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Revealed through His Names

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*To all my Sunday School teachers who instilled a love
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Preface

If love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility, and self-control could be purchased, would you stand in line to pay whatever it cost to buy them? What price would you pay to fill your life with grace and peace and all the wonderful characteristics of God's divine nature?

What if I were to tell you that grace and peace and everything that pertains to living a successful Christian life could be yours abundantly simply by knowing God? Would you be interested?

Good news! The Word of God tells us, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:2–4).

When speaking of the innumerable benefits and mysteries of knowing God, the apostle Paul exclaimed, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33). God is so wonderful, vast, great, and complex that we could never exhaust all there is to know about Him. Neither could we measure in silver or gold the worth of knowing and understanding Him. That God reveals Himself so freely and makes knowledge of His ways so readily available to mankind is in itself an incredible gift. And, as if that is not astounding enough, God offers something even more marvelous—a loving, intimate relationship with Him.

We begin our study of eleven Old Testament names of God by first pondering the Biblical significance of names. As we progress, we will learn how knowing God's names strengthens our love, faith, and confidence in God and results in delight and joy in Him. "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psalm 34:3).

How to Use This Study

Each lesson in this study is divided into four parts. Follow these suggestions as you prepare each lesson.

Key Verse

The key verse or verses are the ones at the beginning of the lesson. Memorize the verse(s) and think about them during the day. Review the verses from previous lessons to keep them fresh in your mind and to think about how the verses interrelate.

Study the Word

Read the introductions, answer the questions, and read the commentary. Think about how the facts apply to your life.

Concluding Thoughts

This part is a summary of the lesson truths. Again, think about how these truths apply to your life right now. What will you do to employ them?

Express the Truth in Song

This section offers a verse and a hymn or song. Think about the words of each. If you know the hymn or song, sing it to God as worship and thanksgiving. If you are musical, consider putting the verse from Psalms to music to sing yourself or to teach to the other women in your Bible study.