

Who Is God?

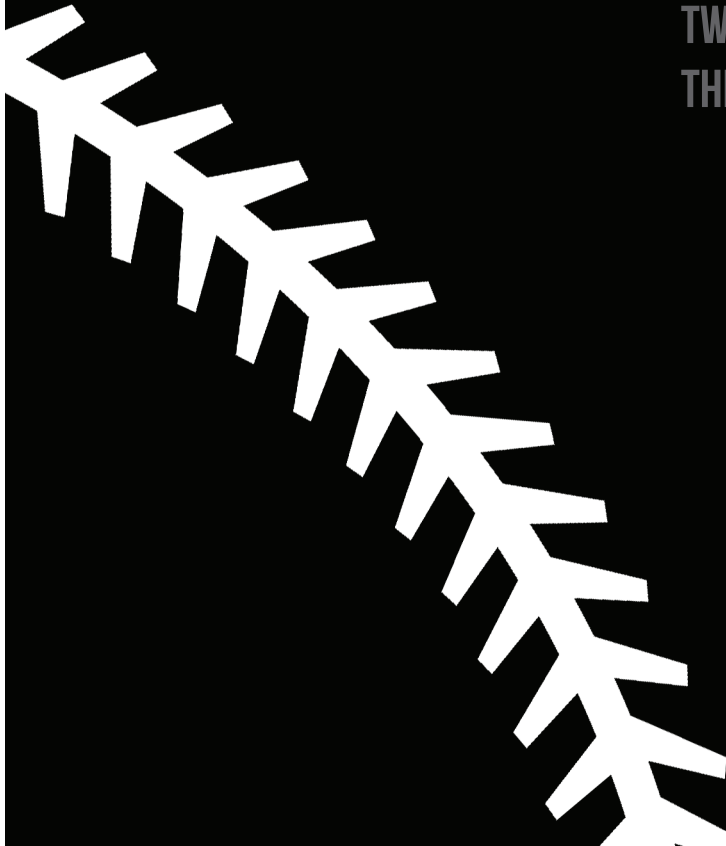
SESSION ONE: HELLO, MY NAME IS...

OBJECTIVES

- 1. See how names can be used to describe someone.**
- 2. Better understand the character of God through the names scripture gives him.**

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THREE: WORTHY AUTHORITY



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GOD... A name that is used in a variety of fashions and contexts across cultures spanning the globe. To some, there are more gods than you could possibly count. Yet to others, one has never existed. He is viewed as either the loving author of all things or the ruthless dictator over humankind. The character of God has been subjective to numerous generations.

What we say about God, or rather who we say God is, is of great importance. American pastor A.W. Tozer (2019) wrote about the importance of our view of God:

“The most [determining] fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.” (p. 4).

Through our study, we must have an answer to the following questions: Who is God? What is He like? How do we know He exists?

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Before we begin this week, take some time to reflect on your own thoughts on some of these questions:

Throughout scripture, God is given a host of different names to help clue us in to who he is and what he is like. Names, especially in the context of the Bible, spoke much as to where someone was from, who they belonged to, or even what their status was. Their name was very much a part of their identity.

This concept isn't totally unfamiliar to us, as we often give names to people to help us better know them. Some of the greatest examples are found in the "nicknames" of major league baseball players. To name a few:

The Wizard: Ozzie Smith, longtime shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals, was given this name because of the "magical" plays he made defensively.

Mr. October: Reggie Jackson slugged an incredible .755 with 10 homeruns in 5 career World Series appearances (which takes place in October) and developed a love for the big stage.

The Captain: Longtime Yankee shortstop, Derek Jeter, was given the title "Captain" during his storied tenure in New York. At the time of this writing, the Yankees have yet to name another captain since his retirement.

What is another example of a nickname you've heard that helped describe someone?

While these names speak to the quality of players these men were in between the lines, the names God has been given speak to his unchanging character. Let's jump into The Word to get a taste of how vast God's nature truly is.

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Scripture Reference	Hebrew / English	Meaning	Summarize the Scripture
Genesis 1:1	Elohim / Pleural God	Complete unbreakable unity of the trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).	
Deut. 6:4	Yahweh / Jehovah	Without beginning or end. All Present. All Knowing.	
Genesis 15:2	Adonai / Lord	Supreme and Ultimate Being	
Exodus 17:15	Jehovah-Nisei / My Refuge	My Hiding Place and Rest	
Genesis 22:14	Jehovah-Jireh / Provider	Sustainer of Life. My Provider	
Exodus 15:26	Jehovah Rapha / Healer	The Healer	
Jeremiah 33:16	Jehovah Tsidkenu / God of Righteousness	Holy and Perfect. Righteousness only from God	
Psalms 23	Jehovah-Raah / Our Shepherd	My shepherd. I shall not want. Anticipates every need.	
Judges 6:24	Jehovah-Shalom / Our Peace	He IS peace. Deep, complete and abiding peace.	
Psalms 90:1-2	El-Olam / Everlasting	Spaceless and Timeless. Independent.	