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Series: God Has A Name

Part 1: What's In A Name?

Question: What does your name mean?

Question: What does God's name mean?

What are some things you remember from last Sunday's message?

Was there anything that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

What did Jim say was the most important thing he would say all morning?

[A: "What you think about God is the most important thing about you."]

Do you agree or disagree? Why?

How do you know if you've created God in your own image?

Why does God have a name?

What's the difference between a "title" and a "name"?

What were the three key statements Jim mentioned multiple times in his message?

[A: If you truly knew God you would love him.

The better you know him, the more you will love him.

If you don't love him, it's because you don't know him.]

Do you think these statements are true? Why or why not?

READ: Exodus 33:12-16

"One day Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Take these people up to the Promised Land.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, 'I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.' If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you

more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people.” The Lord replied, “I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you.” Then Moses said, “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place. How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don’t go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.” (NLT)

What did Moses want God to do?

What sets God’s people apart from everyone else?

What else strikes you about this passage?

CONTINUE READING: Exodus 33:17–34:4

“The Lord replied to Moses, “I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name.” Moses responded, “Then show me your glorious presence.” The Lord replied, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will call out my name, Yahweh, before you. For I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose. But you may not look directly at my face, for no one may see me and live.” The Lord continued, “Look, stand near me on this rock. As my glorious presence passes by, I will hide you in the crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and let you see me from behind. But my face will not be seen.” Then the Lord told Moses, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones. I will write on them the same words that were on the tablets you smashed. Be ready in the morning to climb up Mount Sinai and present yourself to me on the top of the mountain. No one else may come with you. In fact, no one is to appear anywhere on the mountain. Do not even let the flocks or herds graze near the mountain.” So Moses chiseled out two tablets of stone like the first ones. Early in the morning he climbed Mount Sinai as the Lord had commanded him, and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands.

What did God mean when he said, “*I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose.*” Does God ever choose not to show compassion to someone?

Is there a connection between Moses holding the Ten Commandments in his hands and God revealing himself to Moses?

CONTINUE READING: Exodus 34:5-9

Then the Lord came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, “Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations.” Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped. And he said, “O Lord, if it is true that I have found favor with you, then please travel with us. Yes, this is a stubborn and rebellious people, but please forgive our iniquity and our sins. Claim us as your own special possession.” (NLT)

God said that he forgives “iniquity, rebellion, and sin”. Immediately after saying this he said he “does not excuse the guilty.” Are these contradictory statements? Why or why not?

What did God mean when he said he “*lays the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren...*”?