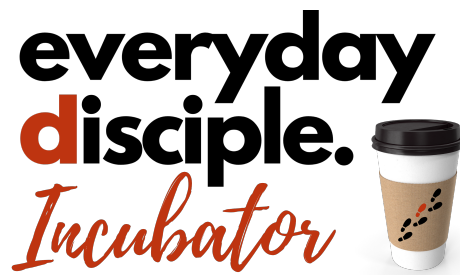


Module 13

Growing In Gospel Fluency





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Learning to apply the 4 Questions...

When we are feeling or acting a certain way, in any situation, we can begin to understand how the Gospel speaks into it by asking and applying the same four questions:

1. Who is God?

What is God like...his attributes and character qualities in connection to this issue or circumstance?

2. What has He done?

In the Bible, in your life, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, to prove these qualities are true of him?

3. What is now true of us?

Because of who God is and what he has done, what is now true of you (or the other person): Identity, Authority, Privilege?

4. How do we get to respond?

In light of who God is, what He has done and what is true of us, how will we now live or act?

The 4 Questions also works in reverse to help us uncover *why* we responded in a certain manner, and then move to the truth of the Gospel.

👉 Be sure to make copies of the 4 Questions worksheet found below, and print off the Attributes of God pages to help in answering Question 1.

Remember...

everyday
disciple.

Gospel Fluency is the ability to
naturally and confidently **Speak**,
live and **enjoy** the Gospel
in **every** area of life.

Key Takeaways From This Lesson

🔑 You'll need to practice this, just like any other "new language". But I am confident if you will, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide you, you'll soon be using these 4 Questions and experiencing the gospel in more and more areas of life.

Action Steps

- ☐ Read through all of the Case Studies below. Notice the patterns and connections.
- ☐ Work through the 4 Questions applied to two different things in your life today.
- ☐ Take a trusted friend through the 4 Questions applied to some issue in their life.
- ☐ Who will you teach all of this to right away? _____

4 Questions Case Studies and Worksheet

INTRODUCTION

These 6 Case Studies are offered as a stepping on and starting point into deeper Gospel Fluency. They will help illuminate the language of the Good News for you.

These case studies are not exhaustive. Any of these questions could be answered with much, much longer answers. And they will certainly need to be personal. When doing this in community, we often use a whiteboard to list out our answers as we work through the 4 Questions so that we can see everything in front of us at once. I suggest trying that too.

Since these case studies are designed to be concise, the answers may seem quick or "canned". These are meant to give examples of the right types of answers we are looking for when using the 4 Questions. Do this exercise often in your own life to get a better feel and fluency, and to apply the Gospel to your life and emotions.

I have found that this works amazingly with our own hearts, pretty quickly. But...

When using the 4 Questions with others to help "unlock" their issues and bring the Good News to them, you will need to let the 4 Questions be your guide but not a straight-jacket. Ask good follow up questions, be patient. Don't try and "fix" people. Let the Gospel be the Good News it was intended to be as God himself brings about change and freedom.

How the Gospel Speaks Into Every Area of Life

The 4 Questions:

Who is God? *(His character i.e. Father, Savior, forgiver, faithful, patient, provider etc.)*

What has He done? *(In the Bible, in your life, in and through Christ)*

What is now true of us? *(Identity stuff: dearly loved sons and daughters, provided for, fully accepted, part of a big Family, missionary, servant etc.)*

How do we *get* to respond? *(In light of who God is, what He has done and what is true of us, how will we now live or act?)*

Working It Out – Case Studies

Case Study #1 – Applied to parenting strife...frustration, anger with a toddler, teenager... or you fill in the blank.

In this example we will be looking at how the Gospel informs how *we*, as the parents, *get to* respond. This helps us apply the Gospel in a situation **before** acting out or getting caught in a weird emotional loop!

1. Who is God (and what is He like)? A good and loving Father. He is patient...over and over and over...with me! He is **Elohim**: Creator of everything and everyone—including me and my kids. He is powerful and knows the future.

2. What has He done (that shows us this is true)?

In the Bible: He was patient and asked Adam and Eve questions after they sinned (instead of raining down fire!) "Where are you?" He clothed and protected them even after they rebelled against Him. Over and over and over God was patient with Israel despite their constant complaints and disobedience.

In your own life in the past: Here you'll need to fill in the answer with things from your past i.e. "I ran away from God for years, believing I was smarter and could live my life without His help...and He was patient with me." "Even as a Christian I have often lived as if I am "God" and that I created this life of mine and this family (kids)."

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: God knows what it is like to have A LOT of rebellious kids! And these "kids" of His have earned and deserve full punishment. But the Father sent another son, Jesus, who willingly took the punishment that I deserve on the Cross. And then Jesus shares his life and Spirit with me so that I may (slowly at times) be transformed and learned to trust his Father and walk rightly, obediently.

3. What is now true of us? (identity, authority, privilege) We are dearly loved sons and daughters of a perfect Father. Always receiving His patience and love despite our obedience or attitude. We have received grace upon grace (70x7) and are fully forgiven! We are parents under the authority of the Original and eternal Father, raising (his) children for His glory—not our own!

4. How do we get to respond? We can be patient, over and over, with our child. Their rebellion is ultimately sin against God—not us—and He has a plan to save and transform them too. We have the privilege of displaying the true Gospel through our parenting as we model (glorify) the love of our Father. This is big for our children and for others in community who are watching! We can remember that our frustration with our children not obeying is really thwarted pride on our parts, and repent of trying to exert our false sovereignty over them.

This sounds like really good news compared to freaking out and losing our temper!

Turn This Around: Reverse the Questions

4. What happened—how did we choose to respond? We were frustrated with our child for continued disobedience. It is starting to come out in harsh language, angry encounters or increased relational distance. (Not good!)

3. What is now true of us? We're children of a sovereign Father who **alone** controls people and this world. His care is in place for us regardless of others performance (our our own). We are really co-parents of (ultimately) God's children here on earth and just like us, our children have the ability to choose their actions, obedience and responses—we do not control their choices. We are dearly loved children of God regardless of our obedience and performance as a parent.

2. What has He done?

In the Bible: David was a mighty king who could not control his own actions or those of his own children or troops, yet God worked out his care and gained Himself glory!

In your own life in the past: At times I have sinned, acted out and been disobedient and even defiant with God, but He still cared for me and loved me through the consequences. He has continually cleaned up my messes and was patient with me. *(Some of your answers to this question from above, in the other order, often apply here too.)*

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: God knows what it is like to have A LOT of rebellious kids! And these "kids" of His have earned and deserve full punishment. (Me included!) But the Father poured out his anger on His son, Jesus, who willingly took the punishment that I deserve on the Cross.

1. Who is God? A good and super-patient Parent who pursues and loves his children regardless of their behavior. A Savior who has taken all stress and punishment and sin upon himself (I can't do that). And He did this when I did not obey Him or follow His ways...He blessed me and was patient despite my obedience or lack-of.

So, going forward, how do you now *get* to respond in this type of situation?

*In light of what is true of **you** because of who God is and what he's done...*

You fill in the answer for your own heart and life:

Case Study #2 – Applied to feeling rejected or unloved by another person.

In this example we will be looking at how the Gospel informs how we *get to* respond. This helps us apply the Gospel in a situation **before** acting out or getting caught in a weird emotional loop!

1. Who is God (and what is He like)? A pursuer; the knower and lover of our souls and true self and all our needs. A perfect and always-loving Father. He is LOVE!

2. What has He done (that shows us this is true)?

In the Bible: He went looking for and pursued Adam and Eve immediately after they disobeyed God; He knew Job's heart and pain and met him in his need and loss;. He cared for Ruth and knew the desires of her heart.

In your own life in the past: He was a friend and comforter to me when no one else understood what I was going through; When I was rejected by someone I loved deeply, He was the perfect and consistent lover of my soul. He sent key people into my life at important times to walk with and comfort me.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: Jesus was/is a friend of sinners (like me); He spent his life making friends with those who were rejected and felt like outsiders (woman caught in adultery, woman at the well, Zacchaeus); He died that we might once again be brought into a close and loving relationship with our committed, sovereign Father...and part of His forever family.

3. What is now true of us? (identity, authority, privilege) We are perfectly and fully accepted children of the King; We are adopted (forever) sons and daughters; We possess the indwelt Holy Spirit as a full-time comforter and counselor; We are now missionaries sent to also comfort the rejected and broken; Jesus will never leave or forsake us!

4. How do we get to respond? We live in light of always having the perfect love of the One who truly matters! We turn to Jesus with our hurts and needs at any time. We pursue others who need to experience the love and acceptance that God offers everyone through Jesus.

Remember that God is the most glorious One and you already have his acceptance!

Turn This Around: Reverse the Questions

4. What happened—how did we choose to respond? We get really nervous around a certain person because we really desire their approval, acceptance or love...and we're not feeling like we're getting it. We have said and done things to try and impress this person that are not always truthful or good.

3. What is now true of us? We are perfectly and fully accepted children of the King. The Glorious One loves us and accepts us unconditionally. We have God's love, care and provision—and we do not need to "perform" to earn it.

2. What has He done?

In the Bible: God spent time walking with his first humans, Adam and Eve, in the cool of the day. He pursued *them*, they did not need to chase him down to get his attention. Even after they sinned against God, he clothed and cared for them so they would not be naked and ashamed.

In your own life in the past: He was a friend and comforter to me when no one else understood what I was going through; When I was rejected by someone I loved deeply, He was the perfect and consistent lover of my soul. He sent key people into my life at important times to walk with and comfort me. *(Some of your answers to this question from above, in the other order, often apply here too.)*

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1. Who is God? He is LOVE! He does not ask us to perform or act a certain way to have his love and acceptance. A pursuer; the knower of our souls and true self and all our needs. A perfect and always—loving Father and friend in Jesus.

So, going forward, how do you now *get* to respond in this type of situation?

*In light of what is true of **you** because of who God is and what he's done...*

You fill in the answer for your own heart and life:

Working It Out – Case Studies

Case Study #3 – Self-doubt...regarding something at work or with a decision you need to make, or you fill in the blank.

In this example we will be looking at how the Gospel informs how we *get to* respond. This helps us apply the Gospel in a situation **before** acting out or getting caught in a weird emotional loop!

1. Who is God (and what is He like)? He is sovereign. He is omniscient; meaning he knows all things, including what will happen in your future. **Yahweh** – *The self-existent One*. He has always existed and will always exist; He already exists in your future. He knows the beginning and the end.

2. What has He done (that shows us this is true)?

In the Bible: He made the heavens and the Earth, perfectly, confidently. In Him there is no doubt or fear. He always does what is good, right and perfect. He created humans in his image to be like him! He had no doubt in himself when He created us. He guided Israel for 40 years through the wilderness, leading them to the Promised Land.

In your own life in the past: Here you'll need to fill in the answer with things from your past i.e. *"I prayed about a situation I was very unclear in and God gave me direction and peace."* Or... *"Even when I have made decisions that I was unsure of, or how others would respond, God has always worked out all things for my good and His glory."*

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: God made a decision well in advance of our need, that He would send His Son, Jesus, to rescue and restore us. It was a beautiful and righteous decision. It was grace. Even though I would continue to sin against Him and have doubts, He had no doubt of His love for me.

3. What is now true of us? (identity, authority, privilege) We are dearly loved sons and daughters of a perfect Father who know all of our needs—before we do! He places us in situations that grow our faith and trust in His love and provision. We are loved the same *regardless* of which decision we make in any situation! His love and acceptance is far greater than anyone else's that our decisions may affect—and we have it!

4. How do we get to respond? We can rest. In Christ we have no fear. We can live with the belief that God is not always testing us...waiting to see if we will make the right decisions. We can act with confidence empowered by God's own Spirit.

This sounds like really good news rather than being frozen in fear and locked in indecision.

Turn This Around: Reverse the Questions

4. What happened—how did we choose to respond? I was really stuck on trying to make a career decision. It was affection my current job, relationships and emotional and physical health. Work and making the "right decisions" had become an idol in my life.

3. What is now true of us? We are dearly loved children of God and part of His forever family. We also know that He has always provided for our needs regardless of all of our choices. We have God's perfect acceptance, despite what decisions we make; the most Glorious One loves and cares for me!

2. What has He done?

In the Bible: He made the heavens and the Earth, perfectly, confidently. In Him there is no doubt or fear. Including when He made us! He promised Abraham and Sarah that He would bless them greatly if they would trust and follow Him...and He did!

In your own life in the past: Here you'll need to fill in the answer with things from your past i.e. *"I have made decisions about my career in the past that seemed good and right at the time, only to later BEG God to get me out of that situation...and He did. And He found no fault, I had no shame, and He blessed my future and the future of my family."*

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: God knew in advance the decisions we would make throughout our life—some good, some bad, some selfish and sinful—. Yet, He decided to send His only begotten Son, Jesus, to rescue and restore us. A very righteous decision made in full confidence because of his love.

1. Who is God? He is LOVE! He does not wait until we have "chosen perfectly" until He blesses us. He is our provision—it is not our own ability to choose perfectly and work harder that meets our needs.

So, going forward, how do you now *get* to respond in this type of situation?

*In light of what is true of **you** because of who God is and what he's done...*

You fill in the answer for your own heart and life:

Working It Out – Case Studies

Case Study #4 – Marriage strife...regarding disappointment over some aspect of your spouse's character, abilities or physical attributes. You pick one of your own here if you are married and have something that fits.

If not married, you could apply this to a close friendship or a child.

Remember to look over and consider what you've learned about God in the 4 Gs for all of this.

1. Who is God (and what is He like)? He is sovereign. **He is good** and can be trusted. He knows all things, including the perfect spouse and partner for you, in order to most glorify Himself. He makes all things new and is in the business of restoration—including marriages.

2. What has He done (that shows us this is true)?

In the Bible: He saw that after creating Adam that it was not good for him to be alone, so God created Eve; a perfect partner and spouse for Adam. In the story of the prophet Hosea, God commanded him to take the prostitute Gomer as his wife. Through their relationship (crazy!) we see the true depth of God's love and forgiveness born out by their imperfections.

In your own life in the past: Here you'll need to fill in the answer with things from your past i.e. *I prayed that God would change my spouse and ultimately what changed was my heart and response toward him/her.* " Or look for times that God has shown you His love and character through your spouse in some way.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: He is a perfect Father who sent a Son to take a Bride. As Christians, we are a part of that bride—the Church. Our earthly relationships, including marriage and family, can now reflect what God (three-in-one) is truly like.

3. What is now true of us? (identity, authority, privilege) We are loved individually, and as a couple. Marriage is a divine picture of the Gospel and a gift from God. Preferring the other's needs above ours and forgiving faults, we can more perfectly mirror what God is like and show others his grace and patience. Complaining about our spouse is really a display of our unbelief that **God is good** and has given us the spouse we need to mature and grow in Christ-likeness.

4. How do we get to respond? We can quit complaining and trust God. We can look for those parts of our spouse that *already* show us what God is like...in some small way. We can move forward with the belief that God is using (and has allowed) the imperfections we see in each other to conform us to His son Jesus. In bad times that seem impossible to get through together in a marriage, we can ask God to intervene with His wisdom through community and with power.

So the pressure is off...there are no perfect husbands or wives. But we have a perfect God!

Turn This Around: Reverse the Questions

4. What happened—how did we choose to respond? We lashed out in anger (again!) at our spouse because we're living financially week-to-week. It seems like others have such better homes, possessions, lives! If only they could/would earn more money.

3. What is now true of us? We are dearly loved children of our generous Father God who owns *everything*. He gives us good things in our lives that He knows we need and yet will not cause us to lose faith in Him as our ultimate provision. And this includes the spouse we have. Our possessions (and their value) does not define our identity or bring us true happiness. God alone does. We can have what we need if we but ask for it!

2. What has He done?

In the Bible: Over and over we see Him meeting the needs of His creation, too many to number! In Prov. 30:8-9 we see the writer asking God, *"Give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name."* The story of Hosea and Hagar show how God chooses to use an imperfect spouse (couple) to display His glory.

In your own life in the past: Maybe after going into debt and striving to get a certain possession, God showed you that this thing was not what brought you true happiness. Also look for times that God has shown you His love and character through your spouse in some way. He has used both of you to meet the needs of your family (and others) in powerful ways.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: Who is your ultimate provision? Is it your spouse or God? Where is your identity and self-worth found; in possessions or bigger homes? Or in and through the love of God found in Christ? Because we have been forgiven, our earthly relationships, including marriage and family, can now reflect what God (three-in-one) is truly like.

1. Who is God? He is a good and loving Father who can be trusted. He knows all things, including the perfect spouse and partner for you, in order to most glorify Himself. He knows your needs and wants your trust. Your choices and desires are not "gooder" than His!

So, going forward, how do you now *get* to respond in this type of situation?

*In light of what is true of **you** because of who God is and what he's done...*

You fill in the answer for your own heart and life:

Working It Out – Case Studies

Case Study #5 – Stress...over anything: work, relational issues, fear, loss...you can fill in the blank from you life.

In this situation we'll look to apply the truth: God is Great...so I don't have to be in control.

1. Who is God (and what is He like)? He is sovereign, he is great. He is the all-powerful creator and sustainer of the universe! He is **El-Olam – The everlasting God**. He is eternal and keeps His promises. He loves all of His creation, which includes everyone, and he has promised to bless us.

2. What has He done (that shows us this is true)?

In the Bible: He powerfully created all things—perfectly. He sustains our very lives by his will. In the story of the great flood, we see God fill the entire Earth with water, a re-start of humanity with a covenant; a rainbow promise that He will one day restore everything perfectly back to the way He created it to be.

In your own life in the past: You're looking for answers that have to do with God's display of His wise and sovereign power in your life in the past, i.e., *"He protected my family when there was a disaster," "I trusted Him for a spouse and He brought me _____" "When our child was very ill God healed them in a miraculous way!" "When my husband lost his job God met all of our needs for 9 months!"*

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: When the world was filled with sin, every human choosing to rebel against God and his ways, he sent Jesus to save us. When all seemed the darkest, God brought new, eternal life to us! If he would do *that*, is there anything he cannot or will not provide for us?!

3. What is now true of us? (identity, authority, privilege) We are dearly loved sons and daughters of a perfect Father who know all of our needs! God is powerful enough to take care of all of life...and He has made us co-heirs of His resources and power (Spirit). We can do all things through Christ Jesus. We are servants (like Jesus) who live in freedom from fear. We are unconditionally loved regardless of how perfectly/imperfectly we respond to a situation.

4. How do we get to respond? We can rest. We don't have to be in control of people and their decisions. We can let others choose their own responses in life and give them grace along the way for any consequences. We can act with confidence and in strength empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are free in the knowledge the our sovereign God is large and always in charge!

This sounds like really good news! Can you relate this to a few areas of your life today?

Turn This Around: Reverse the Questions

4. What happened—how did we choose to respond? I started abusing alcohol or drugs trying to manage the stress in life.

(A tough situation in life that takes a lot of time and patience to change, but this will help you look in the direction of the Gospel for good news and hope.)

3. What is now true of us? God loves us deeply and we are part of His eternal family. He is powerful enough to take care of all of life...and He doesn't really need our help! We were designed to take our needs to God and his limitless reserves, not depend on ourselves and our very finite, and often broken supplies and strength. We need not medicate away our fears; we have the living God waiting to talk with us and show us his love and care. We can trust in His promises.

2. What has He done?

In the Bible: He powerfully created humans to perfectly to bear His image and extend His kingdom reign. He created us needy with His son Jesus as the ultimate fulfillment of our needs. We need not look elsewhere for our satisfaction or to calm our fears.

In your own life in the past: You're looking for answers that have to do with God's display of His wise and sovereign power in your life in the past, i.e., *"He protected me from some pretty bad choices I made and healed me from the consequences."* Or, *"When I was at the end of my rope in this relationship, God showed his love for me through my Church, my family and continually through His still small voice."* Or, *"When I was in college and stressed out over a lack of job offers, God's peace washed over me and gave me new hope that sustained me!"*

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: When all seemed the darkest, God brought new, eternal life to mankind at the Cross! Death is defeated and we can now choose *not to* sin or live in fear. Just as I could not control my sin problem, I cannot medicate it away. A new and better way was opened up by Jesus for those who trust him.

1. Who is God? He is our loving and powerful Daddy! He can meet every need, calm every storm, knows and understands our hearts. He is **Yahweh-Rapha** – *the Lord our healer*. Not only was God the healer in the Old Testament, but Jesus Christ revealed the healing heart of God for all of us, today, forever. Jesus is the better _____ and can be trusted!

So, going forward, how do you now *get* to respond in this type of situation?

*In light of what is true of **you** because of who God is and what he's done...*

You fill in the answer for your own heart and life:

Working It Out – Case Studies

Case Study #6 – Blessings in life. The 4 Questions don't just help us deal with sin or negative emotions, they can also lead us to have a Gospel response and understanding to the good things that God puts in our lives. This leads us to a place of worship.

In this example, we'll look at the birth of a child in the family.

1. Who is God (and what is He like)? He is our great and good Abba Father. He always does what is good and right and perfect. He is the author of life and the giver of all good things. He desires to see His image multiplied and glorified! He shows His love and grace in the world today through His ever-expanding family.

2. What has He done (that shows us this is true)?

In the Bible: He created humans in His image to be like Him and to walk closely in a loving relationship with Him. He placed all of creation under the authority of Adam and Eve and gave them the ability to continue His creation through having children. When all human hope and attempts were exhausted, He gave Abram and Sarai a child—a family—in their very old age. And it was the beginning of God's promise to bless the entire world through their offspring.

In your own life in the past: Here you can list everything and anything that God has done in your life that has been a blessing or brought you great joy. I am sure you can put together a long list if you try! It is good to count our blessings often.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: When we were dead in our sins God brought us new life. We were born again, anew, and given eternal life in Christ. The seed of faith He planted within us grew and still grows to His glory.

3. What is now true of us? (identity, authority, privilege) We are dearly loved sons and daughters who have God as our Daddy and Jesus as our brother and savior! We are now part of a family that is growing through new physical births and new spiritual birth.

4. How do we get to respond? With joy and rejoicing at new life! We are humbled that God would trust us with such a privilege as this new child! We can parent with His love and authority. We can parent for His glory and not our own. We have His grace for our imperfections and His Spirit to guide us.

We get to celebrate all good things in light of the Gospel. Truly Good News!

The 4 Questions Worksheet

Your particular situation, feeling, need, fear etc. _____

1. Who is God? *List aspects of His character connected to a particular feeling or situation.*

2. What has He done to prove this is true?

In the Bible:

In your own life at some point in the past:

In and through the life, death and resurrection of Christ:

3. What is now true of you? *Truths about your Identity, authority and privilege because of all of the above.*

4. How do you *get* to respond?

In light of who God is, what He has done and what is true of you, how will you now live or act?

The 4 Questions Worksheet (in reverse order)

Your particular situation: _____

What happened—how did you choose to respond?

(But...) What is true of you and your identity, authority, privilege (who you are) because of Christ?

What has God done that prove this is true and also true of Him?

In the Bible:

In your own life at some point in the past:

In and through the life, death and resurrection of Christ:

Who is God...what is true of His character and attributes in light of all of this?

So, going forward, how do you now *get* to respond in this type of situation?

Attributes of God

Seeing and believing deeply that God is our true and loving Father is an important part of expressing the gospel to ourselves and to others.

We have the Father's never-ending love; we are his dearly loved sons and daughters.

"I will be a Father to you and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:18 & 2 Samuel 7:14)

"For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" (Romans 8:15)

"A Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing." (Psalm 68:5-6)

"O Lord you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are the work of your hands." (Isaiah 64:8)

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matthew 6:8)

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26)

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11)

"Your Father in heaven is not willing that any one of these little ones should be lost." (Matthew 18:14)

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him... But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" (Luke 15:20b, 22-24)

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor [or Comforter] to be with you forever – the Spirit of Truth." (John 14:16)

"The Father will give you whatever you ask in [Jesus'] name." (John 15:16)

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us.... In love he predestined us to be adopted as his [children]." (Ephesians 1:3-5)

"Through [Christ] we... have access to the Father by one Spirit." (Ephesians 2:18)

"[God is] the Father from whom *all* mankind derives its name." (Ephesians 3:15)

"Now to [the Father] who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1)

These Hebrew names of God are powerful and provide great insight into who God is and what he is like.

Adonai – *God is the Lord over all*

He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, He reigns forever. Therefore you find safety in Him and Him alone. (Genesis 15:2, Psalm 2:4, 8:1, Isaiah 1:24)

Attiq Youm – *The Ancient of Days*

God is eternal. He was before the beginning of time. Therefore He has all authority. Every knee bows before Him. (Daniel 7:9, 13, 14)

Elohim – *God is creator, powerful and mighty*

He is stronger and mightier than anyone or anything. When you face impossible circumstances or adversaries, now that your God is stronger. (Gen. 1:1, 17:7, Ps 19:1, Jer. 31:33)

El-Elyon – *The most high God*

Do not fear the enemy who tries to intimidate you. Know that your God is the Most High God. There is none above Him. Jesus Christ is exalted high above every name. (Genesis 14:17-20, Deuteronomy 26:19, Isaiah 14:13-14)

El-Gibhor – *Mighty God*

The Lord is mighty to save. His arm is not too short. Whatever problem you are facing, know that your God is MIGHTY! (Isaiah 9:6)

El-Olam – *The everlasting God*

God is eternal, while your problems are temporary. His love will never change. His promises are true. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

El-Roi – *The strong one who sees*

When you feel lonely and abandoned by people, know that God is with you. He sees you and He knows you. (Genesis 16:13)

El-Chuwl – *The God who gave birth*

God is our Creator and our Father. He saw us and He loved us, even before we were born. He has a plan for your life. (Psalm 139:13-18)

El-Deah – *God of knowledge*

Wisdom comes from the Lord. Man tries to become wise apart from God, but ends up in foolishness. (1 Samuel 2:3; Romans 11:33-36; 1 Cor. 1:18-31)

Yahweh – *The self-existent One*

He has always existed and will always exist. You can always rely on Him because He is your eternal source of strength. (Genesis 2:4, Isaiah 40:3; 10; 1)

Yahweh-Maccaddeshem – *The Lord your sanctifier*

He forgives your sins and His Holy Spirit works in your life to conform you to Himself: pure, loving and true. (Exodus 31:13, Leviticus 20:8; Ezekiel 37:28)

Yahweh-Rohi – *The Lord my shepherd*

He cares for you, the way a shepherd tends his sheep. He cares for you and leads you to still waters and green pastures. (Psalm 23, Isaiah 40:11)

Yahweh-Shammah – *The Lord who is present*

He never leaves you, nor forsakes you. He is with you forever who never betrays you. (Genesis 28:15, Psalm 23:4, 46:1, Jeremiah 23:23-24)

Yahweh-Rapha – *The Lord our healer*

Not only was God the healer in the Old Testament, but Jesus Christ revealed the healing heart of God for all of us, more than ever. Jesus Christ died to give you life. (Exodus 15:26, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 147:3, Jeremiah 17:14)

Yahweh-Tsidkenu – *The Lord our righteousness*

When we believe in Jesus Christ, He becomes our righteousness. He forgives our sins and washes us. (Jeremiah 23:6, Genesis 15:6, Psalm 4:1, 5:8, 24:5)

Yahweh-Jireh – *The Lord will provide*

Jesus Christ said that Father cares for us and we never need to worry about provision. He is our source of life, in every way. (Genesis 22:13-14)

Yahweh-Shalom – *The Lord is peace*

Whenever there are storms in your life, hide in Him. He is your shelter in the storm. He gives peace beyond understanding, even when circumstances are chaotic. (Judges 6:24)

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Here are more attributes of God as expressed throughout scripture.

ABBA (Romans 8:15)

ADVOCATE (1 John 2:1 kjv)

ALMIGHTY (Genesis 17:1)

ALL IN ALL (Colossians 3:11)

ALPHA (Revelation 22:13)

AMEN (Revelation 3:14)

ANointed ONE (Psalm 2:2)

APOSTLE (Hebrews 3:1)

ARM OF THE LORD (Isaiah 53:1)

AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION (Hebrews 5:9)

AUTHOR OF OUR FAITH (Hebrews 12:2)

AUTHOR OF PEACE (1 Cor. 14:33)

AVENGER (1 Thessalonians 4:6)

BEGINNING (Revelation 21:6)

BLESSED & HOLY RULER (1 Timothy 6:15)

BREAD OF LIFE (John 6:35)

BREATH OF LIFE (Genesis 2:7, Revelation 11:11)

BRIDEGROOM (Isaiah 62:5)

BRIGHT MORNING STAR (Revelation 22:16)

CAPTAIN OF SALVATION (Hebrews 2:10)

CHIEF SHEPHERD (1 Peter 5:4)

CHOSEN ONE (Isaiah 42:1)

CHRIST (Matthew 22:42)

CHRIST OF GOD (Luke 9:20)
CHRIST THE LORD (Luke 2:11)
COMFORTER (John 14:26 kjv)
COMMANDER (Isaiah 55:4)
CONSUMING FIRE (Deut. 4:24, Heb. 12:29)
CORNERSTONE (Isaiah 28:16)
COUNSELOR (Isaiah 9:6)
CREATOR (1 Peter 4:19)
CROWN OF BEAUTY (Isaiah 28:5)

DELIVERER (Romans 11:26)
DESIRED OF ALL NATIONS (Haggai 2:7)
DOOR (John 10:7 kjv)
DWELLING PLACE (Psalm 90:1)

ELECT ONE (Isaiah 42:1)
END (Revelation 21:6)
ETERNAL GOD (Deut. 33:27)
ETERNAL LIFE (1 John 5:20)
ETERNAL SPIRIT (Hebrews 9:14)
EVERLASTING FATHER (Isaiah 9:6)
EVERLASTING GOD (Genesis 21:33)
EXCELLENT (Psalm 148:13 kjv)

FAITHFUL & TRUE (Revelation 19:11)
FAITHFUL WITNESS (Revelation 1:5)
FATHER (Matthew 6:9)
FIRSTBORN (Rom.8:29, Rev.1:5, Col.1:15)
FIRSTFRUITS (1 Cor.15:20-23)
FORTRESS (Jeremiah 16:19)
FOUNDATION (1 Cor. 3:11)
FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS (Jeremiah 2:13)
FRIEND (Matthew 11:19)
FULLERS' SOAP (Malachi 3:2 kjv)

GENTLE WHISPER (1 Kings 19:12)
GIFT OF GOD (John 4:10)
GLORY OF THE LORD (Isaiah 40:5)
GOD (Genesis 1:1)
GOD ALMIGHTY (Genesis 17:1)
GOD OF THE WHOLE EARTH (Isaiah 54:5)
GOD OVER ALL (Romans 9:5)
GOD WHO SEES ME (Genesis 16:13)
GOODNESS (Psalm 144:2 kjv)
GOOD SHEPHERD (John 10:11)
GOVERNOR (Psalm 22:28 kjv)
GREAT HIGH PRIEST (Hebrews 4:14)
GREAT SHEPHERD (Hebrews 13:20)
GUIDE (Psalm 48:14)

HEAD OF THE BODY (Colossians 1:18)
HEAD OF THE CHURCH (Ephesians 5:23)
HEIR OF ALL THINGS (Hebrews 1:2)
HIDING PLACE (Psalm 32:7)
HIGHEST (Luke 1:76)
HIGH PRIEST (Hebrews 3:1)
HIGH PRIEST FOREVER (Hebrews 6:20)
HOLY GHOST (John 14:26)
HOLY ONE (Acts 2:27)
HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL (Isaiah 49:7)
HOLY SPIRIT (John 15:26)
HOPE (Titus 2:13)
HORN OF SALVATION (Luke 1:69)
HUSBAND (Isaiah 54:5, Jer. 31:32, Hosea 2:16)

I AM (Exodus 3:14, John 8:58)
IMAGE OF GOD (2 Cor. 4:4)
IMAGE OF HIS PERSON (Hebrews 1:3)
IMMANUEL (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23)
INTERCESSOR (Romans 8:26,27,34 Hebrews 7:25)

JEALOUS (Exodus 34:14)
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD (Romans 6:23)
JUDGE (Isaiah 33:22, Acts 10:42)
JUST ONE (Acts 22:14)

KEEPER (Psalm 121:5)
KING ETERNAL (1 Timothy 1:17)
KING OF GLORY (Psalm 24:10)
KING OF JEWS (Matthew 27:11)
KING OF KINGS (1 Timothy 6:15)
KING OF SAINTS (Revelation 15:3)

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)
LAST ADAM (1 Cor. 15:45)
LAWGIVER (Isaiah 33:22)
LEADER (Isaiah 55:4)
LIFE (John 14:6)
LIGHT OF THE WORLD (John 8:12)
LIKE AN EAGLE (Deut. 32:11)
LIVING GOD (Daniel 6:20)
LIVING STONE (1 Peter 2:4)
LIVING WATER (John 4:10)
LORD (John 13:13)
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY (Revelation 15:3)
LORD GOD OF HOSTS (Jeremiah 15:16)
LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 Cor. 15:57)
LORD OF ALL (Acts 10:36)
LORD OF GLORY (1 Cor. 2:8)
LORD OF HARVEST (Matthew 9:38)

LORD OF HOSTS (Haggai 1:5)
LORD OF LORDS (1 Tim. 6:15)
LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jeremiah 23:6)
LOVE (1 John 4:8)
LOVINGKINDNESS (Psalm 144:2)

MAKER (Job 35:10, Psalm 95:6)
MAJESTY ON HIGH (Hebrews 1:3)
MAN OF SORROWS (Isaiah 53:3)
MASTER (Luke 5:5)
MEDIATOR (1 Timothy 2:5)
MERCIFUL GOD (Jeremiah 3:12)
MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT (Malachi 3:1)
MESSIAH (John 4:25)
MIGHTY GOD (Isaiah 9:6)
MIGHTY ONE (Isaiah 60:16)
MOST UPRIGHT (Isaiah 26:7)

NAZARENE (Matthew 2:23)

OMEGA (Revelation 22:13)
ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (John 1:18 kjv)
OUR PASSOVER LAMB (1 Cor. 5:7)

PEACE (Ephesians 2:14)
PHYSICIAN (Luke 4:23)
PORTION (Psalm 73:26, Psalm 119:57)
POTTER (Isaiah 64:8)
POWER OF GOD (1 Cor. 1:24)
PRINCE OF LIFE (Acts 3:15)
PRINCE OF PEACE (Isaiah 9:6)
PROPHET (Acts 3:22)
PROPHET OF THE HIGHEST (Luke 1:76)
PROPITIATION (1 John 2:2, 1 John 4:10)
PURIFIER (Malachi 3:3)

RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY (Heb. 1:3)
REDEEMER (Job 19:25)
REFINER'S FIRE (Malachi 3:2)
REFUGE (Jeremiah 16:19)
RESURRECTION (John 11:25)
REWARDER (Hebrews 11:6)
RIGHTEOUS ONE (1 John 2:1)
ROCK (1 Cor. 10:4)
ROOT OF DAVID (Rev. 22:16)
RULER OF GOD'S CREATION (Rev. 3:14)
RULER OVER KINGS OF EARTH (Rev 1:5)

SAVIOR (Luke 2:11)
SEED (Genesis 3:15)

SERVANT (Isaiah 42:1)
SHADE (Psalm 121:5)
SHEPHERD OF OUR SOULS (1Peter 2:25)
SHIELD (Genesis 15:1)
SONG (Exodus 15:2, Isaiah 12:2)
SON OF GOD (Matthew 27:54)
SON OF MAN (Matthew 8:20)
SON OF THE MOST HIGH (Luke 1:32)
SOURCE (Hebrews 5:9)
SPIRIT (John 4:24)
SPIRIT OF ADOPTION (Romans 8:15)
SPIRIT OF GOD (Genesis 1:2)
SPIRIT OF TRUTH (John 14:17,15:26,16:13)
STRENGTH (Jeremiah 16:19)
STRONGHOLD (Nahum 1:7)
STRONG TOWER (Proverbs 18:10)
SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Malachi 4:2)

TEACHER (John 13:13)
TEMPLE (Revelation 21:22)
THE ONE (Psalm 144:2,10)
TRUE LIGHT (John 1:9)
TRUE WITNESS (Revelation 3:14)
TRUTH (John 14:6)

VINE (John 15:5)

WALL OF FIRE (Zechariah 2:5)
WAY (John 14:6)
WISDOM OF GOD (1 Cor. 1:24)
WITNESS (Isaiah 55:4)
WONDERFUL (Isaiah 9:6)
WORD (John 1:1)
WORD OF GOD (Revelation 19:13)

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