



## Who is God? Knowing Him by His Names Dominican Republic Mission Trip 2008 Daily Study

Dominican Comrades!

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I am looking forward to this year's trip more than ever! As in other years, we will be enjoying morning devotions together.

In my own private Bible study and prayer time God has been drawing me back, again and again, to His attributes – to who He IS. Am I discouraged or scared? Call on the Sovereign Lord! Am I feeling small and insecure? Remember that I'm a child of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Do I feel helpless and have need? My God's dominion spans the universe and He owns the cattle on a thousand hills! Do I try to pray and it seems that I just can't find the words? Remember that I have an Advocate with the Father! Am I tempted to let a "small" sin go by unchecked? Remember that my God is the Holy One of Israel! Do I feel like there's no direction in my Christian life? Remember that I'm to be conformed to the likeness of Christ.

All this means that if we don't know WHO God is, then how can we live the type of life that will please Him and bring Him glory – a life of victory and not defeat? One way God has revealed Himself to us by His NAMES. His names are very important.

- God cares about the use of His names. "You shall not take the **name** of the Lord your God in vain..." Exodus 20:7
- Solomon built the first temple in Israel for "the **name** of the Lord." I Kings 5:5
- Job praises the "**name** of the Lord" even after losing everything. Job 1:21
- Our praises are to be directed to the "**name** of the Lord." Psalm 113:3
- In prayer, we "call on the **name** of the Lord." Psalm 116:4
- "Our help is in the **name** of the Lord." Psalm 124:8
- All who "call on the **name** of the Lord will be saved." Acts 2:21
- All that we do, we are to do in "the **name** of the Lord." Col. 3:17

This week, we will be studying some of the names of God. My prayer for each of us is that we will catch a new glimpse of how awesome a God we serve; that we will "fear" Him as we ought; and that we will be encouraged to run our Christian race with perseverance. We can do all this because we find that we can't do it on our own, but instead it is "In Him, we live and move and have our being!"

In His Service,

Gene  
2 Timothy 4:2