



Jehovah

YHWH (יהוה)

John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

1 Chronicles 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Tetragrammaton-- from the Greek:

- means “word with four letters”
- YHWH

YHWH -- in the Hebrew alphabet is yodh-heh-vav-heh

- Most English Bibles YHWH is written Lord
- It appears approximately 5600 in Old Testament Scriptures
- this is the personal name of God
- the self existent one
- this denotes Gods personal name and His eternality
- The first time recorded in the Bible
- Used to describe God as a covenant Keeper
- This name is used more than any other name for God in the Bible
- *Yahweh* was God’s personal name by which He was known to Israel

- His name was considered so sacred that it was not pronounced. Instead the term *Adonai* was usually substituted, and by the sixth to seventh centuries A.D. the vowels of *Adonai* (Master or sovereign ruler) were combined with the consonants *YHWH* to remind the synagogue reader to pronounce the sacred name as *Adonai*. From this came the word *Jehovah*. But all of this underscores the awe in which the name was held.

The first mention of God's name in the bible:

Genesis 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

The first mention of God's name to man:

- Moses was the first person that God revealed himself to as YHWH
- In God disclosing himself it wasn't just his name he wanted Moses and the children of Israel to know but it was his character. He wanted them to know him through his name.

Exodus 6:2-8 (read all)

From the choice of words in the above-referenced Scriptures, it's obvious that God desires us to understand the manner of His character; that He wants us to know, not only His name, but to know **Him through** His name!

The modern spelling includes vowels to assist in pronunciation. Many pronounce YHWH as "*Yahweh*" (Yä-wá); but the exact pronunciation has been lost to us for several centuries.

Some people render the four-letter name as "Jehovah".

God's personal name was so sacred to most Jews that they didn't want to write or even speak it for fear of violating the commandment "You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain," (Exodus 20:7) and "You shall not profane My holy name, but I will be made holy among the children of Israel. I am Yahweh who makes you holy." (Leviticus 22:32)