# The Power of God's Name Psalm 8:1-9 April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Introduction:

In the Bible "name" is a translation of the Hebrew word *shem* (Old Testament) and the Greek word *onoma* (New Testament). So, with both the Old Testament & New Testament combined the word "name" is mentioned more than 1000 times in Scripture and carries the idea of power and authority.

A Few of God's Names:

- Elohim All powerful Creator
- Jehovah Nissi The Lord's Banner of Victory
- 4 Jehovah Rapha Healer
- 🖊 Jehovah Jireh Provider

My purpose in this study isn't just for us to learn how to pronounce God's different names, but rather that we would learn how to grasp the nature behind each one of the names.

Proverbs 18:10 (ESV) The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Psalm 111:9 (ESV) He sent redemption to his people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name.

I. His Name is a Majestic Name

Psalm 8:1 (ESV) O Lord (our Jehovah), our Lord (our Adonai), how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

The surest way to become prideful is to allow God to become small and you to become large.

# II. His Name is a Hallowed Name

*Matthew 6:9 (ESV) Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.* 

Hallowed means "holy", "set apart", or "sanctified".

# A. God's Name isn't to be used in Vain

*Exodus 20:7 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,* for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

## **Tony Evans:**

"God's names are to be treated with more respect than we would show to anyone else. We are to hallow not only the verbalization of His names but also the characteristics they convey. His name carries weight. He is the one and only true God who operates from heaven, and we must treat Him accordingly in order to fully actualize and experience the power He longs to provide."

#### B. God's Name is to be Feared

Psalm 86:11 (ESV) Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Many people never overcome the issues in their life because they simply don't know the power of God's name in the midst of their crisis.

Ron Dunn: "When we fix our eyes on God's character and settle in our heart that God is who He said that He is, He can bring us out of the darkest of scenarios."

When the child of God really discovers God's name, then worship will not be hard to produce. Because the higher something is valued, the easier it is to worship. Consequently, the reason so many of God's people never experience worship, is because they never learn the value of God's name.