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Names of God and Jesus

Hello. Thank you for joining us today. My name is Tom Laign with Sabbath Bible Study. Last week we studied the nature of God. Sometimes, one's nature is described through the names that are given. For instance, in the tale of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the movie released by Disney in 1937, the names given to the Dwarfs were carefully selected by Disney to reflect their personalities. The movie was based on a Brothers Grimm Fairy Tale published in 1812. In the Fairy Tale, the seven dwarfs were not given a name, and names for the seven dwarfs did not appear until a Broadway production in 1912. When Disney was considering names for the seven dwarfs in its film, other names were considered such as Lazy, Nifty, Scrappy, and Snoopy. Imagine how cartoons would be different today if Disney had included just a few of these names. The names that were ultimately selected reflected their personalities.

Similarly, the names given to God and Jesus Christ may reflect their name, their personality, or their responsibilities. The name of God as known by the children of Israel is *YHWH*, Strong's Hebrew word 3068, and means the Self-Existent or Eternal. In the Old Testament this word is translated as LORD in all capital letters. *YHWH*, was also referred to as God by the people, taken from the Hebrew *El*, meaning strength, mighty. There is a good example of this usage by Hagar, Sarah's maid in Genesis. Let's read Genesis chapter sixteen starting with verse seven.

Genesis 16:7-16

7. And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

10. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

- 12. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.**
- 13. And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?**
- 14. Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.**
- 15. And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.**
- 16. And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.**

From the interaction with Sarai, we know God is eternal, self-existent, and mighty. When *YHWH* appeared to Abram at ninety-nine years of age, *YHWH* introduced himself as the Almighty God, which is taken from Strong's Hebrew word 7706, *Shadday*, meaning the Almighty. In the remainder of the encounter with Abraham, when God is named, the Hebrew word, *Elohiym*, is used, Strong's Hebrew word 430. In the beginning when God created heaven and earth, it was *Elohiym* who created. *Elohiym* is a plural form of the word *El*, a name for God. When we compare Genesis 1:1 to John 1:1 we know that the *Elohiym* were God, who today we think of as the Father, and the Word, who became Jesus Christ. Let's read the account of Abram's visit with *YHWH*, when Abram's name was changed to Abraham. Genesis seventeen verse one.

Genesis 17:1-8

- 1. And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.**
- 2. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.**
- 3. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,**
- 4. As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.**
- 5. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.**
- 6. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.**

7. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

When God, *Elohiym*, spoke to Moses, God told Moses that he should be called I AM THAT I AM, or I AM. The word in Hebrew is Strong's Hebrew 1961, *Hayah*, meaning to exist, become, and come to pass. From this we know that God was, is, and will be. It was through this eternal presence of God and the name I AM that God introduced himself to the children of Israel who had been in captivity for such a long period of time. The name served as a reminder that God was there with the children of Israel. Had been there for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would be there for their descendants when they took possession of the promised land. Exodus three verse thirteen.

Exodus 3:13-21

13. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

14. And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

15. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

17. And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18. And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God

of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

19. And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

20. And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21. And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

When Jesus was questioned by the people about seeing Abraham, Jesus told them that before Abraham was, I am, using the name of God that God used to reveal himself to the children of Israel. John eight verse fifty-seven.

John 8:57-59

57. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58. Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

59. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

In Deuteronomy, we are told a name of God is the Rock, Strong's Hebrew word 6697, *tsuwr*, meaning a cliff, an edge, strength, God. The Rock of Gibraltar is a prominent point on the strait between Africa and Europe on the southern coast of Spain. In advertising, when they said get a piece of the rock, the advertisers were talking about the financial strength of an insurance company. God is stronger than the biggest rocks we have on earth, and is just and perfect without iniquity, and what God does is to help his people. Deuteronomy thirty-two verse one.

Deuteronomy 32:1-9

1. Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

3. Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.
5. They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.
6. Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?
7. Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.
8. When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.
9. For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

When Daniel spoke of the four beasts and another arising after the ten kings arise, that leader would speak great words against the most High, Strong's Hebrew word 5943, *Ilal*, meaning supreme, or high God. From Daniel's prophecy we know this person will come during a period of three and one-half years until the Kingdom of God is established on earth. Daniel seven verse twenty-three.

Daniel 7:23-28

23. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
24. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.
25. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
26. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.
27. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

28. Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Jesus is given several names as titles and descriptors. In the first chapter of Revelation, Jesus is described as the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. It is Jesus who declares to all that He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Through these descriptors coupled with other passages from the Bible the careful reader can see that Jesus Christ has co-existed with God the Father for eternity. Revelation one verse four.

Revelation 1:4-8

4. John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6. And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

In Isaiah a prophecy is given of a child, a son, that is born who will bear the government on his shoulders. That child is Jesus Christ and His names include Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. These are descriptors of Jesus Christ from various perspectives. When Jesus is called Wonderful, it references the miracle of the conception that resulted in His birth. When called the Counselor, Jesus purposely resolves the frailty of the human condition by having been a sacrifice for our sins so that we can have eternal life. When called the mighty God, the eternal and divine nature of Jesus is proclaimed for all. When Jesus is called the everlasting Father, we know that Jesus came to proclaim the Father to us. From other passages in the Bible we

know that God the Father and Jesus Christ are distinct and eternal. When Jesus is called the Prince of Peace, we know that when the new heaven and new earth are formed, it will be a time of only good, and there will be no more evil. It will be a time of peace. Isaiah nine verse six.

Isaiah 9:6-7

6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

In the final verses of the Bible, Jesus tells us he is the root and offspring of David and the bright and morning star. As the root of David, just the like the root of a plant, it is through Jesus that David became king of Israel and was champion of Israel. Through the human lineage of David, Jesus was born, showing what we think of as a circle of life. By being both the root and offspring of David, Jesus shows His eternal nature. By showing He is the bright and morning star, Jesus not only proclaims that He will take on responsibilities originally given to Lucifer who rebelled and became Satan, but that Jesus will bring the light of truth to earth in a more radiant fashion that diminishes all forms of darkness. Revelation twenty-two verse sixteen.

Revelation 22:16-21

16. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Earlier in the Book of Revelation when there was concern about opening the book constrained by seven seals and not finding one worthy to do this, one of the elders proclaimed that the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David had prevailed to open the book and loose the seven seals. Sometimes in the Bible when we think of a lion, we only think of Satan who as a roaring lion seeks whom may be devoured. Yet, Jesus is described as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. In the jungle, the lion is the protector of its pride, its family, and Jesus is the protector of all who are His. In this passage, Jesus is also described as a Lamb that had been slain. All of these are descriptors of Jesus. Revelation five verse one.

Revelation 5:1-7

1. And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3. And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream to tell him Mary would give birth to a son of the Holy Ghost, the angel also explained that the name of the son was to be Jesus, because he would save his people from their sins, and explained how this fulfilled a prophecy in Isaiah when it was said that a virgin would conceive and bring forth a son calling his name Emmanuel, meaning God

with us. When Jesus came to earth through the virgin birth, the name of Emmanuel, God with us, is a descriptor of Jesus, because Jesus was the Word Who was with God and Who was God. Matthew one verse eighteen.

Matthew 1:18-25

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25. And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

The prophecy in Isaiah is found in Isaiah seven where we are also told that Jesus would eat butter and honey to know to refuse the evil and choose the good. Isaiah seven verse fourteen.

Isaiah 7:14-16

14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

15. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

In Luke's account, we see the angel visiting Mary who told Mary to call her son Jesus, and that he would be called the Son of the Highest. We know Jesus as the Son of God. Luke one verse thirty.

Luke 1:30-33

30. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

In John, we see that Jesus was the Word, and was with God, and was God, that all things were made through the Word, that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among mankind, that John the Baptist bore witness of the Word, and that through the Word, through Jesus Christ, we have grace and truth. John one verse one.

John 1:1-5, 14-18

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. The same was in the beginning with God.

3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Verse fourteen.

14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Going back to the Book of Revelation, we are given additional names, descriptors, of Jesus Christ. From the passage in chapter nineteen, we are told once again that Jesus Christ is the Word of God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. We are also told of a mysterious and hidden name of Jesus that is not known to man. When we consider the great deception that will be hoisted upon mankind at the end time, we are given consistent clues that people will come claiming to represent Jesus and some will come claiming to be Jesus. We know from other passages that Jesus will return to earth very openly for all to see and that He will not secretly appear on earth. When Jesus returns to earth it will be like the sunrise, easy for people to see and feel the warmth on their skin. Because Jesus has a mysterious and hidden name that only Jesus knows, we should not be surprised if people claiming to be Jesus or representing Jesus try to exploit others by fraudulently using a name of fiction to represent Jesus. Revelation nineteen verse eleven.

Revelation 19:11-16

11. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus approaching, he called Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away sin from the world. John also called Jesus the Son of God, and proclaimed he, John, had been sent to prepare the way for Jesus. John one verse twenty-nine.

John 1:29-34

29. The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

30. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Later in John, Jesus declared to the Pharisees that he was the light of the world, and that anyone who would follow Him, would not walk in darkness, but walk in the light of life. The Pharisees understood Jesus was also saying that the Pharisees were the darkness of the world, and those who followed the Pharisees followed after darkness, and they challenged Jesus. John eight verse twelve.

John 8:12-18

12. Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13. The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

14. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

A few chapters later, Jesus said He was the good shepherd and described the good shepherd as one who would give his life for the sheep. Jesus was projecting to those around him, what would be his fate. Jesus in this same passage also spoke of the Father, another name of God, with the Father being the anchor point for the family, the leader, the first in a nation. Then Jesus tells us something about His divine nature that is sometimes overlooked. Jesus was given authority by the Father to lay down His life to pay for the sins of many, and what is often overlooked, the power to resume life again. When we die, we rely on a miracle from God to be resurrected from the dead. Jesus had this power of God within Him and was able to rise from the dead after being dead in the grave for three days and three nights. John ten verse eleven.

John 10:11-18

11. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

In writing to the Colossians, Paul explains that we have been delivered from the power of darkness and into the kingdom of Jesus Christ through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. He then describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation. Paul explains that through Jesus Christ and the invisible God of whom Jesus is the image, all things, both the visible and invisible are created. Jesus is then described as the head of the body and the church, the beginning, the firstborn from the dead. Colossians one verse thirteen.

Colossians 1:13-18

13. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

In Corinthians, Jesus is compared to Adam, as the last Adam, the second man. Paul used this comparison to explain that while we are all born on earth, our aspiration is heavenly. First Corinthians fifteen verse forty-five.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

45. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Even the name Jesus Christ is often overlooked by many today. In closing his first letter, Peter refers to Jesus as Christ Jesus, meaning that Jesus is the Messiah. First Peter five verse twelve.

1 Peter 5:12-14

12. By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

13. The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

14. Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Jesus Christ is our Passover, and Paul explains this in his first letter to the Corinthians. Jesus died as the Passover sacrifice so that our sins can be forgiven. Paul reminds us to not keep the feast, not to live with the old leaven or with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. First Corinthians five verse one.

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

1. It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

2. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

4. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5. To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Finally, in Hebrews Jesus is described as the author and finisher of our faith. It is Jesus who determines how faith will become part of our life, and Jesus Christ is faithful to us and we can take confidence knowing that the faith that Jesus has determined for us in our life, will come to pass. Hebrews twelve verse one.

Hebrews 12:1-2

- 1. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**
- 2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Throughout the Bible are many names of God and Jesus Christ. While we think of God as the Father, and Jesus Christ as the Son of God there are many different descriptors used to identify both God and Jesus. The more we study and understand these names and descriptors, the more we can understand and appreciate the nature of God.

Thank you for joining us today. God-willing we'll get together next time on the Sabbath. Until then, thank you for joining us today.