WHAT'S IN A SONG



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## Hallowed Be Thy Name

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We sing it loud; we move to it and it's just plain fun. Beyond the surface, however, it is speaking to some of the characteristics of God. It is God relating to us, us understanding his ways, and a description of all the things he has done for us. So, lets break it down.

**YOU ARE LOVE...** This is probably the most common characteristic we attributed to God. In our human understanding of love, we tend to focus on warm, happy feelings for the people we like. It usually comes with the expectation that this feeling will be reciprocated. If it isn't, then "I'm going to take my love and walk away". But God offers a different perspective. Love is from God, and he is *perfect* love<sup>1</sup>. Love puts up with flaws. It is patient, it wants the best for the one who is loved, and it doesn't envy. It doesn't brag. It isn't narcissistic. It doesn't rejoice in lies but rejoices in truth.<sup>2</sup> Often misinterpreted; love is a *verb*. It requires *action*, regardless of the response. This is how God loves us even when we don't love him.

**YOU ARE LIFE...** The Eternal Life was made flesh, so we could see and understand the plan put in place to restore our souls to God.<sup>3</sup> The opposite of death.

YOU ARE LORD OVER EVERYTHING... There is nothing in this world, that is beyond his control.4

**ALPHA, OMEGA...** The beginning and the end of all things.<sup>5</sup> **JEHOVAH...** When we need provision for the journey, God provides.<sup>6</sup>

**THE KING OF KINGS...** This one may have lost its significance over time. When Christ was Crucified, Pilate had a sign placed on his cross identifying him as King of the Jews. They mocked him for it. In the book of Revelation, at the end of all things and the beginning of the new he will claim his true title, *King of Kings and Lord of Lords*. <sup>7</sup>(selah<sup>8</sup>)

**WONDERFUL WAY MAKER, WORTHY OF MY OFFERING...** He is Wonderful, and he is Counsellor<sup>9</sup>, he is many things. We are enlightened each time we seek him and absorb his glory. If we humbly focus our thoughts and our eyes on Christ, our hearts are open to all that he wants to show us. It is in this path the way is made clear.

## ...HALLOWED (honoured) BE THY NAME

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1 John 4:7 | 2. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 | 3. 1 John 1:2 | 4. Luke 8:22-25 | 5. John 1:1-5 | 6. Genesis 22:14-16

7. Revelation 19:16 | 8. Ponder it (give it thought) | 9. Isaiah 9:6