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INTRODUCTION

God reveals Himself to us through many different names in the Bible. No single name can describe all that God is. In fact, God uses each and every one of His names to reveal a different part of His character to us. Shown in Scripture, each of these names has great significance.

Once we learn about the character of God, our hearts truly have a chance to respond in faith. Take this time to pray through these names and let them motivate you to learn about God's character and put your faith in Him.

Our prayer is that your time studying God's names would not only renew your mind but transform your heart. Each day of this month-long devotional, you will have the opportunity to read Scripture surrounding God's names, reflect on and respond to the meaning of God's names, and apply relevant truths to your own life.

ABBA

FATHER

■ **READ GOD'S NAME:**

“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’”

GALATIANS 4:6

■ **REFLECT ON GOD'S NAME:**

Have you ever thought about God as a daddy? It is truly one of the most endearing terms we could call Him! While in America, children call their fathers ‘daddy,’ in the Middle East, children call their fathers ‘Abba.’ It is not disrespectful to speak to God that way. In fact, calling God your Abba—your daddy—shows that you have an affectionate and intimate relationship with Him. To God, each one of us is His creation. But if you have received Christ as your Savior, you are not just God’s creation, you are also God’s child! As said in the verse above, God sent His Spirit into our hearts crying

out this name. When the Holy Spirit of God comes into you, He gives you such a relationship with the One who has adopted you that you can call Him Abba, Father. As a son or daughter of God, you have been adopted into the family of God and have the privilege of calling Him your Father, your daddy, your Abba!

■ **REFER TO GOD BY HIS NAME:**

One of the most powerful things we can do is to pray to God using His name. The Holy Spirit in us wants to cry out to God, and therefore urges us to pray to our Father. Jesus called God “Our Father” in Matthew 6:9, and we can model His prayers with our own.

Journal a prayer calling God your Abba Father. Ask God to show you what a loving father looks like. Thank Him for loving you as His child and adopting you into His family.

■ **RESPOND TO GOD'S NAME:**

When children are adopted, it can take a while for them to truly look at their new parents as their mothers and fathers. Do you have trouble seeing God as your Father? He has willingly adopted you and loves you as His son or daughter. Do you believe that?

Write down a time you remember seeing God as a loving Father.

■ **REMEMBER:**

You can show affection toward God. He is not cold-hearted or distant from His children.

How can you allow your heart to draw closer to your Father today?

■ **READ MORE:**

Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15

**“It is as natural for you to pray
as it would be to speak to
your own daddy when you’re
filled with the Holy Spirit.”**

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like Adonai. Typically, when you read Scripture, if the English word is LORD—all capital letters—then the Hebrew word translated is Yahweh or Jehovah. If the English word is Lord—using lowercase letters—it can be translated Adonai.

■ **REFER TO GOD BY HIS NAME:**

Adonai means “master,” one who is your superior and is Lord over you. Isn’t that Jesus to us? Absolutely. Acts 10:36 says “Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all.”

Take a moment to praise God, your Adonai, that He is Lord of all! Thank Jesus, your Adonai, that He came to Earth to be our Savior, Redeemer, and Ruler!

■ **RESPOND TO GOD'S NAME:**

While thinking of God as Adonai should cause you to approach God with great reverence, it can also evoke emotions of deep gratitude because you recognize His loving ownership. You can abandon your will to Adonai because you know He commands you for your good.

Thank the Lord for the times He has brought you through difficulties, protected you, or even corrected you for your benefit. Thank God that He is a good Master and that you can trust Him!

■ **REMEMBER:**

Someone or something will have mastery over us—whether it’s money, an idol, the devil, our flesh, or the

Lord. If you are going to let someone or something rule over you, choose God. He is a good Master. He loves you and is working all things out for your good in His will. Matthew 6:24 says, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.”

Based on your words and your actions, who would others say is your master or Adonai?

■ **READ MORE:**

Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 12:24; Psalm 8:1; Ezekiel 16:8b; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11; Colossians 1:16

**“If Christ is not Lord of all,
He’s not Lord at all.”**

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ALPHA AND OMEGA

THE BEGINNING AND THE END

■ READ GOD'S NAME:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

REVELATION 1:8

■ REFLECT ON GOD'S NAME:

We are such a small piece of the beginning and the end. We don't hold the capacity to remember every detail from last week, let alone know everything from the beginning of time to the end. That is God's realm of expertise, not ours. God says He is the Alpha and the Omega. Those are the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet. God is saying, "I am A and Z. I am the beginning and the end. I am the first ray of hope in the book of Genesis and the last warning in the book of Revelation. It's all about Me." What a comfort it is to know that God exists outside of time and is in

control of all things! And who is our only hope from the beginning to the end? Jesus Christ. Jesus was the beginning as the Word of God, and He is the final Word for all eternity.

■ **REFER TO GOD BY HIS NAME:**

Because God is the beginning and the end, that means He has full control over the past, the present, and the future. Is your heart chained by the things of the past? Is your view of the present darkened by the burdens of life? Do you look to the future with dread and anxiety?

Journal a prayer to the Alpha and the Omega. Surrender the things of the past, present, and future to the One who holds it all in His hands. Find your hope in the only One who can save you—redeeming your past, renewing your present, and restoring your future.

■ **RESPOND TO GOD'S NAME:**

Sometimes we forget in our prayers that everything is about God. We forget that He was and is and is to come. Instead, we fill our prayers with requests and complaints about how the world is affecting us.

Take some time to marvel at who God is. It is impossible to even grasp how everlasting He is, but we can sure praise Him for it—even when we don't understand! He has not just existed from the beginning to the end. He is the Beginning and the End.

■ **REMEMBER:**

The noted historian, H.G. Wells, made a list of the ten greatest men of history and number one on that list was Jesus Christ. But Jesus doesn't belong on that list. He doesn't belong on anybody's list. He is Jesus, the First and the Last. He has been there from the beginning and will remain forevermore. Jesus sees the big picture.

How can your prayers reflect this part of Jesus' character today?

■ **READ MORE:**

John 1:1; Revelation 1:11; Revelation 21:6; Revelation 22:13

**“Everything starts with God.
Everything operates through God.
Everything returns back to God.”**

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ancient, it can be assumed that they are out of touch with current times. But this is not so with God! He is the Ancient One who can foresee things that haven't even happened yet! God is involved with all stages of time at once! Just as it says in Revelation 1:8, God "was and is and is to come!"

■ **REFER TO GOD BY HIS NAME:**

We are foolish to think we can know the future. Only God is the Ancient of Days. Knowing that, we have a choice to make. Will we give God control over our future? Or continue trying to be our own "Ancient of Days?"

Write down a prayer focusing on the eternal nature of God. Ask Him to help you trust Him. Praise Him that He goes before you and sees things that have not yet occurred. Release the weight of your future to Him and commit to trusting in Him.

■ **RESPOND TO GOD'S NAME:**

Daniel 7:14 says that God, as the Ancient of Days, has a dominion that is everlasting and will not pass away or be destroyed. God will forever be on the throne. Will you surrender to be one of His subjects? Because God existed before the beginning of time, He has authority over all things and all people. This includes everything in the future that only He can see. Are you trying to control your future? Give it over to the Ancient of Days.

Make a list of the things of the future that are stressing you out or weighing you down. Let Him help you navigate your goals and dreams for the future.

■ **REMEMBER:**

God is the only One who can know the future.

Do you ask God your questions about the future? We cannot guarantee that He will give us all of the answers or understanding that we are asking for, but we can be assured that we are sending our questions to the right place.

■ **READ MORE:**

Daniel 7:13-14, 22; Revelation 1:8

**"The God of yesterday is
the God of tomorrow."**

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