

## Episode 017

# Acknowledging And Adoring God (A&A) (Being Prayerful Series)

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## Introduction

A person's name provides identity and representation. How well do we acknowledge our God whom we are calling out to?

Part of growing in prayer and intercession, involves growing in knowing the God whom we are relating, seeking and praying to. Do you know how incredibly powerful God's Name is? A maturing prayer life in God leads to acknowledgment and adoration towards God for who He is.

Exodus 15:11 (NIV) Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

Acknowledging and adoring God in prayer involve recognising, revering the God whom we worship. He is indeed worthy of our adoration and praise! God is worthy of all honour, glorious above all in life. He is the Holy God!!

Our God has the Name above all names! At the mention of His Name,

Philippians 2:9 - 11 (NIV) Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As you acknowledge and adore God lovingly through prayer, you learn to keep your focus on Jesus and His righteousness! We choose not to be controlled by our emotions or life circumstances.

Acknowledging and adoring God help us rise up in faith. We overcome life through our Lord Jesus because He has made us right in Him! He has qualified us!



Romans 8:37-39 (ESV) 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The various names of God grant us a better understanding of God; His character and His attributes. We love and serve Him because He is God. When we acknowledge Him by these names, we are inviting the Lord and trusting Him to represent and to demonstrate those various characteristics to us by His grace and power!

**Let's now explore these Names of God:**

### **1. Jehovah Jireh - The Lord our Provider**

Genesis 22:14 (NIV) So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

God provides out of the goodness of His heart towards us. He is not obligated to bless us but He chooses to. Despite our imperfections and sin, God has provided salvation for us out of His mercy and love towards mankind.

### **2. Jehovah Nissi - The Lord our Banner**

Exodus 17:15 (NIV) Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.

We need to remember that God is our victory especially when we have been battling over a long haul. He is our covering and He will continue to watch over us. Nothing escapes His attention as He neither slumbers nor sleeps.



### 3. Jehovah Shalom - The Lord our Peace

Judges 6:24 (NIV) So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

When things are difficult, uncertain and sometimes you just don't know what lies ahead, pray and call out to your God who can grant you peace. His peace grants us stability and strength. But we are required to trust Him with our entire heart. Keep your heart postured in faith towards the God of peace!

Isaiah 26:3-4 (ESV) 3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

### 4. Jehovah Shammah - The Lord is present

The Lord is there for us. You need to call out to Him. Don't let fear and doubt cripple you up.

Psalms 46:1-3 (ESV) 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah

### 5. Jehovah Tsebaoth - The Lord of Hosts

Isaiah 48:2 (NIV) 2 you who call yourselves citizens of the holy city and rely on the God of Israel— the LORD Almighty is his name: God the Saviour surrounded by His hosts of heavenly power.

Turn to God for help, for breakthroughs, for strength for our God is powerful. He is the Commander in Chief.



## 6. Jehovah Elohe- Israel - The Lord God of Israel

1 Samuel 15:29 (NIV) 29He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.”

We serve a God who is steadfast. He keeps to His Word and promises. God is not fickle-minded, He is constant yet compassionate.

## 7. Jehovah Tsidkenu - The Lord our Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:6 (NIV) In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

## 8. Jehovah Rapha - The Lord our Healer

Isaiah 61:1 (NIV) The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

## 9. Jehovah Rohi - The Lord our Shepherd

Hebrews 13:20 (NIV) May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

Psalms 23:1-3 (ESV) 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.



## 10. Jehovah Hoseenu - The Lord our Maker

Psalms 95:6 (NIV) Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

God is our Master Designer, Master Potter. Will we give Him access to mould us and develop us the way He sees fit. Will we trust in His plans and purposes?

Jeremiah 18:1-6 (ESV)

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

2 “Arise, and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.”

3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel.

4 And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me:

6 “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Acknowledge and adore God! Let Him know you love Him! Reflect on His character and greatness as you intercede for others! It will instil faith into your prayer life and believe God for His intervention.





## Discussion Questions

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These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. Practice praying by calling on one of the Names of the Lord for a specific situation. Pray with reliance on God and witness how He intervenes in your circumstances.





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