

NAMES OF THE FATHER
Part XVII
Isaiah 6:1-13

Introduction: Scrutinizing the Old Testament elucidates us in comprehending who God is through the many poignant, descriptive names ascribed to Him. This inalienable and incontrovertible knowledge instructs us as to what He expects of us and how what He expects of us is circumspect to our welfare. The Israelites, because of their insatiable, rebellious nature, learned the hard way that the same power that was available to bless them could be used against them if they disobeyed Him.

I. The names of the Father

A. *Yahweh Sabaoth*

1. The case of disobedience. 1st Samuel 4:1-11. The very power that was available to help the Israelites turned against them because of their sin.
2. When God ordained Isaiah as a prophet, He again showed Himself as *the Lord of Hosts, Yahweh Sabaoth*. Isaiah 6:1-8. He was told that Israel would reject his message and then would be punished. They learned the hard way that the *Lord of Hosts (Yahweh Sabaoth)* could lead them to victory or punish them if they rejected Him.
3. The punishment from the *Lord of Hosts* – on both Israel and her tormentors – is a recurring theme of the later prophets. In Isaiah 10:24-27, we see a warning.
4. After Israel was taken into captivity, God came to His people and spoke with words of rebuke along with encouragement. Haggai the prophet constantly used the phrase, “*the Lords of Hosts*.” It appears nine times in the following passage: Haggai 2:4-11, 23.
5. At the very end of the Old Testament, the verse usually linked with tithing also linked *the Lord of Hosts* with either blessing or cursing. Malachi 3:10-11. “Devourer” is translated from the Hebrew to English as “eater.” This is a reference about the insects that would, in times of a plague, inordinately eat all the vegetation. Devourer is also another name for Satan. 1st Peter 5:8. *The Lord of hosts* has promised to bless both physically and spiritually those who faithfully tithe into His storehouse.
6. *Yahweh Sabaoth* brings heavenly power to aid His children.
 - a. When Israel came to the Promise Land and their leader approached Jericho, he wondered how he could take such a city. While he was observing the situation, he saw a stranger standing before him. Joshua 5:13-14. Notice that the Lord came to Joshua as “*the Lord of Hosts*” in the hour of need to encourage him. Some commentators believe this was a *Christophany*, that is, that Jesus Christ Himself appeared to Joshua.
 - b. *The Lord of Hosts* rules the armies of Heaven so that they will obey His will. Hebrews 1:14. Millions of God’s angels are on duty to minister on behalf of His children. Revelation 5:11.
 - c. When His people are disobedient to Him, the Lord will allow them to suffer defeat. Tests or temptations come our way. James 1:2-4. *The Lord of Hosts* comes to aid us when we are tested. 1st Corinthians 10:13.

Conclusion: The Scripture teaches that we should draw near to God. James 4:8. When we do, He draws closer to us. We should note that God’s entire promises are conditional. If we obey, He responds positively to us. The more we concentrate on pleasing Him, the sooner we will win the victory. He is the Lord of Hosts. (*Yahweh Sabaoth*.) The God who is in control of the angels can send them to assist you so that you can overcome the devil in your daily walk.