

## **Weekly Devotions: GOD IS SOVEREIGN 8**

### **YHWH is Our God**

We can trust in God's power, love and faithfulness because He is Elohim, the Almighty God, God above all gods, the Creator of all things. Nothing is impossible to Him. His personal name is *YHWH*, the holy four letters, held in such awe by Jews that it is not to be pronounced.

The English translations: LORD, Yahweh, I Am, do not fully convey its significance. The Name expresses who God is, that He is infinite, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

The BDB Theological Dictionary, a comprehensive Hebrew lexicon, said the name YHWH signifies and refers to the Source of Life, the Origin and Sustainer of all life, the unchangeable One; the ever-living One; the One faithful to His promises; the One who brings something into being.

### **Read Gen 2**

YHWH (Yahweh) is the second Name of God given in the creation records (Gen 2:4). In Gen 2, Yahweh was portrayed as the Giver of life. When the earth was barren, without plant or bush, Yahweh brought the rain and all kind of vegetation sprung up (2: 9). Yahweh also formed man out of the dust; breathing into him the breath of life and man became a living creature. God was attentive to the needs of man; He formed Eve out of Adam and gave him a helpmate and companion.

YHWH is not only the source of biological life. He is the Giver of eternal life. Through Him we can have abundant and purposeful life on earth and life with Him eternally in heaven. Hallelujah!

### *Questions to ponder*

1. What insights do you get about God's nature and love for humankind from reading Gen 2:4-25?
2. What was Adam's God-given role and for what purpose was Eve created (Gen 2: 15, 18-23)?
3. Every day and every year we have is a gift from Yahweh. Unfortunately, many waste it, abuse it or take God's gift of life for granted. What does it mean for you to live your life well for God and what is God's purpose for your life?