

## **Not “Just the Hebrew Name”**

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All my life I have known of the Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. I have believed whole-heartedly in His existence and His greatness. I believed in His redemptive plan for mankind, and the role of His Son in this plan. However, it was not until recently that we were formally introduced. It was not until recently that I knew His Name.

There is a lot of internet chatter out there about the Name of the Creator, and the Name of His Son. I just want to share with you a few things that are in my heart. As I have shared my new found knowledge of the Almighty's Name and the Name of His Son with different individuals, on many occasions I have received the same response - "it's just the Hebrew name." This response indicates to me that people somehow think that we have the liberty to create alternative names for the Almighty that are more culturally acceptable. In a recent conversation, when met with the statement "Yah[uah] is just the Hebrew name," I responded, "No, it's not just the Hebrew name. It is the Name of the Creator." I intend to explain the truth of this fact.

When Mosheh is commanded by Elohim to bring the children of Yisra'el out of Egypt, Mosheh asks Elohim a question. He says, "See when I come to the children of Yisra'el and say to them, 'The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His Name?' what shall I say to them?" (Exodus 3:13) Mosheh understood that the children of Yisra'el had been in Egypt for several hundred years. Through oral tradition, the nation had passed down stories about the Elohim of their forefathers. However, as a nation they did not know their Elohim. It is at this precise moment in history that Elohim formally introduces himself to the children of Yisra'el. He says, "Thus you are to say to the children Yisra'el, Yahuah Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of Ya'aqob, has sent me to you. This is My Name forever, and this is My remembrance to all generations." (Exodus 13:15). If you notice, Yahuah made no mention of His Name being "Hebrew." He states very clearly that His Name is Yahuah and that this is His Name forever. Yahuah also lets Mosheh know that His Name will serve to preserve His remembrance. The fact that we know His Name helps us keep Him in our memory, in our minds. When we say the Name Yahuah, it brings to mind the reputation, the fame and the esteem of Yahuah. We recall His character. We recall the miraculous works that are attributed to Him. We recall the honor and splendor of His Name. Just think, you do all of that by speaking His Name. What do you suppose is the effect of not speaking His Name? Do you suppose that a lot of the evil that we see in our world today could be overcome if the esteem of Yahuah filled the earth? Psalms 72:19 says, "And blessed be His esteemed Name forever! And let all the

earth be filled with His esteem.” If we want to see the esteem of Yahuah in the earth **WE NEED TO PROCLAIM HIS NAME!**

Now Mosheh did not go back to the children of Yisra’el and give them some replacement name for their Elohim. He did not create an Egyptian alternative that would have perhaps been more recognizable, given the fact that the children of Yisra’el had been in Egypt all of those years. That would be utterly ridiculous considering how explicit Yahuah is in His response to Mosheh regarding His Name. So, why do we think it is okay today? Why do we think that we can replace Yahuah’s name and call him “God,” “the Lord,” “the big guy upstairs,” or some other irreverent title that is **clearly not a name**? Why do we think it does not matter what we call Him? Why do we think we have the right to disregard the significance of the Creator’s Name? I stated earlier that by speaking the Name of Yahuah we speak to His reputation, His fame and His esteem. So yes, it does matter what we call Him. Everything about Him is connected to His Name. **In order to know Him we must know His Name.**

Once we know His Name, we must proclaim His Name. What does this mean? I have often read the passage of scripture in which Mosheh asks Yahuah to show him His esteem. I have considered the relationship that Mosheh must have had with Yahuah in order to make this request. Yahuah responds, “I shall cause all My goodness to pass before you, and I shall proclaim the Name of Yahuah before you.” (Exodus 33:9) The scripture goes on to say, “And Yahuah came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the Name, Yahuah. And Yahuah passed before him and proclaimed, ‘Yahuah, Yahuah...’” (Exodus 34:5-6a) The word, **proclaim**, means to praise or glorify openly or publicly. By proclaiming Yahuah’s Name in our assemblies, our homes, our workplaces, everywhere that we go, we are proudly declaring His esteem in our lives. We openly bring honor to His Name. When we proclaim His Name we call attention to Him. We focus on Him. We make Him above all. And, we specifically identify who we are talking about. His Name is excellent! It is above every name. Hallal Yahuah!

For those of you who have heard of the Name Yahuah, but have not yet begun to proclaim His Name, I encourage you to do so. As creatures of habit, it is often hard for us to make changes in our lives. **But this is one change that we must make.** Please understand that there are repercussions as a result of not proclaiming His Name. We will be the ones who suffer. When we refuse to proclaim His Name we cause the esteem of Yahuah not to be present in our lives. Mosheh asked to see the esteem of Yahuah. What did Yahuah do? He proclaimed His Name. When we proclaim His Name we see His esteem! Psalms 113:2 says, “Blessed be the Name of Yahuah now and forever!” **Yahuah’s Name will forever be proclaimed.** We will reap the benefits if we choose to participate in the proclamation and extol His Name in our lives.

So you see, Yahuah is not “just the Hebrew name.” When we speak His Name

we bring His esteem into our lives, into the whole earth. We remember the essence of who He is. We indicate to others that we really know Him - not just know about Him. For those of you who do not know Him, I introduce Him to you. This is Yahuah, Elohim of heaven and earth. Now go and proclaim His Name!!!

P.S. I did not say much about the Name of Yahuah's Son, Yahushua. But I'm sure your interest has been peeked. I pray that you allow the Ruach Ha Qodesh to lead you into all truth.