

THE LORD IS ONE AND HIS NAME IS ONE

The prophet Zechariah proclaiming the Messianic Kingdom in chapter 14:9 says, "And YHWH shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be-YHWH is one, and His name is one." Coming to the revelation of the oneness of God's being and the oneness of His name form the bedrock of the Messianic Community. The chief cornerstone, which is Messiah Yahshua, has been laid upon this bedrock. From this sure foundation all the plumb lines are drawn out, forming the building lines of God's Holy Temple. As living stones we must fall on the rock and be broken, so we can be fitted into our place. Now in union with the Messiah we can be built up into a dwelling place for God.

One of the greatest truths that has emerged in this walk is the necessity of being able to change. To grow in the knowledge of God means a life of letting go of the old and pressing into the new. It is easy to get stuck in forms of doctrine and systems of religion, that with time, harden us to the possibility that "we don't know yet, as we ought to know."

In order to participate, we must have a heart condition that readily responds to the initial proclamation of the gospel: "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." As you read what is to follow in this notebook we want you to know that it is presented in this spirit.

John 17:3 *"And eternal life is this: to know you, the one true God, and Him whom you sent, Yahshua the Messiah."* (CJB)

This scripture begins our journey into a relationship with the God of Israel. Yahshua, who is the one God incarnate, prays forth the purpose of salvation; which is to have an ever increasing intimate knowledge of the true God. Just as in any relationship we have to get to know each other. Central in any growing relationship is the revealing of names and coming to a place of ease in speaking forth the names. To know God intimately we must know His name and be able to call upon His name.

Many people are satisfied with sayings like, "Praise the name or Blessed be the name." Although these expressions fall short of actually speaking out the name. To take God's name into our mouth and speak it forth takes getting used to. We are much more comfortable calling God by titles than by name. The translators of our bibles show this condition by using the title LORD to translate the sacred tetragramaton. Instead of putting the covenant name revealed by the four Hebrew letters (YHWH), they are more comfortable with only a title. If a relationship is confined to only titles then a certain intimacy is lacking.

A name is also crucial to revelation. God is Elohim in creation, El Shaddai to the patriarchs, YHWH Elohim to Israel in Egypt, YHWH Tz'vaot in the land, Adonai

YHWH in the prophets, and Yahshua to all those who trust in Him for salvation. The one God is constantly revealing more of Himself to those in relationship with Him. As we call upon His name we invoke His presence. There is reality behind the name.

As you have noticed we have chosen to use only the four letters for the sacred name. This is because there exists a number of differing convictions as to the proper pronunciation of The Name. Some examples: Yahweh, Yahveh, Yahvah, and Yahwah, and Yahwh. Our prayer is that YHWH will reveal His Name in a mighty way to His people. Just as He audibly spoke His name from Mt. Sinai, He can make it clear to us all precisely how to call out The Name. This does not mean we should refrain from calling upon the Name as He has revealed it to us.

Following this introduction we present a few of the many names our God has revealed in scripture. This list is certainly not exhaustive. It is offered as a help in our ongoing relationship with YHWH.