

Overview: In the outline I to IV reveals what Jehovah means. That is the name of God in the relation to man, meaning that "I am who I am", it's also the name related to the existence and fulfillment of promise and the triune God the self-existing and ever-lasting one. In V the Gospel of John emphasizes that Jesus is the great I am. In VI, faith is to believe that He is. VII reveals that eventually, all will know that God is Jehovah.

<p>I . Elohim is the name of God in relation to creation; Jehovah is the name of God in relation to man—:</p> <p>A. The name God—Elohim—means "the strong and mighty One"; this name refers to God's relationship with creation.</p> <p>B. God implies God's power and His relationship with creatures; Jehovah God denotes God having a relationship with man:</p> <p>1. God is the common name, and Jehovah is the name of intimacy and love.</p> <p>2. Jehovah God is not only the One who is powerful but also the One who draws near to man—</p>	<p>II . Jehovah means "I am who I am," indicating that Jehovah is the self-existing and ever-existing eternal One, the One who was in the past, who is in the present, and who will be in the future forever:</p> <p>A. :The divine title I Am indicates that, as the self-existing One, God depends on nothing apart from Himself</p> <p>1. The term self-existing refers to something that exists of or by itself without beginning.</p> <p>2. God, the I Am, is self-existing, having no beginning.</p> <p>B. The term ever-existing refers to something that exists forever; God exists forever, eternally, without ending.</p> <p>C. Jehovah is the only One who is:</p> <p>1. This unique One who has being is the great "To Be"; the verb to be can be applied only to God and not to us.2. Everything will cease to be, but God will ever continue to be; He, the I Am, is the great To Be.3. God is the universal To Be, the genuine being; only God is I Am—only He has being.</p>	<p>III . El Shaddai is God's name for supply and promise; Jehovah is God's name for existence and fulfillment:</p> <p>A. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob experienced God as El Shaddai, but they did not experience Him as Jehovah, for they died in faith without receiving the fulfillment of God's promise regarding the good land</p> <p>B. In Exodus 6:6-8 God came not to promise something to Moses but to fulfill the promise that He had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; thus, He came to Moses not as El Shaddai but as Jehovah, the One who is and who will fulfill all that He has promised.</p> <p>C . Because Jehovah exists eternally and because He is the reality of the verb to be, He will fulfill whatever He has spoken.</p> <p>D. In the Lord's recovery today, we are not in the stage of promise but in the stage of fulfillment; we are experiencing God not only as El Shaddai but also as Jehovah, the great I Am.</p>	<p>IV . Jehovah—the self-existing and ever-existing One—is the Triune God; He is the unique God, yet He is triune:</p> <p>A. Jehovah is the God of three persons—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; this implies that He is the Triune God</p> <p>B. "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" is Jehovah Elohim, the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit: 1. The God of Abraham signifies God the Father who calls man, justifies man, and equips man to live by faith and to live in fellowship with Him.2. The God of Isaac signifies God the Son who blesses man with the inheritance of all His riches, with a life of the enjoyment of His abundance, and with a life in peace.3. The God of Jacob signifies God the Spirit who works in all things for the good of His lovers, transforms man, and makes man mature in the divine life</p> <p>C. Jehovah—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—is the God of resurrection, the resurrecting Triune God</p>
<p>V . The Gospel of John reveals that Jesus is the great I Am:</p> <p>A. Jesus is not merely a man—He is I Am</p> <p>B. The name Jesus means "Jehovah the Savior" or "the salvation of Jehovah":</p> <p>1. The name Jesus includes the name Jehovah, which means "I am who I am" 2. Jesus is Jehovah becoming our Savior and our salvation</p> <p>C. The fact that Jesus is the great I Am implies that He is the eternal One:</p> <p>1. Jesus is Jehovah, the I Am; His name is I Am.2. The One who was arrested in the garden was not merely a Nazarene; this One was the great I Am, the infinite, eternal God; the One who was arrested was Jehovah God.3. Jesus is the self-existing and ever-existing God; He is the complete God, the Triune God</p> <p>D. As the I Am, Christ is everything to us for our experience and enjoyment; His being I Am means "I am whatever you need": 1. The length, breadth, height, and depth of the name Jehovah are sufficient to include everything; whatever we need—all spiritual realities—can be added in faith to I Am.2. In Exodus 3:14 God said only that He is, without saying what He is; this allows those who believe in Him to add what they need and then experience Him as that reality.3. The Lord Jesus is the reality because He is the I Am: a. When the Lord as the I Am comes into us as life, He shines within us as light, and this light brings the divine element of reality into us. b. The reality that sets us free is the I Am; the eternal To Be sets us free</p>			
<p>VI . "Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is":</p> <p>A. God requires us to believe that He is: 1. Only God is; nothing else is. 2. God is because He is real; all things created by Him are not real. 3. Apart from God, all else is nothing; He is the only One who is, the only One who has the reality of being</p> <p>B. Faith is to believe that God is:</p> <p>1. Faith joins us to God, the only One who is. 2. To believe that God is, is the only way, the unique way, to make God happy, to be well pleasing to Him</p>			
<p>VII . Eventually, all will know that God is Jehovah:</p> <p>A. "You will know that I am Jehovah, when I open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, O My people"</p> <p>B. I will make known My holy name in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not allow My holy name to be profaned anymore. Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel".</p> <p>C. "Before Abraham came into being, I am"</p>			

Experience①: To experience God as “I Am”, realize and declare that you are the one who “is not” and only the Lord Jesus, Jehovah the Savior, is the One who “is”.

Young people, my burden in this message is especially for you. I am grateful to the Lord for your faithfulness to His recovery. But I realize that there is a long journey ahead of you and that many trials and tests await you. I want to testify to you that the very God whom you are serving is not only El Shaddai but also Jehovah.... Because He is the One who is, He will fulfill all that He has promised. I may not be able to keep my word because I may cease to be. But because Jehovah exists eternally and because He is the reality of the verb to be, He will fulfill whatever He has spoken. When you encounter tests, trials, and difficulties, you should say, “Lord, You are. My problems will end, but You, Lord, will be forever.”

When you have a need or are in difficulty, do not merely praise the Lord for His richness and sufficiency. You should also praise Him that He is the One who is. Do not simply thank Him that He is able and mighty, but declare boldly, “Lord, You are.”

For Young Working Saints

As a business person, you have many kinds of stringent requirements. These are actually the excellent opportunities for you to experience and enjoy God as “I Am.” For this, you need to realize and declare that you “are not”. When you come forward to God, you need to know your excellent academic background or ability is nothing. Under the divine light, man is not righteous, not holy, and not glory, but unrighteous, unclean, and lack of glory. Jesus as Jehovah the Savior fulfilled all the requirements of God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory on the cross for us. Christ is now your righteousness, holiness, and glory. Furthermore, Christ is your wisdom, power and all in all.

1 Cor 1:24 But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men....29 So that no flesh may boast before God. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 That as it is written, “He who boasts, let him boast in the Lord.”

One brother’s testimony: After I finished the graduate school, I started the full time service for 5 years including 2 years of full time training. After that, just before age of 30, I began working. Initially, I erroneously assumed that, because I loved the Lord, I would have no major problems at all. In other words, I did not realize that I was “not” and God is only the One who “is” in my work and I have been haughty. In the eyes of my boss and senior colleagues around in my company at that time, I appeared like a non-serious, strange person who had no interest in a promotion race. They have often pointed out such shortcoming of me. At the beginning, I could not understand why I have been spoken so unfavorably, but in the fellowship with the Lord, I was enlightened gradually that I have been acting like an angel and have not approached my work seriously with right humanity. (They work seriously for their money, but we work seriously for the testimony of the Lord. Their motivation and goal are different.) Hallelujah, Christ, as “I Am”, is eternally the One who “is” in His existence, and for fulfillment of God’s promise, He fulfilled all. In the Lord, there is the fulfillment of all that God has promised. I prayed in this way, “I am nothing but sin. But you are the I Am. You are my right humanity, my seriousness, my wisdom, and my power. Oh, Lord Jesus, let me experience you as I Am in my work and human relationship in my office. Amen!”

Experience②: Ask in the name of Jesus, Jehovah the Savior, to participate in the marvelous blessings

His being the I Am means “I am whatever you need” and “I am everything.” We have a signed check with the space for the amount left blank, and we may fill in whatever we need. After the name “I Am” we can fill in the amount. The heavenly bank will cash this check. The Lord is whatever we need. If we need salvation, light, life, power, wisdom, holiness, or righteousness, Jesus Christ Himself is all these things to us. He is Jehovah God, the great I Am.

This is like a checkbook with signatures on all the checks.... If you tear out one check and write one thousand on it, you will have one thousand.... Since someone has signed them, all you have to do is write what you need on one of them. Many people do not know God, and many people do not know Jehovah. I feel that the length, the breath, the height, and the depth of this name are sufficient to include everything.

God’s name reveals God Himself. God’s name is the foundation of our faith. If we can enter the reality of God’s name in the power of the Holy Spirit, extraordinary things can be accomplished through God’s name.

For junior high and high school students

The meaning of Jesus is "Jehovah the Savior". "Jesus" in English is the abbreviated form for "Jehovah the Savior". The meaning of Jehovah is "I am that "I am"". "I am" literally means I am, He is -- whatever you need that is positive. For example he is power, and wisdom. But you are not power, nor wisdom. You should never say that you have a little wisdom because you are doing well in your school. All flesh must be humble when coming before God. Because God's foolishness prevails human wisdom. Humble before God, declare that you are "not" and only the Lord, who "is" eternally.

Also you need to call on the name of Lord Jesus. Since the meaning of His name is "Jehovah's salvation", calling on the name of the Lord is a wonderful thing. Moreover, there is the fulfillment of the promise in the name of the Lord. When you seek God in the name of the Lord, the Lord will impart the fulfillment of the promise to you. You will experience the marvelous blessings in His name.

2 Cor 1:20 For as many promises of God as there are, in Him is the Yes; therefore also through Him is the Amen to God, for glory through us to God.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

One brother’s testimony: I went to a gospel meeting in the second week of May at the time of my freshman year in the university, I was baptized on the Lord’s Day of the third week and immediately started the church life. I began praying for the gospel with the saints from the time of my sophomore year, preached gospel and brought my friends to the gospel meetings. Especially, in the week before the gospel meeting, we gathered 30 minutes earlier before the morning revival started and prayed desperately with brothers and sisters so that people could be saved in the name of the Lord. To my surprise that 4 men and 2 women of my classmates in the aikido club during my junior and sophomore years, and more than half of my juniors, about 15 of them were saved. About two thirds of the club became Christians. I did not understand anything well enough, but together with brothers and sisters I could get many of these fruits by asking in the name of the Lord. The name of the Lord is so wonderful. Praise His name. Hallelujah!

Scriptures:

I . Elohim is the name of God in relation to creation ; Jehovah is the name of God in relation to man:

Gen1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

FT: Heb. Elohim, meaning the Mighty One. The Hebrew name here is plural, but the verb created is singular. These are seeds of the Trinity. God is one, but He is also three—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. He is the triune God.

Gen2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created. When Jehovah God made earth and heaven,

Isa1:2 Hear, O heavens, and hearken, O earth, For Jehovah has spoken : I have brought up children, and I have raised them ; And yet they have rebelled against Me. 4 Alas, sinful nation, A people heavy with iniquity, Seed of evildoers, Children acting corruptly! They have forsaken Jehovah; They have despised the Holy One of Israel; they have become estranged and have gone backward.

Ezk 39:28 And they will know that I am Jehovah their God because I brought them into captivity among the nations and have gathered them to their own land; and I will never again leave any of them there.

II . Jehovah means “I am who I am,” indicating that Jehovah is the self-existing and ever-existing eternal One, the One who was in the past, who is in the present, and who will be in the future forever:

Exo 3:14 *And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.*

Rev 1:4 *...Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,*

III . El Shaddai is God’s name for supply and promise ; Jehovah is God’s name for existence and fulfillment:

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God (El Shaddai) ; Walk before Me, and be perfect.

Exo 6:7 *And I will take you to Myself as My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am Jehovah your God, the One who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.*

8 *And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you as a possession. I am Jehovah.*

IV . Jehovah—the self-existing and ever-existing One—is the Triune God; He is the unique God, yet He is triune:

Mal 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why are we treacherous, each one to his brother, thus profaning the covenant of our fathers?4

1Cor 8:4 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world and that there is no God but one. 6 Yet to us there is one God, the Father, out from whom are all things, and we are unto Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we are through Him.

2Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Exo 3:15 *And God also said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever...*

Gen 35:10 *And God said to him, ...Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name...*

V . The Gospel of John reveals that Jesus is the great I Am:

John 8:12 *...Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.

8:28 Jesus therefore said to them, When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and that I do nothing from Myself, but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things.

8:58 *Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.*

Matt 1:21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him;

13 For “whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

John 18:5 They answered Him, Jesus the Nazarene. He said to them, I am. And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

6 When therefore He said to them, I am, they drew back and fell to the ground.

VI . “Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is”:

Heb 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Eccl 1:2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

John 14:1 Do not let your heart be troubled; believe into God, believe also into Me.

VII . Eventually, all will know that God is Jehovah:

Ezk 37:13 And you will know that I am Jehovah, when I open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, O My people.

14 And I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live; and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, Jehovah, have spoken and that I have performed it, declares Jehovah.

39:7 And I will make known My holy name in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not allow My holy name to be profaned anymore. Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.

61 主を賛美する — 彼の御名(英 78)

- 1 とうとき主の御名, そは「私はある」;
わがひつ要すべて, 御名にある!
- 2 主は御子, またちち, そのれいとなりて,
なが豊富すべてを 享受させる。
- 7 なれいのち, ひかり, 死とやみほろぼし,
われ生かし, 目あけ, かい放する。
- 8 復かつのたい能は, はかとよみ, やぶり,
われをつよくして, 勝利あとう。
- 9 なれは生けるみず, 霊のかて, きょうきゆう,
わがかわきいやし, 満たされる。
- 13 かん喜, 平あん, 栄光, しん理, めぐみ, いわ,
たいよう, やま, いえ, たて, ことば。
- 14 「私はある」名は えい遠, 完ぜん, 豊富!
わがひつ要, 満たし, あふれ出る。

- _一_ 恩主耶稣, 你名“我是,” 宝贵圣名, 丰美、真实!
我所需要全都在此—全在你所是!
- _二_ 你是圣子、又是圣父, 是神隐藏、是神显出,
且成那灵与我同处, 使我享丰富。
- _七_ 你是生命、你是亮光, 消除黑暗, 吞灭死亡,
使我复生, 使我明亮, 使我得释放。
- _八_ 你是复活、你是大能, 冲破坟墓, 胜过幽冥,
使我刚强, 使我得胜, 使我占上风。
- _九_ 你是灵粮、你是活水, 为作供应, 甘愿降卑,
解我饥渴, 苏我困惫, 作了我美味。
- _十三_ 还是荣耀、喜乐、平安、真理、恩典、活道、
灵磐、日头、盾牌、居所、靠山, 何人能尽言!
- _十四_ 你的所是永远、无限、长、阔、高、深、丰满、
完全! 岂只应付我的缺欠! 且从我溢漫!

78. Praise of the Lord - His Name

- 1 Gracious Lord, Thy name "I AM" is,
Precious name, how rich and full 'tis,
All-inclusive, faithful too 'tis —
All, we need, Thou art!
- 2 Thou the Son, the Father in Thee,
As the Spirit now indwell me,
That the riches of Thyself we
May experience.
- 7 Thou art life and Thou art light, Lord,
Death hast swallowed, banished night, Lord,
Thou hast quickened, given sight, Lord;
We are now set free.
- 8 Thou art resurrection power,
Thou the conqu'ror in hell's hour;
Thou dost us with might empower
Over all to reign.
- 9 Living water, food supply, Lord,
Thou Thyself art, and didst die, Lord,
All our want to satisfy, Lord;
Now we feast on Thee.
- 13 Thou our Joy, our Peace, our Glory;
Truth, and Grace, the Rock, the Life-tree,
Building, Mountain, Sun, and Shield — we
Ne'er can tell it all.
- 14 What Thou art — eternal, boundless,
Full and perfect, rich, exhaustless —
Meets our need to utter fullness
And from us o'erflows.