

Making God Known

Part 1

Introduction:

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In the Bible God is known through what He says and what He does.

God is concerned with making Himself known throughout the entire earth.

God made Himself known to the Children of Israel so that they in turn would make God known throughout the entire earth.

There are two great events in the Old Testament in which God makes Himself known to Israel. They are the Exodus and the return from exile.

Tonight we will consider Jehovah God making Himself known through the Exodus.

God revealed Himself to Moses at the burning bush as Jehovah God - the self-existent God.

Exo 3:3 (NIV) So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up."

Exo 3:4 (NIV) When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

God through, the Exodus would reveal Himself as the self-existent God.

Exo 6:2 (NASB) God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD;

Exo 6:3 (NASB) and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them.

Exo 6:6 (NASB) "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

Israel will come to know Jehovah God conclusively through these events.

Exo 6:7 (NASB) "Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Exo 6:8 (NASB) 'And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and

Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the LORD."

Theme: What are we to learn of Jehovah God through the Exodus?

I. We are to learn that Jehovah is incomparable.

No god is to be likened unto Jehovah.

Exo 15:11 (NASB) "Who is like Thee among the gods, O LORD? Who is like Thee, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?"

Jehovah had proven Himself superior to all the gods of Egypt.

Exo 12:12 (NIV) "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD."

"Israel's God is clearly the most powerful God around. Jehovah is beyond comparison when it comes to a conflict of wills and power. Whoever of whatever the gods of Egypt may be (and the narrator does not even trouble to name them, any more than he names the Pharaoh who claimed to be one of them), the God of Israel is more than a match for them all."

II. We are to learn that Jehovah is King.

Exo 15:18 (NASB) "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

Jehovah God is the supreme and ultimate king of the entire universe.

Deu 10:14 (NASB) "Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it."

Deu 10:15 (NASB) "Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day."

Deu 10:16 (NASB) "Circumcise then your heart, and stiffen your neck no more."

Deu 10:17 (NASB) "For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality, nor take a bribe."

Jehovah is not like the territorial gods round about Israel.

Jehovah is a benevolent king.

Deu 10:18 (NASB) "He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.

Jehovah is a king who is concerned about the stranger to His kingdom.

Deu 10:19 (NASB) "So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

III. We are to learn that Jehovah is unique.

Jehovah alone is God.

Jehovah is not merely the God of Israel. Jehovah is the God of all the earth.

Jehovah is the one and only true God.

Deu 4:35 (NASB) "To you it was shown that you might know that the LORD, He is God; there is no other besides Him.

Deu 4:39 (NASB) "Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.

Joel 2:27 (NASB) "Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, And that I am the LORD your God And there is no other; And My people will never be put to shame.

Isa 45:5 (NASB) "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

Isa 45:6 (NASB) That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other,

Isa 45:18 (NASB) For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, But formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Jehovah is in a class by Himself - God has a transcendent uniqueness.
Jehovah alone deserves to be called God.

Jehovah alone is the creator of all things, whereas all other things are created by Him.

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Jehovah alone is sovereign Lord over all things. , whereas all other things are subject to His universal Lordship.

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The Scriptures often combine the thought of God's incomparability with His Uniqueness.

2 Sam 7:22 (NASB) "For this reason Thou art great, O Lord GOD;(1) for there is none like Thee, and (2) there is no God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Psa 86:8 (NIV) (1)Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. (2)I am God, and there is no other; (1) I am God, and there is none like me.

1 Ki 8:23 (NIV) and said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below--you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

1 Ki 8:60 (NIV) so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other.

This message of the uniqueness must go to the uttermost parts of the earth.

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Jehovah made Himself known, through the Exodus , as the incomparable, sovereign and unique God not only to Israel but the whole earth.

Josh 2:9 (NASB) and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you.

Josh 2:10 (NASB) "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

Josh 2:11 (NASB) "And when we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

IV. Conclusion:

All other worship of God other than Jehovah is false worship.

All other hope in God other than Jehovah is misplaced.

All other gods are no gods.

Therefore, it is the Christian duty to make Jehovah God known so that Jehovah God alone will be worshiped and served.

All peoples must trust in Jehovah God for He alone is able to deliver.