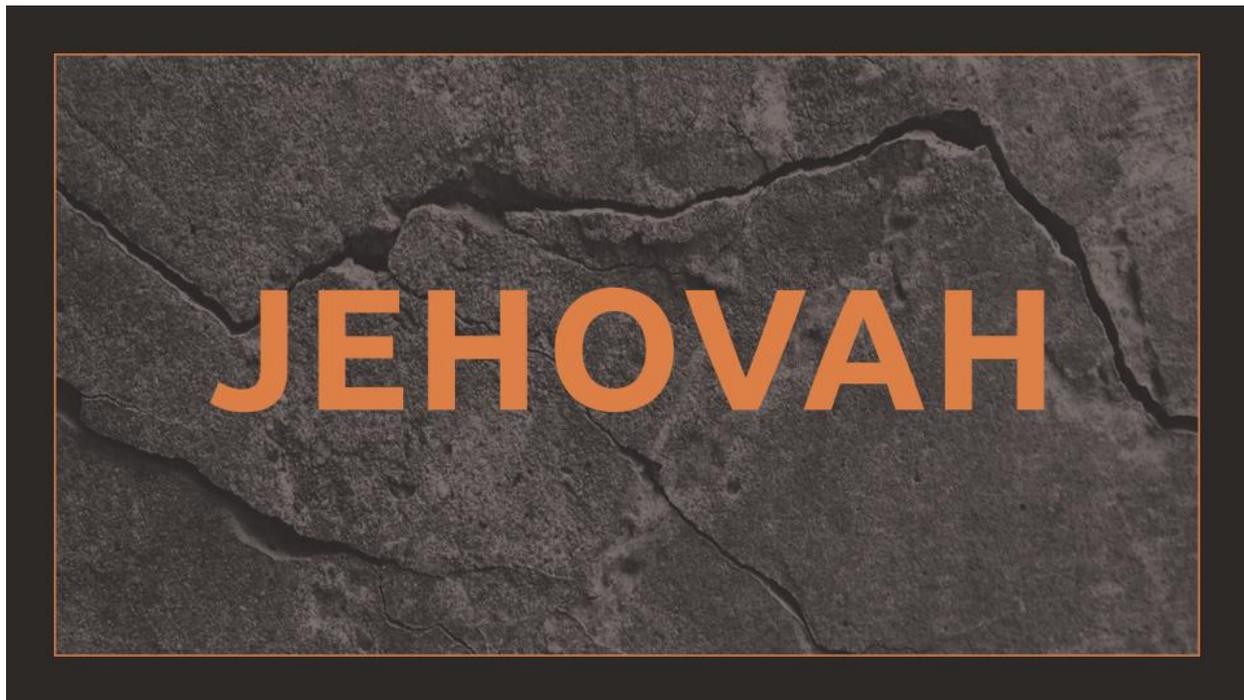


JEHOVAH (YHWH)

God's covenant name means He is self-existent. But He gives it as His personal relationship name.

SCRIPTURE*	MUSIC†
Exodus 3:13-14 Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13 Deuteronomy 5:11 Joshua 5:13-15 1 Samuel 30:6-10, 17-19 2 Chronicles 20:2-30 Psalm 8:1-6 Psalm 46 John 19:16-30 1 Corinthians 15:1-7, 51-58 (YHWH term is ubiquitous in O.T.)	Almighty Father Bow the Knee Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Holy, Holy, Holy How Majestic Is Thy Name Immortal, Invisible Lord, Most Holy (Arr. Hayes) SATB O Come and Sing... (Arr. Larson) SATB O God Beyond All Praising O Worship the King Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Praise Your Holy Name (Arr. Lynch) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Sing Praise to God You Alone Are God (McDonald) SATB



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PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

“I AM THAT I AM”

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As Christians, we should always be ready to give the gospel to others. But in our culture, many people have never even heard of the God of the Bible or do not have an accurate concept of Who He is. How would you give the gospel to someone who has no concept of Who God is? Who is the God of the Bible? One way we can answer this question is by looking at His name. His personal name, Jehovah, provides us with insight into Who He is.

First of all, the name Jehovah, or “I AM” speaks of God's self-existence. He was not created, and He is not dependent upon any other being. The name Jehovah is God's personal name. Because it is a personal name rather than a generic term for "god," this name also communicates God's personal nature. He is not an impersonal force. Further, Jehovah means that the God of the Bible is relational. He uses this name regularly in the context of giving covenants to His people. He is not angry or aloof from His people; rather, He initiates relationship with them. Finally, the name Jehovah communicates that He is faithful, not finicky. Throughout the Old Testament, the faithfulness of I AM stands in contrast to the fickleness of the pagan gods of the Egyptians and the Canaanites.

All of this is what God's name tells us! Don't take the fact that you know these things about God for granted, and use your knowledge to share God's truth with others. (Amy Tilson)

NAME ABOVE OUR NAME

What is the big deal about the 3rd Commandment? Viewed along with the other sins prohibited in the context of the Ten Commandments, taking God's name in vain might not seem like it is a “big deal.” But God's name, Yahweh, reveals Who He is; we must use it reverently. His name is above our name, and when we use it flippantly, it is not a casual insult but actually defying His existence (Yahweh = I AM). Even if we do not fully understand the importance of not taking God's name in vain, we must be careful with His name. As we do so, it helps to teach us reverence, which in turn changes the way we think about His name and motivates us to use it in a respectful way.

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Exodus 3:13-15 | *What is your prayer request? Pray now. Did God hear you? Did God hear all the prayers in this room? All the prayers being lifted all over the world, the persecution, the trouble? The great God, self-existent, Creator of the universe hears you. In Exodus 3:13-15, out of all the people, God met and spoke with one man, Moses. He describes Himself as "I AM [WHO] I AM." No other words were needed to explain who He is. God is self-existent. He doesn't need us, but He still desires a relationship with each of us.*