



Personal God (Jehovah & Adonai)

Exodus 3:10-15; 4:10-11

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Today, if God were to introduce himself to me as “I am _____,” what would he tell me?

Yahweh / Jehovah: LORD

Exodus 3:10-15, “10 ‘So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.’ 11 But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ 12 And God said, ‘I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.’ 13 Moses said to God, ‘Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they ask me, “What is his name?” Then what shall I tell them?’ 14 God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: “I am has sent me to you.”’ 15 God also said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you.” This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.’” (NIV)

The Hebrew *Yahweh* or *Jehovah* is translated “LORD” and means “to be.”

Yahweh / Jehovah is:

- Self-Existent
- Self-Sufficient
- Self-Revealing

Yahweh / Jehovah is the Personal Name of God. It is his Covenant Name. God wants a personal relationship with me.

Genesis 2:4, 7, “4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens...7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” (NIV)

Do I know the LORD?

Is my relationship growing?

Yahweh / Jehovah is the God who saves us.

Exodus 6:2-6, “2 God also said to Moses, ‘I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself fully known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Therefore, say to the Israelites: “I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.’” (NIV)

Adonai: Lord

The Hebrew *Adonai* is translated “Lord” and means “owner, master, lord.”

Psalms 97:5, “...the Lord of all the earth.” (NIV)

Luke 6:46, “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” (NIV)

God is my Lord when there is his total possession of me and my total submission to him.

Matthew 7:21-23, “21 Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” (NIV)

Exodus 4:10-12, “10 Moses said to the LORD, ‘Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.’ 11 The LORD said to him, ‘Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.’” (NIV)

When I give God my life, he can make it able.

John 8:58, “‘Very truly I tell you,’ Jesus answered, ‘before Abraham was born, I am!’” (NIV)

Jesus was the great “I am.”

If God’s name is “I am,” that means I am not.

I am not, but I can know “I am.”

For every need I have, “I am” is the answer.