

I AM THE NAME OF THE LORD (CONT.)

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And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you!

Exodus 3:14 (Amplified)

The life of faith is not the same as religion. It is the revelation that God is so **Other**, so **Lord** – high and lifted up that had He not chosen and willed to be known, we could not know Him. My praise now is the fact that I know that He has willed for me to know Him.

I AM – The name of the Lord

And God said to Moses, I am the Lord.

I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty [El-Shaddai], but by My name the Lord [Yahweh-the redemptive name of God] I did not make Myself known to them [in acts and great miracles].

Exodus 6:2, 3 (Amplified)

A name is more than just a label; it is a description that reveals everything there is to know about a person's character. There are several names of God that describe Who He is, and each reveals a separate and distinct aspect of His personality to His people.

1. Jehovah Tsidkenu - *The Lord our Righteousness.*
2. Jehovah M'Kaddesh - *The God who sanctifies, or sets us apart for Himself.*
3. Jehovah Shammah - *The Lord who is present.*
4. Jehovah Shalom - *The Lord our peace, or wholeness – nothing missing and nothing broken.*
5. Jehovah Jireh - *The Lord our Provider.*
6. Jehovah Rapha - *The Lord our Healer.*
7. Jehovah Nissi - *Our Banner of love and protection.*
8. Jehovah Sabaoth - *The Lord of Host, our Protector.*
9. Jehovah Raah - *The Lord our Shepherd.*

But!

The Name of the Lord is not one of those. In other words: You can know Me by these names – but NOT UNTIL you are going to know Me by **I Am The Lord**, you will not really know Me. When you understand that I Am that I Am, then you will know Me!

And God said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim My name, THE LORD, before you.

Exodus 33:19

Relationship says: I come to the place where I understand that I will not always understand. That I know that I Am cannot totally be known. His ways and His thoughts are higher than ours. My faith is the proof that He is and that I should seek Him and that He wills things...

GOD WILLS Relationship and not Religion!

This relationship demands the understanding that I get to keep walking with Him and the more I walk with Him, the more I will get to know Him. Because there is not any time or any moment that I can come to the place and say I know God, that I totally grasp the mind, understanding, holiness and will of God!

I believe God is saying: What you don't know about Me, is that I have chosen to bring you into My circle. If you will walk with Me, you will get to know some of My thoughts. But don't stop on the outside observing Me and then think you know everything that I Am thinking. Walk with Me a little further and you will hear another level of My thoughts.

In MY FATHER'S HOUSE there are many DWELLING PLACES (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that WHERE I AM you may be also.

And [to the place] where I am going, you know THE WAY.

John 14:2-4 (Amplified)