

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

BIBLICAL DOCTRINE

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The Names Of God

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“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer

“A right conception of God is basic not only to systematic theology but to practical Christian living as well... I believe there is scarcely an error in doctrine or a failure in applying Christian ethics that cannot be traced finally to imperfect and ignoble thoughts about God.”

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1) If I do not have a biblically accurate view of God, nothing else in my thinking and worldview can be accurate.

2) Salvation is knowing God, and to know Him I need to have an accurate understanding of who He is.

Hosea 6:6

“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

John 17:3

“And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

Phil. 3:8

“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord... (vs. 10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.”

1 Pet. 1:2-3

“May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His Divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him...”

The Golden Calf

32 ¹ When the people saw that Moses ^vdelayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, ^w“Up, make us gods who shall ^xgo before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ² So Aaron said to them, “Take off the ^yrings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ ^zAnd he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden¹ calf. And they said, ^a“These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron ^bmade a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” ⁶ And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And ^cthe people sat down to eat and drink and rose up ^dto play.

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for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, ^hit is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now therefore ⁱlet me alone, that ^jmy wrath may burn hot against them and ^kI may consume them, in order that ^lI may make a great nation of you.”

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Dictionary Definition

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AV (6519) - LORD 6510, GOD 4, JEHOVAH 4, variant 1; Jehovah = "the existing One"

1. the proper name of the one true God
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1) Nature – Psalm 8:1,3, 19:1, Rom. 1:19

2) Conscience – Rom. 2:14-15

3) His Word – 2 Tim. 3:16-17

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“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

The Names of God

- **Elohim** – The Creator, the One with supreme strength
 - Used over 2,300 times in the Old Testament

Gen. 1:1

“In the beginning, God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth.”

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God (Elohim) require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?”

“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God...”

The Names of God

- **El Eyon** – The God most high
 - Used 28 times in the Old Testament

Genesis 14:19-20

“And he blessed him and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High (El Eyon), Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’”

Daniel 4:34-35

“At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’”

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- **El Roi** – The God who sees me
 - Used once in Scripture

Genesis 16:13-14

“So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, ‘You are a God of seeing,’ for she said, ‘Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.’”

- **El Shaddai** – The God who is almighty, The God who is sufficient
- **El Olam** – The God who is eternal or everlasting

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- **Yahweh/Jehovah (YHWH)** — I Am, The One Who Is, The Self-Existent One
 - Most common and primary name for God used in the Old Testament
 - Used 6,800 times in Old Testament
 - Begins in Genesis 2, after creation is complete and God begins personal interaction with man

Exodus 3:13-15

“Then Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?’” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘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, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

Exodus 33:19

“And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”

Isaiah 42:8

“I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.”

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In our Biblical Doctrine theology book, the section on God's names on page 156 states the following:

“The meaning of Yahweh is important for theology... the name indicates that God “is” and “wills to be”.The name implies He had no beginning, will have no ending, and is ever present.The name also implies that His being is derived from His own self-determination to be and to be what He is, so He is eternally who and what He is.”

“Later, the perfections (attributes) of God will be specified, but one needs to know from the name Yahweh that God is eternal, simple, self-existent, and present at every event in time.”

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Jehovah-Jirah – The Lord Will Provide

Jehovah-Rophe – The Lord Who Heals

Jehovah-Roiy – The Lord Who Is My Shepherd

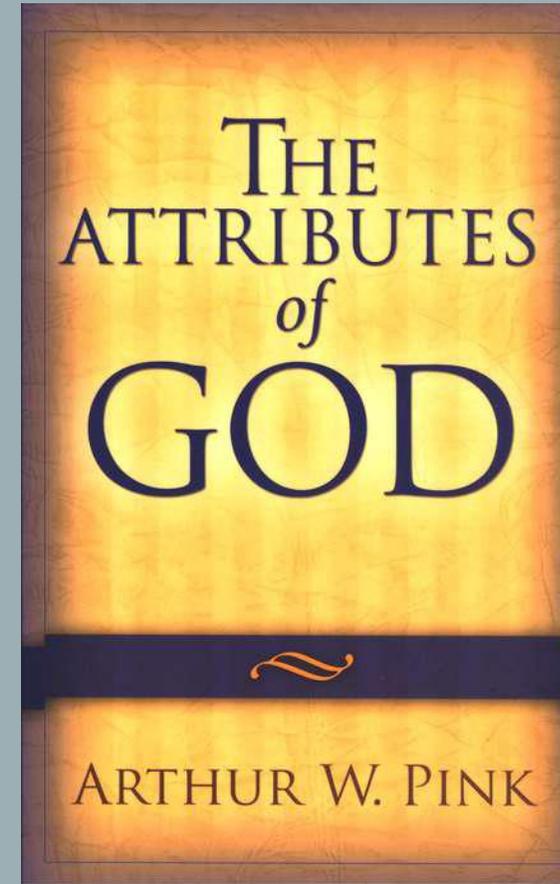
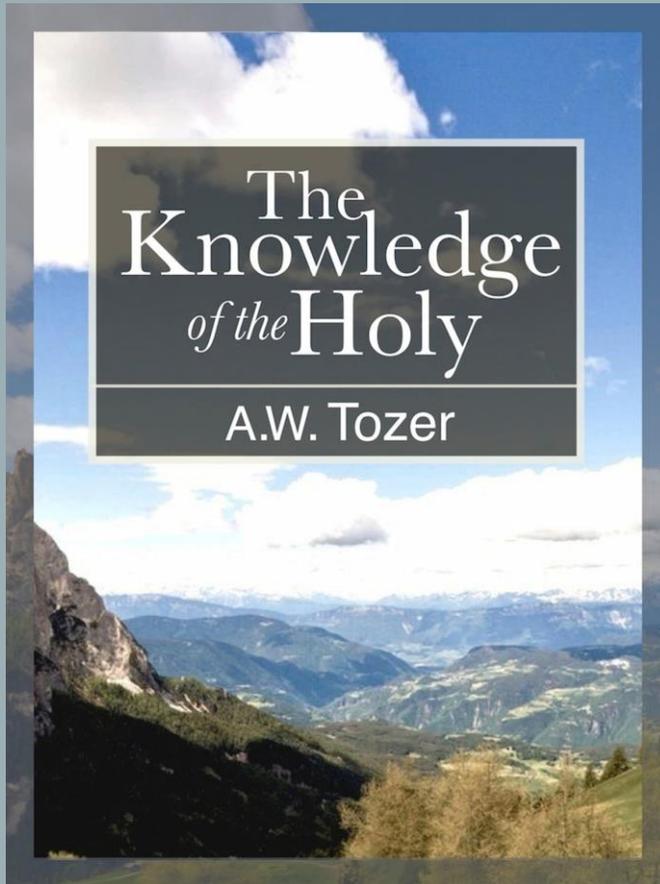
Jehovah-Shalom – The Lord Is Peace

Jehovah-Shammah – The Lord Is There

Jehovah-Tsabaoth – The Lord Of Hosts

Jehovah-Mekadidshkem – The Lord Who Sanctifies

Additional Resources:



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The Attributes of God Pt. I

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