

“The LORD’s Majestic Name, Part 1”

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Key Truth: God's NAME reveals his Majestic Nature and Power.

Many people take the Name of the Lord our God in vain and don’t seem to mind the blasphemy of it all. For Christians, God’s name is hallowed, but for the world, it’s a swear word. Many don’t yet know God’s true name because they don’t grasp its significance. When Moses approached the Pharaoh and told him, “Let my people go!” (Exodus 5:1), the Pharaoh responded, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go” (Exodus 5:2). Eventually Pharaoh did learn who the LORD is, but not without great hardship and tragedy. Psalm 8 shows us who the LORD is, and who we are in relationship to Him and His Creation. Why is God's Name is so majestic?

DISCUSS

Read **Psalm 8:1-9** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “**The LORD’s Majestic Name.**”

DIG IN

1. The Theology of his Name: (Psalm 8:1)

Read Exodus 3:13-14: What is the answer God gave to Moses’ question? What does he mean by his self-identification?

The name “LORD” (Capital L-O-R-D) is a translation of the title *Adonai*, which means “Lord.” Why would the Israelites be afraid to vocalize God’s name *Yahweh*?

What does the name, “I Am” say about God’s nature? In what ways is God self-existing?

In what ways is God self-revealing?

Read Matthew 11:27: In what ways does Jesus choose to reveal himself and his Father?

2. The Power of his Name. (Psalm 8:2)

In what ways does Psalm 8:2 express *Yahweh*’s power manifest through weakness? In what other ways does our weakness demonstrate God’s power?

In what ways does *Yahweh* still his enemies? How does this express his power?

In what ways does the name *Yahweh* illustrate God’s stillness (see 1 Kings 19:11-12)?

In what ways does Jesus Christ exemplify the meaning and power of *Yahweh*?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?