ex 15:23–26):* God heals the bitterness in our hearts, transforming it into a wellspring of life like the waters of Marah (Isa 53:5).
2. *The Lord Is My Banner (Ex 17:8–16):* The Lord is our banner, our hope and confidence, and the one who gives us direction and inspiration. He is our hope for victory in our journey of faith.
3. *God of Faithfulness (Deut 7:9; Deut 32:4):* God wants us to be as faithful to Him as He is to us. To do so, we must continue with the principles that we have promised to uphold (Heb 6:10).
4. *The Lord Who Sanctifies (Ex 31:13; Lev 20:8):* God loves us dearly, but if we are not sanctified, we will never dwell with Him. So, He has sanctified us by His truth (Jn 17:17), and to remain sanctified, we must remain separate from the world as God's children (1 Jn 2:16).

Life Application

1. *Delight in the Ways of the Lord*

If we examine Psalm 119:9–16, learning to delight in the Lord require us to take action. We need to dedicate time and effort into seeking Him, and also remove the idols from our hearts.

2. *Living Out God's Character*

Our looks, behavior, and habits are affected by the environment we grow up in. In the same way, we need to pick up the spiritual habits of one who is part of God's family.

3. *Calling Out to God*

The Lord will answer when we call on Him because He is the Lord of faithfulness. When we trust in Him and call on His name, He will preserve us. The God we serve is infinitely greater than our troubles, sorrows, and circumstances. He can and will handle them as long as we yield and surrender to Him.

