

## DEVOTIONAL

*Psalm 145:1: I will lift You up, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You; and I will praise Your name forever and ever.*

Today we think of a name only as identifying a person or object, however in the Old Testament times; a name was not only identification, but an identity as well. Names had, among other purposes, an explanatory purpose. Throughout Scripture God reveals Himself to us through His names. The meanings behind God's names reveal the central personality and nature of God. When we study the names that God reveals to us in the Bible, we will better understand who God really is.

### Hallowed be Your Name?

To hallow a thing is to make it holy or to set it apart to be exalted as being worthy of absolute devotion. To hallow the name of God is to regard Him with complete devotion and loving admiration. God's name is of the utmost importance. Nehemiah 9:5 says; *"Stand up and bless Jehovah your God forever and ever. And blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise."* Therefore, we ought to reserve it a position of primary significance in our minds and hearts. We should never take His name lightly, as it says in Exodus 20:7: *"You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain. For Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain"*. Nevertheless, we should always rejoice in His name and meditate deeply upon its true meaning.

The prayer that God would hallow His name is not a request for God to do something in Himself to change Himself, but to do something in us to change us. When we say to God, "Let your name be set apart," we are asking Him to work in us that we would revere Him, honour Him, treat Him with the respect due to Him, and bring glory to Him in our lives! And by asking Him to change "us" we mean first of all we who are praying, but we also mean ultimately all people.

### How do we see God in our own lives, who is God to you?

Is He your Most High God, All sufficient One, Master, Lord of Peace, the Lord Who Will Provide? Is He your Father? We must be careful not to make God into an "it" or a "thing" to which we pray. God knows us by our name; shouldn't we know Him by His?

### Some of the Names of God

**El Shaddai** (Lord God Almighty) **El Elyon** (The Most High God) **Adonai** (Lord, Master) **Yahweh** (Lord, Jehovah) **Jehovah-Raah** (The Lord My Shepherd) **Jehovah Rapha** (The Lord That Heals) **Jehovah Tsidkenu** (The Lord Our Righteousness) **Jehovah Mekoddishkem** (The Lord Who Sanctifies You) **El Olam** (The Everlasting God) **Jehovah Jireh** (The Lord Will Provide) **Jehovah Shalom** (The Lord Is Peace) **Jehovah Sabaoth** (The Lord of Hosts)

*"Let them praise the name of the LORD: for His name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven."*

Psalm 148:13

## KENYA

NEWS JUST IN

Hi, my name is Minnie, I am 32yrs old, a single lady widowed by AIDS. I got married in 1997 when I was 22yrs old my husband was the same age, my husband died two years ago.

When I was three, my father died, leaving my mother to raise a family of seven with many difficulties.

I got married thinking that marriage would solve my numerous problems.

After 3yrs of marriage my only child Micky started getting ill. In 2003, my husband started showing funny wounds all over his body and I got worried. I went for HIV test and tested positive.

My whole life changed, my expectations in life dimmed and I became hopeless. James started blaming me and I also did the same. Our love faded away rapidly and no sooner than later, our marriage was no more.

In 2006, my husband James was admitted in hospital and diagnosed with TB, his condition worsen and later succumbed to the deadly disease AIDS and died. After my husband's burial I took Micky my son for HIV test and he tested positive.

**My Salvation:** I was a strong Jehovah Witness follower, and believed everything I was told. My mother was also a Jehovah Witness believer. But one day I met a group of people, they were distributing a gospel paper called "Challenge". The paper was very attractive so I took a copy home. I hid it in my handbag, as I didn't want any Jehovah Witness follower to see me. In our church we are not supposed to read any other gospel literature apart from the ones provided by the church.

As I read the paper that night, I discovered many things about God that I didn't know. I read different moving and blessing testimonies, my life changed. I wanted to know more and more about Jesus. At the back of the paper I found the address and phone number of the distributors. I called that night; I talked to a man called Pastor Paul. Since I wanted more of this "Challenge" he gave me appointment to see him at his place of work the following day.

That morning I went to Pangani Primary School, to meet this man called Pastor Paul. Guess what? Pastor Paul was one of the teachers in Micky's School, what a joy! Blessed be the name of the Lord! Pastor Paul led me to confession prayer, I received the Lord Jesus in my life. Pastor Paul gave me more different copies of "Challenge" and his church – Peace Makers Fellowship has been taking care of me and my son Micky both financially and spiritually. I now have hope and one day I will be with Jesus in heaven.

Thank you for Challenge Paper, donors you are doing a good job.

*Sister Minnie Muthoni, P.M.F Nakuru, Kenya.*

## POINTS TO PONDER

### PRAISE POINTS

- Opportunities that the Impact Africa team have had
- sharing the good news of the gospel
  - delivering food parcels
  - distributing clothing
  - outreach and evangelism
  - encouraging believers
- The distribution of the Challenge Paper in schools
  - Safe departure and return of the Impact Africa team
  - The Challenge Paper
    - 12 Separate editions produced
    - 6 Different languages
    - Current 16 different countries and expanding

### PRAYER POINTS

- Ongoing discipleship of new believers both here and overseas
- An assistant editor to help Darryl Budge in writing and editing 12 separate editions
- Financially for Australia and the expanding international work
- That the testimony of Jesus Christ retold in the Challenge Paper will speak into people's lives
- Use of the Challenge Paper in Schools

## ABDEL MOORHOUSE

### PERSONAL PROFILE

I was born in a small remote village in the South East of Chad. My mother had problems during birth and with no medical help available, she died. My father needed help. After three days of mourning he bundled us up, that is me and my twin brother and with our grandmother set off for a three day walk to a small mission hospital in the nearest big town. Our grandmother, seated on a donkey held us tightly while our father walked beside.

It was at this hospital that Grace Moorhouse first met me. Although I was small just 1.670kg, I was doing quite well until I was six months old. At this age I contracted Polio. I was extremely ill and it was touch and go for a while with Grace fearing that I would die. Polio affected almost all of my muscles, legs, right shoulder and arm, back and stomach muscles. I was ill for quite a long time. As a result of the Polio, while the other children in the children's home attached to the hospital, started to sit up, crawl

and walk, I was stuck. I couldn't do any of these things but I did become an expert "roller". I could roll from one side of the room to the other in a flash, especially if I wanted to chase one of them for one reason or another. Grace was now heading to Australia for a break. I was three by this time and I couldn't even sit up. Grace felt she had to do something for me so she wrote to Princess Margaret Hospital for Children to see if they would accept me as an out patient. That's how I first came to Australia. The treatment at PMH was excellent. With the physiotherapist, and occupational therapist I worked hard. I learnt to sit up and finally was able to stand in callipers. After 9 months Grace and I returned to Chad.

Life in Chad was good, the people, the food the way of living but Grace was thinking about my future. Once again my father gave permission for me to leave Chad. I arrived back to Australia when I was six. I wasn't able to go to school in Chad because there had been no school in Chad for two years. When I was 6 1/2 Grace heard about Beechboro Christian School, they accepted me there and finally I was able to go to school. I did all of my primary schooling years at Beechboro, they were good years. The teachers helped me a lot; they were great. Although I was in a wheelchair the other children really accepted me.

We then moved from Yokine to Kenwick just around the corner from Rehoboth Christian School. It was there that I did my secondary schooling. Once again I had the privilege of been taught by Christian teachers had Christian friends and was well accepted in the school community. These were also years that I grew not just physically but also spiritually.

I accepted the Lord into my heart when I was twelve years old. It was at the Sunday School at Yokine Baptist Church. When we moved to Kenwick we started to attend Como Baptist Church. I was baptised at Como in 2003.

Following high school I studied Information Technology at TAFE. It was during this time I was offered work at Challenge. I worked for 1 1/2 days while studying and I am now employed 3 1/2 days per week. I had my first contact with Challenge way back when I was in year ten, I did a week of work experience at that time.

When I think about my twenty-one years of life I can only thank God for the way he has had his hand on me; firstly for His wonderful protection. He protected me during my birth in a remote African village, and then watched over me when I almost died from Polio. Then for his provision of a family and friends here in Australia who love me and accept me as I am. I would also like to thank my Chadian father that having to use a wheelchair in a small African village would be extremely difficult and gave me the possibility of leaving Chad and living here in Australia.

## MY RESPONSE

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