

S-#2 NAMES OF GOD
TURKEY 2009

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SLIDE #: MRS. FIELD'S COOKIES

Near American Airlines ticket counter at Chicago's O'Hare Airport is a Mrs. Fields Cookie Outlet.

Describe aroma of cookies.

Lady had layover. Bought a half dozen cookies to munch. Sat down at one of the tables and began to eat her cookies. Decided to get a newspaper.

Returned to table and began to read her paper.

Presently she heard the rattle - rattle of her cookie bag and looked up from her paper just in time to see a disheveled long haired young man reach into the bag and begin to munch munch on a cookie. She was furious.

The gall of the young man. She glared at him and then reached into the bag and pulled out a cookie and ate it while he watched. She returned to her paper.

Presently the bag rattled again. She put down her paper and saw his hand in the bag again.

She was furious! Should she call the police? Should she cry out and admonish him?

Finally she gave him a stare of utter disgust and contempt. She reached in the bag and took another cookie. And she ate it. There was only one left. She wanted it.

He looked around rather sheepishly. Finally he broke the cookie and handed half of it to her.

She was outraged. She picked up her purse, gathered up her newspaper and stomped down to her gate. She sat fuming until her flight was called to board. She opened her purse to get her airline ticket and there on top was her bag of Mrs. Fields cookies.

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SLIDE #: As we enter into the throne room of God, can you imagine that things look quite differently from the lord's heavenly perspective than from our earthly perspective.

We learn this in the throne room during worship.

Read 1 Chronicles 16:28-29: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength; ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship (shaha) the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

The Hebrew word for worship is "Shaha." It means to "bow low" or to "prostrate" oneself. "Shaha" has an even older derivative: "to kiss the hand of one who is revered."

Whoever made up this word probably had a dog. Dog licks face, hands, loves to lick—just comes naturally to a dog. Have to train it out of them.

SLIDE #: Dog licking hand: Becky or Surely and Goody: "That is her hand."

They worship me! Not really. But I am the source of their sustenance: food, companionship, walks, pets, kisses, and they look to me with these big brown eyes.

What word best describes how we come before God? Like a dog, licking God's hand.

Acknowledging the worth the living Jesus Christ.

Revelation 4:11: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."
Revelation 5.

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SLIDE #:What do we see in the throne room?
Read Revelation 4:1-6

Praise causes us to see God, high and holy and lifted up!
READ ISAIAH 6:1-5.

C.S. Lewis: Space trilogy: Infinite distance between God and us.

When, in the midst of praise, we see God for Who and What He is, we begin to see ourselves for what we really are.
We need some one bigger and greater than ourselves to be able to take care of our problems

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SEVERAL THINGS HAPPEN IN THE THRONE ROOM.

SLIDE #: IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE WE SEE THAT NOTHING IS OUT OF CONTROL!

Stephen sees Jesus standing up looking down on what is happening to him.

See Him on the throne? He is not wringing His hands over a world catapulting into oblivion. He does not walk around the throne with a furrowed brow and a worried look. He is the sovereign God. He is running the show.

Amanda Story: Stealing; now MD. God had a good plan for her.

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Braniff Building story

SLIDE #: Ecclesiastes 5:1-2: Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

Better to listen to God than to tell Him what to do!

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SLIDE #: THE THRONE ROOM IS WHERE WE ARE INVITED TO KNOW GOD WELL.

Children's intimacy letters with God.

SLIDE #: Dear God, Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? Norma

SLIDE #: Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You just keep the ones you have now? Jane

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SLIDE #: Dear God, Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce

SLIDE #: Dear God, It rained for our whole vacation and is my father mad! He said some things about you that people are not supposed to say, but I hope you will not hurt him anyway. Your friend (but I am not going to tell you who I am)

SLIDE #: Dear God, I want to be just like my daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over. Sam

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SLIDE #: Dear God, I bet it is very hard for you to love all the people in the world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it. Nan

SLIDE #: Dear God, If you watch me in church Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes. Mickey

SLIDE #: Dear God, My brother told me about being born, but it doesn't sound right.

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SLIDE #: Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! Eugene

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SLIDE #: If you want to know what God is really like, draw close to him in praise.

READ PSALM 22:3: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you who inhabits our praise.

In other words, Praise is where God lives. It is His permanent address. Praise is His home element. He is at home in praise.

To put it in our terms, God is most able to relax and be at home in the midst of praise.

Perfect House illustration

Spend much time at the office or in people's homes or at the hospital, etc., but, if you want to see me most at home you may do so at my house.

An infant does not have to be taught to raise his arms toward his mother. He naturally reaches out to her. He lights up when she walks into the room. He is the sparkle in his mother's eye and he sees himself through the reflection of her devotion.

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Exercise SLIDE #1: Get quiet before God and think of one of the most intimate times you have ever spent with God. Then share your thoughts with the others around you.

● Slide: It must have been marvelous to watch Christ pray. The disciples saw Him often on long nights alone – and stole glances at Him.

They knew how the Pharisees prayed: arms up, heads high, and loud.
But they saw power in the prayers of Jesus that they didn't see in the prayers of the Pharisees.

Luke 11:1: "Lord, teach us to pray."
In Luke 11 Christ gave to them what we often call "The Lord's Prayer."

"This, then, is how you should pray:

● Slide: Matthew 6:9: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be thy name

Glad that this is our Father in Heaven.

"Abba, Father."

Great if your dad was a loving dad, tucked you in at night, etc,

But what if your dad was not like that at all. Mom's Dad Story

Children in Dallas, poor concept of a father... "I watched my dad beat my mom until she couldn't get up off the floor."

EXERCISE SLIDE: #2: Share with your group what your dad was like. Is your view of God as father today affected at all by what your father was like?

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SLIDE #: HALLOWED BE THY NAME...

Names are important.

Jack Biggers: Adeline: crotchety, grouchy old woman

Julie Gail running around

Roger spear thrower: darts to the heart

Brie: Gift of God.

SLIDE #: Bronwyn: means "White Breasts." Was not until college that we told her what it really meant: White breasts.

"How come I get white breasts! It sounds like a chicken order."

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One day my four-year-old daughter asked me about God's name. I explained God had many names including Father, Lord, and Jehovah. After listening to my long explanation, she asked, "Can I just call him Doug?"

Names tell us what God is like

● Slide: Significant name of God: YHWH

Explain YHWH: I am (past present and future) eternal existence

Jewish leaders arguing with Jesus about who His father really was—implied He was illegitimate.

Tell John 8:54-57: Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

"You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

Tell John 8:58-59: "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"
59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

It is derived from the verb, "To Be." He is. He is existence. He is life itself.

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● Slide: ELOHIM names emphasize God's Mighty Power and Majestic Character.

● Slide: El-Shaddai: God Almighty

Eliezer = "God is help"

Elidad = "my God has loved"

Eliab = "my God is father" or "God is father"

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● Slide: JEHOVAH (YHWH)

JEHOVAH reveals God as a God of moral attributes and values

It is JEHOVAH who pronounces and metes out punishment.

READ EXODUS 32:33-35 and see Jehovah coming to deal with Israel and the golden calf.

But, Jehovah is also a God of love.

I like to pray through the Jehovah names of God. There are eight of them.

● Slide: 1. JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU = JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jeremiah 23:5-6 - "The Lord our Righteousness."

Benefit of forgiveness of sin and qualification for eternal life in Heaven when I die.

2 Corinthians 5:21: "God has made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

TIM'S TRASH CAN ILLUSTRATION

3 volunteers

Bad, selfish life, hurt a lot of people: not totally wrong: \$500

Cruised through life, watched for self and others: \$5000

Really outstanding life of service and sacrifice. So many good deeds: \$20,000.

Lay good things on this altar as an offering to God.

Remove black sheet to reveal trash can.

Pour out trash> Do you want my raisin brand?

Thank God that I am fit for Heaven. Not by works or deeds. Accepted in the Beloved.

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☉ Slide: 2. JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH = JEHOVAH OUR SANCTIFIER

Leviticus 20:7 - "The Lord makes you holy."

Lord, I want to be right in every decision that I make today. I don't want to be wrong anywhere. Sanctify me.

TIM'S CIGARETTE ILLUSTRATION

Gaylord Kambarami, the General Secretary of the Bible Society in Zimbabwe, tried to give a New Testament to a very belligerent man. The man insisted he would roll the pages and use them to make cigarettes.

Mr. Kambarami said, "I understand that, but at least promise to read the page of the New Testament before you smoke it."

The man agreed, and the two went their separate ways.

Fifteen years later, the two men met at a Methodist convention in Zimbabwe.

The scripture-smoking pagan had found Christ and was now a full-time evangelist.

He told the audience, "I smoked Matthew and I smoked Mark and I smoked Luke. But when I got to John 3:16, I couldn't smoke anymore. My life was changed from that moment."

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☉ Slide: 3. JEHOVAH-SHALOM = JEHOVAH OUR PEACE

Judges 6:24 - "The Lord is peace."

Calmed the storm: What does he need to calm in your life?

For all worriers and anxious: Calm down. God is in control.

Coming to church anxious: "Lord, I need your peace today."

Greatest picture of peace: Karl Mendenhall

Prostate cancer killed him. Big man. Godly man: never heard him say a bad word about anyone.

“Roger, please come, Karl is dying at home. It was a Saturday.
Wally and Cosetta Klein; Bill and Fran Wiggin; Ann Ray.

Hospital bed in living room.

Awakened early in the morning: “Grace, What day is it?” “Saturday.” “Is it a good day to go home to the Lord?” “Any day is a good day to go home to the Lord.”

“I am ready to go be with Jesus.”

Lungs filling with fluid: Began to sing, “Jesus Loves Me.”

“Roger, read 2 Corinthians 5: “We know that our earthly body is decaying, one day we will take it off and put on the heavenly body.”

“I am ready to go see Jesus now.”

Grace: “It is OK, Karl. It is time to go home and see Jesus. Why don’t you just close your eyes and go?”

So he did.

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● Slide: 4. JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH = JEHOVAH OUR INDWELLING PRESENCE.

Ezekiel 48:35 - "The Lord is there."

Read Colossians 1:27 – "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Need to get in touch with the Holy Spirit in us. He is the partner in our lives for everyday living.

Partner up with Holy Spirit today.

Story: “some one with flesh on.”

Story: thunder storm-dad; 4-year-old daughter must be terrified. Runs up stairs to see her standing in the picture window. Arms spread out. Thunder crashing and lightning flashing:

“Look, God is taking my picture.”

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EXERCISE SLIDE #: #3: Give every person a list of the first four names of God.

TSIDKENU (righteousness)-Jeremiah 23:5-6

M'KADDESH (sanctifier)-Leviticus 20:7

SHALOM (peace)-Judges 6:24

SHAMMAH (present)-Exodus 48:35

Testimonies-Let each person at the table choose an attribute of God. Have each one write some of the ways that particular attribute of God has ministered to his/her life. Then have each individual give testimony of which attribute they chose and how God ministered to them.

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Julie gives healing example as intro to exercise

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☉ Slide: 5. JEHOVAH-ROPHE – JEHOVAH OUR HEALER

Exodus 15:26 - "The Lord who heals you."

Pray every day to Jehovah-Rophe to heal and cleanse my body and my family.

Physical healings. Seen many. Oil of Holy Spirit.

Doctor with cervical cancer

Ralph Rohr

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Sometimes God chooses to work through medicine and doctors.

Derrek: many of you praying for him. Esophagus problem; several doctors, getting worse—
lost forty pounds: nothing would get past the spasms. Stomach acid was ruining his
vocal cords: for a preacher who cannot raise his voice above a whisper, his whole career
was on the line.

Praying constantly:

Told us it was incurable.

Julie called her 2nd cousin who is the head of medicine in Indiana. He knew a friend in Utah
who knew a friend in California who knew a specialist in Dallas.

Diagnosed his problem: Only one in 600,000 people have this problem

He had done 112 of these surgeries—people came from all over the nation.

Took stomach and made a passive valve. Has to sleep sitting up—has to deal with it
carefully the rest of his life—Like Paul's thorn—but he is preaching again and on his way
back to health.

More than just physical healing: Emotional, Spiritual or mental healing.

ROPHE means to restore or cure or heal in the physical, moral, and spiritual sense

What does God heal in your life?

Your marriage?

Wayward children?

Abuse

Memories

Fears

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☉ Slide: 6. JEHOVAH-JIREH = JEHOVAH OUR PROVIDER

Pray for my day and everything on my calendar for the day. Ask God to provide... finances...
health... needs.

God sees our needs beforehand and will provide for them.

Find this name for God in Genesis 22:14

Elohim commands Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Abraham sees the ram caught in the bushes and says "The Lord provides! Let's call this place."

JIREH means both "To See" and "To Provide". "In the MT of the Lord, it will be provided."

What are the things in your life which are not now in your life that you would like God to provide?

Marriage?

Job?

Wayward child?

Marriage partner?

Finances?

College?

New job?

Merle Spear: Jessie's bills: "How much more do you need?"

Look for God's provision from other Christians.

Famine in Jerusalem. Paul is raising money to meet their needs.

Read Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:14: At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.

Vehicle for us from gracious church members worried about us being on the road to Dallas.

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🔴 Slide: 7. JEHOVAH-NISSI – JEHOVAH OUR BANNER

Exodus 17:15 - "The Lord my banner."

In God's battle this represents a sign of deliverance and salvation. Christ is the banner of our redemption and warfare.

Banners are signal flags to tell us what the war is progressing.

Romans 8:31, 37 – "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

🔴 Slide: Ashwaud

He is under arrest by the Jordanian secret police—interrogated and taking away his passport—but his team is on the way.

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Dad dying in wheel chair at doctor's office: "Well, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

He is flying Jesus' flag.

I want to fly His flag all day, wherever I am and whatever I am doing.

Issue is not how large or straight the flagpole; the important thing is to be flying the right flag.

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● Slide: 8. JEHOVAH-ROHI = JEHOVAH IS MY SHEPHERD

Psalm 23:1 - "The Lord is our Shepherd."

We all need a shepherd. The Lord is my shepherd, He is all I want.

SLIDE #: Learned something about sheep this week I did not know.

Whenever a pregnant ewe goes into labor, she immediately sits down. But if she is facing downhill when she sits, she will stay in that direction, fighting against gravity to push the lamb out of the womb. If no one helps her, she will die in that position rather than simply turn around.

Jerry said every night his family has to carefully count the pregnant sheep. When even one ewe is missing, the whole family goes out to search for her. They either bring her home or stay with her until her labor is over. If the weather is harsh, they have to build a shelter around her, while using their bodies to keep her warm.

I am like that stubborn animal. Too often I lie down facing the wrong way. I can't get up by myself and the Chief Shepherd comes and camps over me and gently leads me to turn around.

EXERCISE SLIDE #4: Give every person a list of the second four names of God.

ROPHE (healer)-Exodus 15:26

JEHOVAH-JIREH (provider)-Genesis 22:14

NISSI (banner)-Exodus 17:15

ROHI (shepherd)-Psalm 23:1

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MEDITATION: Psalm 23

CD: Possible use of "The Lord is My Shepherd" video along with "Shepherd's Journey" music.