

HaShem- The Name

The essence of HaShem, the name, is two things in one. It reminds us that we have a God who is Holy, Creator, King, High Priest in Yahweh/Adonai. AND we have an accessible, approachable, personal God in HaShem.

QUOTES:

“Owing to the expansion of *chumra* (the idea of "building a fence around the Torah"), the word 'Adonai' itself has come to be too holy to say for Orthodox Jews outside of prayer, leading to its replacement by HaShem ("The Name").”

“When reading Torah, we generally substitute the word *Adonai* for the four letter un-pronounceable name of God. Outside of reading Torah and praying, God is often referred to as Hashem, a creative way of not saying God’s name.”

“Modern Jewish culture judges it forbidden to pronounce this name. In **prayers it is replaced by the word Adonai** ("The Lord"), and in discussion by HaShem ("The Name").”

Context	Scripture
God’s promise to David	2 Samuel 7:12-13
Preparing to build the temple	1 Kings 5:3-5
Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication	1 Kings 8:27-29

YHWH, Adonai	HaShem
Master/Servant	Friend (John 15)
High Priest	Jesus (Hebrews 4:15)
God in Heaven	Jesus on Earth (Col 1:19, John 1:14 MSG)
Jesus on Earth	Holy Spirit indwelling (John 16:7)
Holy	Approachable (Eph 3:12, Heb 4:16)

- John 1:17
- “Every moment of every day the most significant happening is the radical availability of God’s Presence. Yet, in almost every moment of every day we remain unaware of this generous gift.” -AJ Sherrill, *Quiet*

Intimacy: **I think we are also a paradox: we are scared of intimacy, but we are also hungry for intimacy.**

Scared:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Hungry:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Questions to take away:

1. What are some intimacies with God that you already have? Celebrate those, maybe share with your small group!
2. What are your barriers to intimacy with Jesus? Is there a fear blocking you?
3. What are your substitutes for your hunger for God?
4. Do some dreaming...what do you want intimacy with God to look like?
5. How about intimacy in community?