

The Nature of God

Concept:

As we begin in our quest to be a disciple, we need to know the One we are going to follow. As we spend time with the Lord, then we will look and act like the Lord. You will always imitate the people that are around you. So, let's associate with God. We need the Spirit of God to bring us a revelation of who God really is. We have the opportunity to fellowship with the God of all creation. He said that He is waiting to come in and communicate with us. II Peter 1:4 says we have the very nature of God, we have the mind of Christ, and we have the Spirit of God living in us. It is time that we allow the Spirit of God to show us what all these New Creation Realities really mean. **WE NEED TO KNOW THE LORD.**

Scripture Application:

The best way to understand God is by looking at the names that are used for God. We can see the nature and character of God reflected in these names.

1. **Elohim:** The Supreme God, the creator. Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2. **Jehovah:** Self-Existence or Eternal One the Lord, covenant relationship with mankind. Genesis 15:2, But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" Genesis 15:6, Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. Genesis 17:1, When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty ; walk before me and be blameless.
3. **El:** Strong or strength
4. **Theos:** Deity, the Supreme God. Matthew 1:23, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us." Matthew 3:16, As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. Matthew 4:4, Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
5. **El Shaddai:** The almighty, the satisfier, the breasty one, and the mountain. Genesis 17:1, When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty ; walk before me and be blameless. Genesis 28:7, and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone to Paddan Aram. Genesis 35:11, And God said to him, "I am God Almighty ; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. Exodus 6:3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.)

6. **Adonai:** Lord and it is showing Jesus. Genesis 24:10, Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and left, taking with him all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor. Exodus 34:9, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes," he said, "then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance." Exodus 4:10, Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." Exodus 5:22, Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? Numbers 14:17 "Now may the Lord's strength be displayed, just as you have declared
7. **I Am:** Exodus 3:13-15, Exodus 6:2, John 6:35, John 8:12, John 10:7-8, John 8:58
8. **Jehovah Jireh:** The Lord will provide. Genesis 22:14, Deut 2:7, I Kings 17:6, II Kings 4:6, Matthew 14:20, Philippians 4:19
9. **Jehovah Rapha:** The Lord our Healer. Exodus 15:26, Psalm 103:3, Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 30:26, I Peter 2:24
10. **Jehovah Nissi:** The Lord is our banner, rallying point, someone to follow. Exodus 17:15, Song of Solomon 2:4, Isaiah 13:20
11. **Jehovah Shalom:** The Lord is our Peace. Genesis 43:23, Judges 6:24, I Sam 7:14, II Chronicles 18:16, Joshua 10:21
12. **Jehovah Raah:** The Lord is our shepherd; He is our guide and the one who cares for us. Genesis 48:15, Numbers 27:17, Psalm 23:1
13. **Jehovah Tsidkenu:** The Lord is our righteousness. Job 36:3, Hosea 10:12, Isaiah 41:10, Jeremiah 23:6
14. **Jehovah Sabaoth:** The Lord of glory, king of hosts. (I Samuel 1:3, I Samuel 4:4, I Kings 18:15, Psalm 24:10
15. **Jehovah Shammah:** The Lord is near; He is there for us. Isaiah 9:6-7, Joel 3:14, Ezekiel 48:35, Luke 1:32-33
16. **Omnipotent:** Genesis 17:1, Exodus 6:13, Job 42:2, Isaiah 43:13, Matt 19:26, Luke 1:37
17. **Glorious:** Exodus 15:11, Psalm 145:5
18. **Gracious:** Exodus 34:6 , Psalm 116:5, I Pt 5:5
19. **Merciful:** Exodus 34:6, Psalm 86:5, Lamentations 3:22, Luke 6:38
20. **Long-suffering:** Numbers 14:18, Isaiah 48:9, Micah 7:18

21. **Just:** Deuteronomy 32:4, Isaiah 45:21, Psalm 103:6, Romans 3:26
22. **Eternal:** Deuteronomy 33:27, Romans 6:23, I Timothy 1:17
23. **Jealous:** Exodus 34:14, Exodus 20:4-6, Joshua 24:19-27
24. **Compassionate:** II Kings 13:23, Deuteronomy 30:3, Psalm 78:38
25. **Righteous:** Ezra 9:15, Psalm 145:17, Jeremiah 23:6
26. **Unsearchable:** (Job 11:7, Psalm 145:3, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Isaiah 40:28)
27. **Good:** Psalm 25:8, Psalm 119:68, Psalm 33:5, Nahum 1:7, Matthew 19:17
28. **Upright:** Psalm 25:8, Psalm 92:15
29. **Holy:** Psalm 92:9, Isaiah 5:16, Exodus 15:11, Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 15:4
30. **Most High:** Psalm 83:18, Acts 7:48, Deuteronomy 32:8, II Samuel 22:14
31. **Immutable:** James 1:17, Psalm 102:27, Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 1:2, Hebrews 13:8
32. **Omniscient:** Psalm 139:1-6, Proverbs 5:21, Jeremiah 17:10, Hebrews 4:13, I John 3:20
33. **Omnipresent:** (Deuteronomy 4:39, Psalm 139:8, Jeremiah 23:23, Acts 17:27)
34. **Light:** Psalm 27:1, Isaiah 60:19, John 8:12, I John 1:5
35. **True:** Deuteronomy 32:4, II Samuel 7:28, Jeremiah 10:10, John 17:3, Hebrews 6:18
36. **Perfect:** Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 18:30, Ecclesiastes 3:14, Matthew 5:48
37. **Incorruptible:** Romans 1:23, I Peter 1:4, I Peter 1:23
38. **Only Wise:** Proverbs 3:19, Romans 16:27, I Corinthians 1:25, I Timothy 1:17
39. **Faithful:** Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 36:5, I Corinthians 10:13, I Peter 4:19
40. **Immortal:** I Timothy 1:17, I Timothy 6:16, II Peter 3:8
41. **Consuming Fire:** Exodus 13:21, Deuteronomy 4:24, Deuteronomy 9:3, Jeremiah 20:9, Ezekiel 8:2-4, Hebrews 12:29
42. **Holiness:** Genesis 3:5, Leviticus 11:45, Leviticus 19:2, Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8
43. **Father:** Psalms 68:5, John 6:44, II Corinthians. 6:18, Romans 8:16-17

Summary:

God wants to be all of these things to you and me. We need to begin to access all that God is for us. Begin to declare that He is your provider. Call Him by name. “Such as we have we give unto you in the Name of Jesus rise up and walk.”

Action:

Begin to read the scriptures that identify the names of God and this will help you know the Lord in a greater dimension. Take three of the Names of God and meditate on them. Read and reread the scriptures that relate to that name. We will share the transformation the next time we are together.