

# His Name and Presence

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## I. You hear prayer

**This title is found only in Psalm 65:2** - David addresses God as "You who hear prayer."

Ps 65:2 O You who hear prayer, To You all men come.

The psalms are filled with praises and emotional cries for help addressed to God. The significance that God's people placed on prayer is reflected not only in the many petitions and praises recorded in the Old Testament, but also in the extensive vocabulary used in prayer.

### Hebrew words for prayer.

All of the following Hebrew words may be translated "prayer," and each one provides additional shades of meaning. The uses of the Hebrew words in Scripture demonstrate the Bible's emphasis upon our dependence on the Lord and on His love for us. The very breadth of the Old Testament prayer vocabulary helps us sense how important it was to God's people that He truly is "You who hear prayer" (Ps 65:2).

1. Palal, "to pray."

This is one of the most common Hebrew words for prayer. It expresses dependence on God and also an appeal for God to view the situation and act to meet the individual's need.

2. Tepillah, "prayer."

This Hebrew word occurs 75 times in the Old Testament, usually in narrative passages that indicate individual and corporate prayer. Several kinds of prayer are described by this word, from entreaty to thanksgiving to confession.

3. Na.

This Hebrew particle is found some 400 times in the Old Testament. It expresses entreaty, although it is translated in a variety of ways. At times it is rendered "we pray," but in the psalms it is frequently viewed as an interjection and translated "O."

4. Atar, "to entreat."

This Hebrew word is often simply translated "pray." However, in the Hebrew it conveys a sense of urgency or intensity that is often lost in the English translation.

5. Sa'al, "to ask" or "to inquire."

This Hebrew word, which is used some 170 times in the Old Testament, indicates asking for some object, favor, or information. It is not just a religious term, and the seeker may ask of other individuals as well as of the Lord.

6. Anath, "to answer."

This Hebrew word is used in the imperative to express a request, such as "Hear me!" Otherwise, the word refers to God's answer or response to His people's prayers.

7. Paga, "to intercede."

The idea here is to use one's influence to help another. This Hebrew word is used in Isaiah's description of the work of the coming Savior: "He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Is. 53:12).

8. Hanan, "to be gracious."

In one form this Hebrew word becomes a plea for God to meet the need of the one who prays. It is closely related to showing pity or kindness.

## II. "The Name" The Name: [HaShem] (Lev 24:16)

### A. God is referred to as "The Name"

#### Old Testament

Death sentence was given to a man who curses the name of the Lord;

Lev 24:10-16 Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the sons of Israel; and the Israelite woman's son and a man of Israel struggled with each other in the camp. 11 The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name and cursed. So they brought him to Moses. (Now his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.) 12 They put him in custody so that the command of the LORD might be made clear to them. 13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 14 "Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head; then let all the congregation stone him. 15 "You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If anyone curses his God, then he will bear his sin. 16 'Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

**Notice:** Two times (v. 16) "blasphemes the Name" is used. The first time with Jehovah and the second times as simply "the Name". Thus declaring "the Name" to be a title (name) of God.

#### New Testament

In the New Testament "the Name" refers to the name of Jesus.

Ac 5:41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

3Jn 7 For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.

### B. Significance of the names of God

God's name is synonymous with His person, presence and power; it is to be held in the highest honor.

#### 1. God's person is revealed in his name

He reveals Himself in creation as **EI, Elohim**, God (the Creator) Gen 1-2.

He reveals Himself to Melchizedek as **EI-Elyon**, God Most High (Gen 14:18-20).

He reveals Himself to Hagar as **EI Roi**, The All Seeing One (Gen 16:13).

He reveals Himself to Abram as **EI-Shaddai**, God Almighty (Gen 17:1).

He reveals Himself to Abram as **EI Olam**, The Everlasting God (Gen 21:33).

He reveals himself to Moses and Israel as **Jehovah**, I AM WHO I AM (Ex 3:13-15).

Israel experiences captivity so that they would know His name.

Jer 16:21 "Therefore behold, I am going to make them know— This time I will make them know My power and My might; And they shall know that My name is the LORD."

### C. Name and Presence - God's name is synonymous with His presence

#### 1. God's name in relation to the Temple

7 times, the bread in the Tabernacle was called, "the bread of the Presence."

Ex 25:30 "You shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.  
(Ex 35:13; Ex 39:36; Nu 4:7; 1 Sa 21:6; 1 Ki 7:48; 2 Ch 4:19)

1 Sa 21:6 Ahimelech the priest gave David the bread of the Presence when he was fleeing from Saul.

The Temple was to be a place for the presence and the Name of the Lord  
(1Ki 8:15-21; 2Ch 6:4-11; Ps 74:7)

Israel was to bring their tithes and offerings to the place (Temple) where God chose to establish His name and presence

Dt 12:5 "But you shall seek the LORD at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, (Dt 12:5-7; 14:22-26)

God was merciful to Israel and was reluctant to cast him from His presence

2 Ki 13:23 But the LORD was gracious to them and had compassion on them and turned to them because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them or cast them from His presence until now.

When the Temple was destroyed, Israel was casted away from His presence  
(2 Ki 24:20; Jer 52:1-3)

God promised restoration of the Temple and His presence after repentance (Ne 1:9).

## **2. Mountains shake at the presence of the Lord**

Description of Mt. Sinai at the giving of the law;

Heb 12:18-21 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, 19 and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. 20 For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED." 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling." (Ex 19:10-25; Ps 68:8)

Mountains quake at the presence of the Lord (Jdg 5:5; Ps 97:5)

When the Lord returns -.

Isa 64:1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence --

Isa 64:1-3 Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence - 2 As fire kindles the brushwood, as fire causes water to boil - To make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things which we did not expect, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence .

Na 1:5 Mountains quake because of Him and the hills dissolve; Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, the world and all the inhabitants in it.

Eze 38:20 and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence ; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground.

## **3. Desire of His presence**

Moses prayed to know the Lord and for His presence with them

Ex 33:13-16 "Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people." 14 And He said, " My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then he said to Him, " If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from

here. 16 "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"

#### 4. Blessings of His presence

Benediction, Priestly blessing - declaring God's presence and Name on them.

Nu 6:22-27 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: 24 The LORD bless you, and keep you; 25 The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' 27 "So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them."

Promise of answered prayer

Ps 20:1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you securely on high!

Ps 54:1 Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your power.

Ps 75:1 We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks, For Your name is near; Men declare Your wondrous works.

Ps 16:11 In Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Praise and thanksgiving brings us into His presence

Ps 95:2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,

Ps 140:13 Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your name; the upright will dwell in Your presence.

We are to go in to battle in the presence of the Lord

Nu 32:27 ...everyone who is armed for war, will cross over in the presence of the LORD to battle, ... (also Nu 32:29-32)

His presence brings refreshing and blessing

Ac 3:19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;"

Mic 5:4 And He (Messiah) will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth.

Jn 17:11-12 Jesus prayed that we would be kept (protected) in His name

"I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. 12 "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

#### 5. Casted away from God's presence is His judgment

Adam and Eve hid from the presence of Lord

Ge 3:8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

The presence of the Lord can bring death

Lev 10:2 And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

Lev 16:1-2 Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the LORD and died.

Isa 30:27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a remote place; Burning is His anger and dense is His smoke; His lips are filled with indignation And His tongue is like a consuming fire;

In famine - David sought the presence of the Lord

2 Sa 21:1 Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David sought the presence of the LORD...

In repentance – David sought the presence of God

Ps 51:11 Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Eternal judgment/damnation is - away from the presence of the Lord!

2 Th 1:8-9 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

## D. The people of God and His name

### 1. God's people are called by His name

Dt 28:10 “So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you.

2Ch 7:14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

### 2. We are called by His name to walk in His glory.

Isa 43:6-7 “I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth, 7 Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

Mic 4:5 Though all the peoples walk Each in the name of his god, As for us, we will walk In the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

### 3. Laws protecting the honor of God's name

1. Don't take the name of the Lord in vain. (Ex 20:7; Ps 139:20)
2. Don't swear falsely by the name of the Lord (Lev 19:12).
3. Don't profane the name of the Lord (Lev 22:2, 32).
4. Don't spurn the name of the Lord (Ps 74:10, 18).
5. Don't defile the name of the Lord (Ezk 43:7-8).
6. Give honor and respect to the name of the Lord (Mal 1:6).

### 4. Righteousness honors God's name

1. Give glory to the name of the Lord (Ps 29:2).
2. Give reverence to the name of the Lord (Ne 1:11; Mal 2:5).
3. Fear the name of the Lord (Ps 86:11-12; Mal 3:16 - 4:2).
4. Confess the name of the Lord (Isa 26:13).

## **E. In His Name - the name of Jesus Christ**

- 1. We are to pray** in the name of Jesus Christ  
(Jn 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23- 24; Mt 18:19-20; Eph 5:20).

And give thanks through His name (Heb 13:15).

- 2. Healing and miracles** are performed in the name of Jesus Christ  
(Mk 16:17-18; Ac 3:6-8, 16; 4:7-10, 30; 19:11-12).

- 3. We are to baptize** in the name of Jesus Christ  
(Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38; 8:12, 15- 16; 10:48; 19:5).

- 4. Salvation** is in the name of Jesus Christ  
(Ac 2:21; 4:12; 5:31; Jn 14:6; 20:31; Joel 2:32).

We believe in His name (Jn 1:12-13; 2:23; 20:31).

- 5. Forgiveness** of sins comes through the name of Jesus Christ  
(Lk 24:47; Ac 10:42-43; 1Co 6:11; 1Jn 2:12).

- 6. We are to preach** in His name  
(Mt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15-18; Mt 1:21; Lk 24:46-49).

- 7. We are to do everything** in the name of Jesus (Col 3:17).

- 8. For His name is exalted** above every other name (Phil 2:9-11; Rev 19:16).