The Names of God Th-302

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SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a thirteen week course designed to focus on the *Names of God*. We will utilize as a textbook, the NAMES OF GOD by Nathan Stone from Moody Press ($8.00). These names are not the attempts of men to define the character and nature of God but His own self-disclosure about Himself. Our study will focus on some the key *Names of God* revealed in the Bible not just to know them *"superficially"* (e.g., a specific title such as Jehovah Jireh *–“The LORD will Provide,”* as excellent as that is) but to know His Names intimately, in the sense of knowing just how and why God chose to reveal Himself by such designations and what impact His self revelation had on the saints to whom they were revealed and continues to have on our lives today.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Why do we need to study the names of God? What difference will it make in our personal walk with Him? (1) For one thing, God has commanded us to honor His name. Ex 20:7 simply states: *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain."*  As a Christian, I am in vital union with Christ and bear His name. My behavior reflects upon Him. (2) Another reason to study the names of God is to elicit praise and worship simply because of the inherent greatness of His name (*Psa. 8:1, 48:10, 75:1, 76:1*). (3) A third important reason for us to know the names of God is found in Proverbs 18:10, which describes the protection and assurance we derive from knowing His Name.

Our ultimate purpose in focusing upon God's Great and Glorious Names is to be enabled by His Spirit to live in an understandable manner before a watching world in desperate need of a supernatural glimpse of the invisible God in and through the visible lives of His children (cp., *Matt. 5:16, Phil. 2:15*). Our prayer for this course is:”*Our Father Who art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name”* (*Matt. 6:9* KJV)

CLASS TEXTBOOKS:

(a) *BIBLE*: It is recommended that the student have a copy of a good study-Bible, (i.e., KJV, NKJV, NASV, NIV or ESV). (b) *TEXTBOOK*: Names of Godby Nathan Stone from Moody Press. ($8.00). Two other books we recommend for your library are: Ann Spangler’s The Names of God Bible; Ken Hemphill’s book The Names of God and Catherine Martin’s book Trusting in the Names of God. Other great books are included in a brief attached Bibliography.

COURSE COSTS:

All our Bible Institute classes are FREE, but if the student would like to work toward a *Ministry Enrichment Certificate,* you must turn in a *completed registration form* and attend the lectures to receive credit for a course.

COURSE DATE AND TIME:

This class will meet thirteen Wednesday evenings beginning February 5th, 2014 and ending April 30th, 2014. The sessions are in the fellowship hall from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

COURSE GRADING:

Attendance, note taking and class participation will all be factored into your pass/fail grade.

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Course Schedule: *Wednesdays – 7:00-8:00 PM*

(This outline is a general representation of what we will cover this semester.)

SESSION ONE – February 5, 2014 *Introductory Study*

SESSION TWO – February 12, 2014 *Elohim*

SESSION THREE – February 19, 2014 *Jehovah*

SESSION FOUR – February 26, 2014 *El-Shaddai*

SESSION FIVE – March 5, 2014 *Adonai*

SESSION SIX – March 12, 2014 *Jehovah-jireh*

SESSION SEVEN – March 19, 2014 *Jehovah-rophe*

SESSION EIGHT – March 26, 2014 *Jehovah-nissi*

SESSION NINE – April 2, 2014 *Jehovah-M’Kaddesh*

SESSION TEN – April 9, 2014 *Jehovah-shalom*

SESSION ELEVEN – April 16, 2014 *Jehovah-tsidkenu*

SESSION TWELVE – April 23, 2014 *Jehovah-rohi*

SESSION THIRTEEN – April 30, 2014 *Jehovah-shammah*

Suggested Bibliography: (\*Especially recommended for this topic in your library.)

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