

Group Discipleship Lesson

The Holiest Name on Earth: God's Forever Name

Exodus 20:7

Let's Get Started

Hubert B. Wolfstern holds the current record for the longest personal name ever used. His name is a combination of 27 names. Here it is:

Hubert Blaine Wolfeschlegelsteinhausenbergerdorff Sr.

People are named after everything from family members to pets! Some people have idle names, but some do not. Some people's names have very serious or hilarious origins. How about you? Is there any particular reason why you have the name you do?

When you were in trouble as a kid, did your mom or dad ever use your middle name or have a particular tone of voice that let you know they meant business?

Let's Go Deeper

THE NAME OF GOD

In **Exodus 3:13-15**, God revealed His most holy name to Moses. What is it?

In Hebrew it is _____, or in English _____.

What was the significance of God expressing His name as "I AM?"

Jewish culture does not allow them to speak or read God's name (YAHWEH) out loud. Why is this?

What kinds of substitute names do they use?

In **Exodus 3:15**, we find how long God's name is going to be His name. How long?

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

There are many assumptions regarding what the command not to take God's name in vain really means. The most common one is: Don't use God's name in a curse word. What is your understanding of this command?

THE HOLINESS AND BEAUTY OF GOD'S NAME

Read **Revelation 15:3-4**. What do we learn about God in this scene that takes place in heaven after the anti-christ has been conquered?

Mary and Joseph named their baby "Jesus." What is it in Hebrew? Who told them to name Him this? What does it mean?

THE SEVEN I AM'S

Jesus declared Himself to be the "I am" God with the **seven I Am** statements in John's gospel. Look up these passages and fill in the blanks.

1. I am the _____. John 6:35
2. I am the _____. John 8:12
3. I am the _____. John 10:7
4. I am the _____. John 10:11
5. I am the _____. John 11:25
6. I am the _____. John 14:6
7. I am the _____. John 15:1

THE POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

In **Philippians 2:9-11**, we are told: *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

What is the name that is above every name?

Note: Some assume that the new name is Jesus because of verse 10. But was that a new name? Wasn't it given to Jesus at His birth? Is the name “Jesus” above every other name? Haven't there been a lot people named Jesus, even still today?

Let's Live It Out Together

What passage in John supports the core reason why Christians end their prayers with “In Jesus' name?”

Why do you pray in Jesus' name?

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.” -John 13:35