

Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons – Baccalaurean service

Prayer

Lord, we thank you so much for every opportunity we have to come together and to fellowship around the word of God and to drink of the presence of the Holy Spirit that is not only in us, but also very much among us. We're thankful to be among those who have had a glimpse, an insight into the power of your word and the magnificence of your Spirit and the glory of the days that we are living in. For even as the world grows darker, the light of the glorious gospel shines brighter. It is our greatest privilege to be about our Father's business until we hear that great trumpet sound. And when it sounds, Jesus, we will give no thought to this world. We will not look over our shoulder, but we will look and behold You; and we will be caught up with You forever to be with the Lord. And to leave this place today more in touch, more in tune and more aware of You than we ever have been. We give You praise for that in the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God,"

What does the word "God" mean?

1. An idol.
2. A nebulous powerful force that is imagined to be responsible for one's fate. In other words, a figment of your imagination.
3. The supreme being.

All people have a god either named or unnamed. Man was by design, created to have a God.

There are more than 4,300 religions that have been identified in the world, and each one has at least one god.

How does our God distinguish Himself from all others?

It is His name, or I should say His names; His many, many names. No name of God is merely just a title. Each name is an attribute of His nature, His character, and quality.

The Muslims claim the names of Allah are also his attributes with his ninety-nine names. These names are said to represent his attributes, as well as his beauty, and his glorification.

What about our God?

Our God from the beginning named Himself. And throughout scripture He identifies Himself declaring His own attributes and nature.

God Himself declares over 1000 different names!

Could there be more than a thousand names? Absolutely. When Brother Jesse Duplantis was taken to heaven, he saw angels encircling the throne. Every time they looked down upon Him and upon the throne they looked, and they saw another attribute of His glorious person. And with that, they cried; Holy, Holy, Holy. Revelation says that they have and will continue to do that forever. They will never stop because His attributes are endless.

There is more than identification in the names of God. There is revelation by His names. He has revealed Himself. He gives us knowledge of Himself and the light we need to begin to see and know Him. I say begin to know because every attribute is endless.

It's endless in its depth. It's endless in its scope, unending height, unending width, unending breath to every name, to every attribute to every quality, and to His nature.

And because His all-encompassing attribute is love. He wants us to know Him if it was possible, as personally and as intimately as He knows us. Within every one of His names is the grace. What is the grace? Grace is His ability, His power to encounter who He is and who He says He is not merely what He is. This is revelation with impartation.

Our God is even greater still than all others.

He is faithful to His name without fail, forever and always. He is faithful to every name, to every quality, to every attribute. Never missing it, never diminishing, never drawing back, never changing what He says He is.

God has put Himself and the revealing of Himself in every name that He has declared to be His own. **His name can and will always do what He can do.** His name is His word and His word is His name, a bond. And He is eternally bound to His name.

For those that question whether God heals today, He would have to change His name and say, "I used to be the God your healer, but I don't do that thing anymore. I used to be God the provider, but I don't feel that way anymore."

Names of God:

<https://christiananswers.net/dictionary/namesofgod.html>

Names of Jesus:

<https://www.christianamerica.us/2016/06/names-and-titles-of-our-lord-jesus.html>

Here's just a few of the names that belong to our God.

- The Lord God.
- The Most High God.
- The Almighty God.
- The Everlasting God.
- The God of heaven.
- The God of earth.
- The Lord God of heaven,
- God Almighty.

- The Mighty God.
- The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.
- A God who is so secure in His godness that He gave Himself to be the God of a man, and named Himself with that man's name, the God of Abraham. You could say it this way. *I am the God who belongs to Abraham. Not just the God over Abraham, but I'm the God and I belong to him. I'm God, and I belong to Isaac. I'm God, and I belong to Jacob.* [When someone says God's through with the Jews, He'd need to change His name.]
- God of the Hebrews.
- God of Israel, His name is jealous.
- God of the spirits of all flesh.
- The God of Gods.
- The Eternal God.
- The Living God.
- The Strength of Israel.
- The Rock, the God of the Rock of my Salvation.
- The Rock of Israel
- The Righteous God.
- The Fortress, the Deliverer, the Strength, the Buckler, the Horn of Salvation, the Hightower.
- The God of Glory.
- The God of Truth.
- The Almighty.
- The Refuge.
- The Holy One of Israel.
- The Glorious Lord.
- The Lord God of Host.

Amen.

In the Old Testament when Moses was in front of the burning bush, Moses said, who shall I say sent me? The burning bush [God] said, you tell them "I Am that I Am. "

The Hebrew says, I'll be what I will be. I'll be whatever I need to be.

I'll be for you whatever you need me to be.

The next time you read Matthew 18:18-19. Jesus said, any two or more of you are gathered together in My name, there, **the I Am is in the midst of you.**

Perhaps most notable to us among these wonderful names are known as the seven redemptive names of God. Each beginning with what we pronounce as Jehovah. Jehovah is defined as, "an approximation of the holiest name of God." In Hebrew, the name is held so sacred that it is never written or spoken. Scholars are not sure exactly how it should be pronounced. Some of you wonder why we have on the screens when we sing songs with Jewish guests among us. We put a line through the word, G-d or L-rd because that's what Jews do to represent that name.

The ineffable name, the unpronounceable name, the name that is so great and so powerful and so holy to them in their eyes and in their ears. They won't let it cross their human lips. And that is their way of recognizing and giving honor to that name.

Jehovah, meaning the unchanging eternal self-existent God. No one created Him. No one can give Him information that He does not know. No one can supply Him with something that He needs or requires to exist as God.

There are many names that are attached to the name Jehovah.

- **Jehovah Elohim, the eternal creator**, this is the name of God that we see in Genesis. This Hebrew word is plural, and it indicates the Trinity. In Genesis chapter one, you see God, the Father, God the Word, and God the Holy Spirit. [This plurality means that all the names and attributes of God were present in creation.]
- **Jehovah Adonai, the Lord, our Sovereign**
- **Jehovah M'Kaddesh, the Lord, our Sanctifier**
- **Jehovah Sabaoth, the Lord of [Angelic] Hosts,**
- **Jehovah Elyon, Lord, Most High**

- Jehovah Hioseenu, the Lord, our Maker,
- Jehovah Eloheenu, the Lord, our God.
- Jehovah Eloheka, the Lord, thy God,
- Jehovah Elohim, the Lord, my God.

All these names of God were given by God to men. But there are seven names that He gave and declared of Himself through the lips of men. Though men declared these names, they recognized Him.

- Jehovah Jireh, the Lord my provider,
- Jehovah Rapha, the Lord my healer,
- Jehovah Nissi, the Lord my banner. Think about the American flag and how that banner goes before an army. That banner is a champion banner. The Israelites had banners for each tribe. All the 12 tribes had a banner that they followed, but there was a banner above them all. The name of the Lord, Jehovah Nissi, the Lord, my banner, my champion, my victor, my leader, my defender in times of a battle or war.
- Jehovah Rohi, the Lord my shepherd,
- Jehovah Shalom, the Lord my peace,
- Jehovah Tsidkenu, the Lord my righteousness.
- Jehovah Shammah, the Lord is there for me.

These are called the seven redemptive names, the names that belong to men. And in those names are the embodiment, not only of what God was to Israel, but the embodiment of what He would be to Israel as redeemer and Savior.

God not only revealed His name, but He gave His name to men, allowing them the right to see His name, recognize His name, and to call upon His name.

He had a much greater plan for His name. He wanted to share His name, not in part, but to fully name man with His name. Not to have a part of his name in a man's name like Abram's name was changed to Abraham, or Sarai's name which was changed to Sarah. God wanted to have every man to be named with His name.

God had a plan. He began to call His names, speak His names, and put His names on the lips of men. Prophets, over thousands of years were declaring His name, speaking His name, calling His name, and every time they spoke His name, they spoke His word until that word became flesh.

And then God said, call His name Jesus.

What are some of those names? Beginning in Genesis;

- He's the Seed of the woman.
- He is the Star out of Jacob.
- He's the Prophet.
- He's the Rock of salvation.
- He's the Anointed.
- He's the son.
- He's the stone of stumbling, the rock of offense.
- He's Wonderful.
- He's Counselor.
- He is Mighty God.
- He's the Everlasting Father.
- He is the prince of Peace.
- He's the rod out of Jesse.
- He is the Branch.
- He is my Servant, my elect.
- He is the Redeemer.
- He is the Presence.
- He is the Lord, our righteousness.
- The Messiah.
- The judge of Israel.
- The desire of all nations.
- He's the Refiner and the Purifier.
- The son of Righteousness with healing in His wings.
- He is Jesus.
- He is the son of Abraham, the son of David, the Christ Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.
- King of the Jews.

- The Governor.
- The Nazarene.
- The Son of God.
- He is the Physician.
- The Bridegroom.
- The Friend of sinners.
- The Beloved.
- The Sower of the seed.
- The Son of the highest.
- The horn of salvation.
- The Day Spring.
- Christ, the Lord Savior.
- The consolation of Israel.
- He is Jesus of Nazareth.
- Holy One of God.
- He is the Word of God.
- The Word made flesh.
- He is the True Light.
- The Only Begotten Son.
- The King of Israel.
- He's Teacher.
- He is gift of God.
- Savior of the world.
- He's the Bread of God.
- The Bread of life.
- He's the Light of the world.
- Door of the sheep.
- He's the Good shepherd.
- He is the Way, the Truth, the Life.
- He is the Vine.
- He is Lord and God.
- He is the Holy One and Just.
- He is the Holy Child.
- He is the Prince.
- He is the Savior.
- He's the Lord of all.
- He's our propitiation.

- He's the Deliverer.
- He's the Power of God.
- He's the Wisdom of God.
- He's our sanctification.
- He is the Lord of glory.
- He is our Passover.
- He is the Spiritual Rock.
- He's Christ, the first fruits.
- He's the second Adam.
- He is the last Adam.
- He's the image of God.
- He is the Chief Cornerstone.
- He's Head of the Church.
- He's first born from the dead.
- He is Christ our Lord.
- He's the Mediator.
- He's the man, Christ Jesus.
- He's the Ransom for all.
- He is Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.
- He's the Captain of our salvation.
- The Apostle and High Priest of our profession.
- He is Minister of the sanctuary.
- He is the Author and Finisher of our faith.
- The Great Shepherd of the sheep.
- He is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.
- He's the Chief Shepherd.
- He's the Advocate.
- He's the Faithful Witness.
- He's the Alpha. He's the Omega.
- He's the Beginning. He the End.
- He the First and the Last.
- He's the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.
- He's the Root of David.
- He's the Bright and Morning Star.

He is all of these and many more!

Philippians 2:7-11; (NKJV)

“But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Hebrews 1:8-9; (NKJV)

“But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

God Himself named Jesus the Christ, as God the Son equal in the eyes of the Father. **Every name is in that name Jesus.** But God did not stop there.

Acts 4: declares:

“Jesus, the name given among men by which we must be saved and whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Jesus last earthly act was to give His name. As a great commission to take Jesus' name, to use that name in faith, and His name will do whatever He can do!

In Jesus' name, we aren't only saved; but in His name devils must flee through our faith in His name. The lame walk, the blind see, His name brings healing, restoration, deliverance, and provision.

So, KCBC graduates of 2024, you are to take that name.

Go into every man's world with that name, with the power of that name, coupled with faith in your heart in that name.

Take that name, declare that name, speak that name to every man!