Text: Genesis 4:26
Title: "Call on the Name of the Lord"

INTRODUCTION

Genesis 4:26b (NIV) - At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD.

We're not sure exactly what this means. What we do know is that there was a time when people started calling up, worshipping, invoking and proclaiming the name of the Lord. And thus we see the practice continue throughout Scripture.

> **Genesis 12:8 (NIV) - From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.**
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> **1 Chronicles 16:8 (NIV) - Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.**
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> **Psalm 116:4 (NIV) - Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"**
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> **Lamentations 3:55 (NIV) - I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit.**
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> **Zephaniah 3:9 (NIV) - "Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.**
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> **Acts 2:21 (NIV) - And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'**

The "name" of the Lord is more than just a way of identifying Him. It carries with it the full weight of His nature. To call on the name of the Lord means to draw upon the wealth of who He is.

We find multiple names of God in the Old and New Testaments. Why? Not a playful nickname

> **ILLUSTRATION** – When I was a teenager, the group of buddies I ran around with made up names for each other.

- Not a deceitful alias

> **ILLUSTRATION** – When someone is being sought by the police sometimes they will give multiple names or aliases. The reason is that the criminal has been hiding his true identity behind many different names.

No the names of God were given at certain times and to certain people God revealed Himself by a new name, thus unveiling yet another aspect of His Person.

Let's call upon the name of the Lord together today.

"I AM WHO I AM" (YAHWEH OR JEHOVAH)

Exodus 3:14 (NIV) - God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

"GOD MOST HIGH" (EL-ELYON)

Genesis 14:18-20 (NIV) - Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, [19] and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. [20] And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

"THE LORD, YOUR PROVISION" (JEHOVAH-JIREH)

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."

"THE LORD, YOUR VICTORY" (JEHOVAH-NISSI)

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

"THE LORD, YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU)

Jeremiah 23:5-6 (NIV) - The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. [6] 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.

"THE LORD, YOUR HEALING" (JEHOVAH-REPHEKA)

Exodus 15:26 (NIV) - He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

"THE LORD, YOUR STRENGTH" (JEHOVAH-TSEBAOTH)

1 Samuel 17:45 (NIV) - David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty (THE LORD OF HOSTS), the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

"THE LORD, YOUR PEACE" (JEHOVAH-SHALOM)

Judges 6:23-24a (NIV) - But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." [24] So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace.

"LORD GOD ALMIGHTY" (EL-SHADDAI)

Psalm 89:8 (NIV) - O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

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