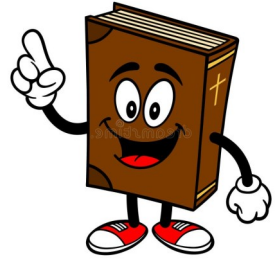


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Scripture: Exodus 3:13-22 “This is my name forever, and this is my title for all generations.”

Why is Moses speaking to God?

Why does Moses ask for a name from God?

What name does God give, and how many other names/identities of God are used throughout just this passage?

Connecting Scripture to today

Think about worship ... how many different names or identities of God are used within worship?

When you pray, what name or identity of God is your preferred name or identity to use?

Is there a name or identity of God that you prefer to avoid, or that just bothers you when others use it?

Complete the sentence: God is _____

Definitions as we begin this conversation

God v god

Allah

Divine/Divinity

Monotheism

Transcendent

polytheism

Tetragrammaton (YHWH)

Dualism

Yahweh

Adoni/the LORD

Lord

Trinity

Incarnate

Jesus

Son of Man/Son of God

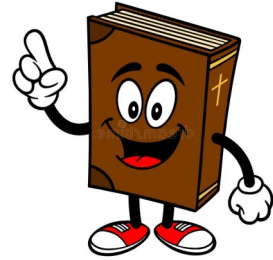
Son of David

Holy Spirit

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The briefest synopsis of how we went from many to just one divine being we call God

This God is My God; This God is Your God

Jesus a catalyst for rightness with God

Post Jesus shifts in theological thinking

Thinking Theologically about God Today

So what do we do with all these competing ways of thinking about God?

Acknowledge our system of thinking theologically is just that — our way. Growing in faith is about being open to how others think theologically and entering those conversations honestly and openly.

Studying the history of theological thinking helps form a more solid understanding for why we have come to believe the ways we have.

Ultimately trusting that God is not afraid of our exploring different ways of thinking theologically. God's existence is not dependent on our right thinking. Our thinking Theologically should, however, be done in a way that is least harmful to creation and to neighbor, so that the ultimate goals of good may be achieved.

Closing Prayer