

SERMON OUTLINE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

(LORD'S PRAYER sermon series)

The Foundation: Where Trust Begins

"Our Father Who is . . . " (Matthew 6:9)

INTRODUCTION: *Only a 2 letter word* . . .

but the foundation of your spiritual house

I. OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN (Matthew 6:9)

- A. A story about an airplane flight: My ability to fly is NOT the issue; I count on the airplane to get me home
- B. God **is** the foundation of my spiritual house; it's His strength, not mine
- C. Moses leaned this at the burning bush (Exodus 3:5 and ff)

II. THE VARIOUS NAMES OF GOD ARE THE "STONES" FOR THE FOUNDATION

- A. A story about my dear wife:

 The more I knew her, the more names I gave her
- B. The more God's people knew Him, the more names they gave Him
 - 1. *Elohim*:

Strong One / Creator (Genesis 1:1)

2. Yahweh:

I Am / Lord (Exodus 3)

3. Yahweh-Raah:

The LORD My Shepherd (Genesis 48:15; John 10-11)

4. Yahweh-Jireh:

The LORD Who Provides (Genesis 22:8: John 1:29)

5. Yahweh-Shalom:

The LORD is Peace (Judges 6:24; Philippians 4:7)

An aside: Our problem is that we try to build on other foundations (Matthew 7:24 ff)

6. Yahweh-Nissi:

The LORD my Banner (Exodus 17:15)

CONCLUSION: Our Father Who is . . .

the very foundation of our spiritual house . . . He is!