

No. 3 Teach Others to “Love the Name of Jehovah” (Circuit overseer)

Note to speaker:

Help the audience to understand what it really means to love Jehovah’s name

WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE JEHOVAH’S NAME (5 min.)

The name Jehovah comes from a Hebrew verb that means “to become” (*kr* 43)

Jehovah is the Creator of all things and the Fulfiller of his purpose (Isa 55:11; Re 4:11)

In each situation, he becomes whatever is necessary to fulfill his purpose (Ex 3:14)

He also causes his creation to become whatever is needed to accomplish his will

If we truly love God’s name, we will progress beyond knowing the definition

We must come to know the Person—his activities and qualities, what pleases him, and what he abhors

Jehovah has given us his Word, the Bible, so that we can understand what his name represents

Love is the foundation on which all of Jehovah’s qualities and attributes are built

He is “merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and abundant in loyal love and truth” (Ex 34:6)

Jehovah is “a God of faithfulness who is never unjust,” and thus we can always trust him to act in our best interests (De 32:4)

Those who love God’s name do all they can to honor him, praise him, and serve him

They come to love everything that his name stands for—all that is good, holy, and righteous—and they try to live in harmony with it

HOW TRUE WORSHIPPERS SHOW LOVE FOR GOD’S NAME (8 min.)

Throughout history, truth seekers have manifested love for God’s name (Ps 5:11, 12)

In contrast, false religious teachers may be aware of God’s name but have no love for it—many deliberately ignore his name (Jer 23:27)

Jehovah foretold that there would be a people today who would “love the name of Jehovah”

[Read Isaiah 56:6] (*w07* 1/15 10 ¶3; *w00* 11/15 13 ¶14)

The “foreigners,” or earthly subjects of God’s Kingdom, “join themselves to Jehovah” out of love for his name

The other sheep must also ‘keep the Sabbath and not profane it.’ How so?

Although Christians are not required to observe a weekly Sabbath day, we can learn much from what took place in Nehemiah’s day (Ne 13:15-20)

Although the Sabbath was customarily set aside for family worship, prayer, and meditation, some of Nehemiah’s contemporaries profaned it by conducting business as usual on the Sabbath

Nehemiah upheld the Sabbath by arranging to have the gates of Jerusalem closed at dusk on the sixth day and chasing the merchants away before the Sabbath began

As Christians, we give priority to sacred things, not allowing ourselves to be preoccupied with material matters (*w13* 8/15 5-6 ¶13-15)

Do you and your family give priority to family worship, meeting attendance, and field service?

We need figuratively to close the gates to the city and chase the merchants away, in order to give priority to spiritual things

You may need to be resolute with your relatives, employer, or business associates if they fail to respect your spiritual priorities

[Read Isaiah 56:7]

Those who join themselves to Jehovah are invited to his “holy mountain”

Jehovah is making them rejoice inside his “house of prayer,” his spiritual temple

They “rejoice” over the opportunity to minister and offer “sacrifices” to their God

Among the sacrifices they offer are those described at **Hebrews 13:15, 16** **[Read]**

Our ‘sacrifices of praise’ include appreciative comments at Christian meetings and heartfelt prayers, as well as speaking to others in the Kingdom preaching work

When disaster strikes, we “do good” by offering comfort and material aid to those in need

We also “share” when we make contributions to support the worldwide work, as doing so advances Kingdom interests

“God is well-pleased” when we use any skills we may have to show love for his name

INTERVIEW (2 min.)

[Ask a publisher to relate positive effects that learning God’s personal name has had on him or her. How did he or she come to love God’s name? How has he or she benefited from knowing Jehovah as a Person?]

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HELP OTHERS TO LOVE JEHOVAH’S NAME (3 min.)

While on earth, Jesus helped his disciples to come to know and love their heavenly Father; he helped them to see the connection between knowing God and loving him

In word and deed, he demonstrated how to express godly love (Mt 4:23)

Those who love God’s name make every effort to teach others to love it (Ps 34:3)

Help Bible students to grasp the full meaning of what his name stands for

Do we encourage newly interested ones to use Jehovah’s name?

If you own a smartphone or a tablet, use our videos to “declare the name of Jehovah” (De 32:3)

DEMONSTRATION (3 min.)

[Demonstrate (or reenact, if possible) the skillful use of the video *Does God Have a Name?* A publisher is talking to a workmate, a schoolmate, a return visit, or perhaps someone he or she met while engaging in the field ministry with a cart or a table display. After showing the concluding portion of the video (perhaps the portion 3:05–3:56 on the video timeline), the publisher should offer the *Good News From God* brochure and make arrangements to call back and demonstrate a Bible study]

JEHOVAH REWARDS THOSE WHO LOVE HIS NAME (3 min.)

Jehovah takes note of those who treasure his name [**Read Malachi 3:16, ftn.**]

He observes more than our godly deeds and words of praise; he takes note even when we think appreciatively about him

“Those who fear Jehovah” have their names written in “a book of remembrance” and gain the prospect of receiving everlasting life

Review question: How can we teach others to “love the name of Jehovah”?

Answer: Isaiah 56:6, 7; by helping others to “join themselves to Jehovah.” This includes helping them to know Jehovah as a Person, to offer sacrifices of praise to him through good works, and to live in harmony with his regulations

We yearn for the time when the name of Jehovah will be glorified throughout all eternity

As we await that glorious day, may all of us continue to teach others to honor and magnify the greatest name in all the universe—Jehovah

(Speaker does not need to read or comment on every cited text or discuss every subpoint)