

Worship God

DAY 2

Yesterday you learned that you come to know God by experience at His initiative. You learned that a Hebrew name described a person's character or nature. The name was closely associated with the person and his presence. Thus, to call on someone's name was to seek his presence. God's name is majestic and worthy of our praise. David wrote about the majesty of God's name in **Psalm 8:1**. Acknowledging God's name amounts to recognizing who God is. Calling on His name indicates that you are seeking His presence. Praising His name is praising *Him*.

Seeing God's names in Scripture can call you to worship Him. To worship is to reverence and honor God, to acknowledge Him as worthy of your praise. Spend this day worshiping God through His names. The psalms are rich in their instructions to direct your worship toward God through His names.

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1 Read the Scriptures below and on the next page. Circle or underline words or phrases that describe ways you can direct your worship toward God through His names. I've underlined one for you.

"Save us, O LORD our God,
and gather us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise" (Ps. 106:47).

"All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, O Lord;
they will bring glory to your name" (Ps. 86:9).

"I will praise you forever for what you have done;
in your name I will hope, for your name is
good" (Ps. 52:9).

"Those who know your name will trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those
who seek you" (Ps. 9:10).

"Let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.
Spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may
rejoice in you" (Ps. 5:11).

"In God we make our boast all day long,
and we will praise your name forever"
(Ps. 44:8).

"Blessed are those who have learned
to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence,
O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;
they exult in your righteousness"
(Ps. 89:15-16).

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
(Ps. 8:1)

"Sing unto the LORD, bless his name"
(Ps. 96:2, KJV).

"Revive us, and we will call on your name"
(Ps. 80:18).

"I will declare your name to my brothers"
(Ps. 22:22).

"Give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name" (Ps. 86:11).

"Thus will I bless thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in thy name"
(Ps. 63:4, KJV).

Ways to
Worship God

- Bless His name
- Glory in His name
- Rejoice in His name
- Call on His name
- Hope in His name
- Remember the name
- Declare His name
- Know His name
- Seek His name
- Fear His name
- Lift up hands in His name
- Sing praise to His name
- Give thanks to His name
- Love His name
- Sing to His name
- Glorify His name
- Praise His name
- Trust in His name

“Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the
LORD rejoice” (Ps. 105:3).

“In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name”
(Ps. 33:21).

“In the night I remember your name, O LORD,
and I will keep your law” (Ps. 119:55).

“Cover their faces with shame
so that men will seek your name, O LORD”
(Ps. 83:16).

“I will give thanks to the LORD because of
his righteousness
and will sing praise to the name of the
LORD Most High” (Ps. 7:17).

“All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing praise to your name” (Ps. 66:4).

2 Use these ways to worship God. Turn to “Names, Titles, and Descriptions of God” on page 268. Spend the remainder of your study time today in worship. The names direct your attention to Him, who He is, and what He does. Praise Him for who He is. Thank Him for what He has done. Glorify Him. Love and adore Him. Seek Him. Trust Him. Sing to Him. Take as much time as you like for this period of worship. Make this a meaningful time to experience your love relationship with the Lord.

DAY
3

Love God

IF I LOVE HIM,
I WILL OBEY HIM!

John 14:21

“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

God takes the initiative to pursue a love relationship with you. This love relationship is not a one-sided affair. He wants you to know Him, worship Him, and love Him.

1 Read John 14:21 in the margin and answer these questions.

- a. Who is the one who loves Jesus? What does he have and do? _____

- b. How does the Father respond to the one who loves Jesus? _____

- c. What two things will Jesus do for the one who loves Him? _____

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command” (John 14:15). When you obey Jesus, you demonstrate that you love Him and trust Him. The Father loves those who love His Son. For those who love Him, Jesus said He would love them and show Himself to them. Obedience is the outward expression of your love for God. The reward for your obedience and love is that Jesus will show Himself to you. Jesus set an example for you in His life. He said, “The world must learn that I love the Father and