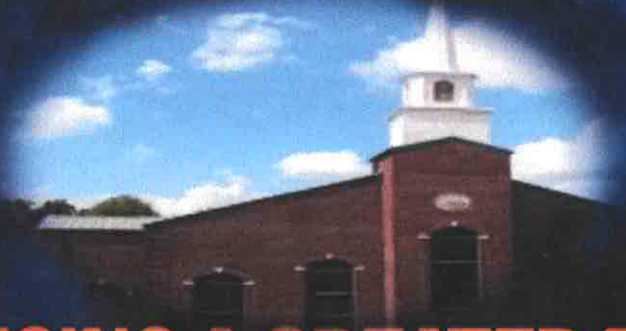


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## EXPERIENCING A GREATER PEACE IN THE TRUE GOD DEVOTIONAL

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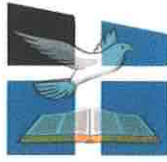
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**Salutations my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

I have discovered that when we listen to God and follow his directions, we will reap a great harvest. A few months ago, God spoke to me to initiate and produce a previously unimaginable work for our church and community in Tuskegee.. The vision came in an unusual but familiar circumstance. However, I heeded his call to produce a people to promote a ministry product never published or propagated by us in this era. These collection of writings from Pastor and Sister Jones and the volunteer members of the Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church will have a major impact on other Christians and will inspire others to know more about him.

This project has enlightened and enlisted me and others to compose this collection of devotionals to illuminate and illustrate the many various names of God through our personal study, experiences, and prayer. We have learned that God is a God for every situation of life. I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to all of the writers in this devotional. Through bible study and prayer, you have provided a physical and phenomenal piece to minister to everyday people as they seek to learn more about our God. Special expressions of gratitude to Pastor Clifford E. Jones for his willingness and interest in this project and each of your dedication to author writings. I must say after reading in detail all of your writings, I was determined and and persuaded that the development of this publication is notable and commendable. May God inspire all who read this publication and apply it's principles to your daily life.

**In His Name,**

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Dear Family and Friends:

It is with great joy that I write to you to introduce our Devotional on the names of God. This Devotional is the result of our 2023 Spiritual Growth Seminar, conducted by Dr. John H. Curry, Jr., who implanted this project in our mind. The members of Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church selected names of God and conducted research to develop this Devotional for our benefit. It is my hope and prayer that all who read this Devotional will be as blessed as I was. My special thanks to Dr. Curry and the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church family for their support and leadership in this project.

Like any healthy Christian, you want to know God. You want to really know Him, not just know about Him. And to increase your intimacy with God, you've worked to encounter Him in several ways. You've studied His Word. You've prayed. You've worshiped Him. You've built a relationship with His children in the church. All these are good activities that can help you know God better. Do you know God's other names? As Christians, we have many ways of addressing God. We understand Him in terms of the Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We recognize Him as our Creator. We speak the name of Jesus, and we proclaim Him to be Christ, our Savior and Lord.

In Scripture names often convey a sense of purpose, authority, nature, and character. In fact, a name was often used in the Bible almost as an equivalent to a person or a thing. The name of a thing carried almost as much weight as the thing itself. That's why when Jesus said in John 17:26, He'd made God's "name known to them and will make it known." He was talking about more than just the Word of God. Having come to earth in the flesh, Jesus unveiled God's heart, mind, will, character, and being - all through the revelation of His name.

This Devotional will show you that God has a name for any and every situation you find yourself in. I encourage you to get to know the names of God, because in knowing His character and in understanding His ability to act in your situation, you'll learn to rest and discover peace and power in His covenant care. By learning God's names, you can come to truly know Him.

I am so thankful you will have the opportunity to study the names in this Devotional and let God bless you and inspire you.

In God Peace,  
  
Clifford E. Jones

# A Godly Devotion

In our busy lives, we love shortcuts. As a society we thrive on streamlining and multitasking in order to increase efficiency. Getting to our destination as fast as possible is the priority. We now have apps for our phones that give up-to-the-minute updates on the fastest route to our destination.

There is really nothing wrong with a shortcut when we are in the car (as long as it is legal!). The problem comes when we try to take shortcuts in other areas. The most problematic place to find a shortcut is in our relationship with God. During the busy seasons in our lives we tend to allow our time with God to be the first thing that suffers. Somehow we convince ourselves that we can take shortcuts and our actions will still reflect a close relationship with God.

In this short charge to Solomon, David reminds him of the most important part of walking with God: The heart. God is most interested in having our hearts. He desires “wholehearted devotion” and He “searches every heart.” What better person to remind Solomon of this than David who the Bible says was “a man after God’s own heart” (1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22). The problem is that we cannot take shortcuts when it comes to our hearts. When we try to do so it usually takes the form of action. Instead of spending time with God in the quiet moments, we try to force our actions in the moment. God wants to have our hearts first and He knows that our actions will follow. As my seminary professor, Dr. Tim Loyola, says, “God cares more about what He is doing in you (heart) than what He is doing through you (actions), because what He is doing through you (actions) depends on what He is doing in you (heart).” Do you want to be more effective in living your life for God? Then focus on giving Him your whole heart! These devotionals allow us to see God in every aspect of our lives. God moves in our lives through Jesus Christ, to bring us closer to him. We must know God to Grow in God.. What is the Big Question?

## Who is God?

### Who is God? - The Fact

The fact of God’s existence is so conspicuous, both through creation and through man’s conscience, that the Bible calls the atheist a “fool” ([Psalm 14:1](#)). Accordingly, the Bible never attempts to prove the existence of God; rather, it assumes His existence from the very beginning ([Genesis 1:1](#)). What the Bible does is reveal the nature, character, and work of God.

### Who is God? - The Definition

Thinking correctly about God is of utmost importance because a false idea about God is idolatry. In [Psalm 50:21](#), God reproves the wicked man with this accusation: “You thought I was altogether like you.” To start with, a good summary definition of God is “the Supreme Being; the Creator and Ruler of all that is; the Self-existent One who is perfect in power, goodness, and wisdom.”

### **Who is God? - His Nature**

We know certain things to be true of God for one reason: in His mercy He has condescended to reveal some of His qualities to us. God is spirit, by nature intangible ([John 4:24](#)). God is One, but He exists as three Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 3:16-17](#)). God is infinite ([1 Timothy 1:17](#)), incomparable ([2 Samuel 7:22](#)), and unchanging ([Malachi 3:6](#)). God exists everywhere ([Psalm 139:7-12](#)), knows everything ([Psalm 147:5](#); [Isaiah 40:28](#)), and has all power and authority ([Ephesians 1](#); [Revelation 19:6](#)).

### **Who is God? - His Character**

Here are some of God's characteristics as revealed in the Bible: God is just ([Acts 17:31](#)), loving ([Ephesians 2:4-5](#)), truthful ([John 14:6](#)), and holy ([1 John 1:5](#)). God shows compassion ([2 Corinthians 1:3](#)), mercy ([Romans 9:15](#)), and grace ([Romans 5:17](#)). God judges sin ([Psalm 5:5](#)) but also offers forgiveness ([Psalm 130:4](#)).

### **Who is God? - His Work**

We cannot understand God apart from His works, because what God does flows from who He is. Here is an abbreviated list of God's works, past, present, and future: God created the world ([Genesis 1:1](#); [Isaiah 42:5](#)); He actively sustains the world ([Colossians 1:17](#)); He is executing His eternal plan ([Ephesians 1:11](#)) which involves the redemption of man from the curse of sin and death ([Galatians 3:13-14](#)); He draws people to Christ ([John 6:44](#)); He disciplines His children ([Hebrews 12:6](#)); and He will judge the world ([Revelation 20:11-15](#)).

### **Who is God? - A Relationship with Him**

In the Person of the Son, God became incarnate ([John 1:14](#)). The Son of God became the Son of Man and is therefore the "bridge" between God and man ([John 14:6](#); [1 Timothy 2:5](#)). It is only through the Son that we can have forgiveness of sins ([Ephesians 1:7](#)), reconciliation with God ([John 15:15](#); [Romans 5:10](#)), and eternal salvation ([2 Timothy 2:10](#)). In Jesus Christ "all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" ([Colossians 2:9](#)). So, to really know who God is, all we have to do is look at Jesus.

Everyone knows that God exists. "God has made it plain" that He is real, "for since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse" ([Romans 1:19-20](#)). Some try to suppress the knowledge of God; most try to add to it. The Christian has a deep desire to know God better ([Psalm 25:4](#)).

In [John 3](#) we read about a man who clearly wanted to know God better and who became more studied than most in the things of God. His name was Nicodemus, and he was a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews. This Nicodemus knew that Jesus had come from God, and he was truly curious to learn more about Jesus. Jesus patiently explained to Nicodemus how he must be born again (verses 3-15). In order to know God better, Nicodemus had come to the right person—"In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" ([Colossians 2:9](#)). Jesus is indeed the Word of God made flesh ([John 1:14](#)). Jesus revealed God through His words and works. He even said that no one comes to the Father but by Him ([John 14:6](#)). If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus.

So, we must start with faith. The first step in knowing God better is to know Jesus Christ, who was sent from God ([John 6:38](#)). Once we are born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can truly begin to learn about God, His character, and His will. "The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God" ([1 Corinthians 2:10](#)). By contrast, "the person without the Spirit . . . cannot understand [the things of God] because they are discerned only through the Spirit" (verse 14). There is a difference between the "natural" man and the "spiritual" man.

[Romans 10:17](#) says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." It cannot be emphasized enough how the study of God's Word, the Bible, is paramount to knowing God better. We must, "like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it [we] may grow up in [our] salvation, now that [we] have tasted that the Lord is good" ([1 Peter 2:2-3](#)). God's Word should be our "delight" ([Psalm 119:16, 24](#)).

Those who are learning more about God are also those who obey the command to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Born-again believers always have the Holy Spirit, but [Ephesians 5:15-21](#) teaches us to walk in the Spirit and surrender to His will.

Prayer is also an important part of knowing God better. As we pray, we praise God for His character and for what He has done. We spend time with Him, relying on His power and allowing the Spirit to intercede for us "through wordless groans" ([Romans 8:26](#)).

Also consider that one can get to know God better by fellowshiping with other believers. The Christian life was not meant to be lived alone. We learn more about God through the preaching of God's Word and the godly counsel of those who walk with Him. Make the most of your church experience, get involved, do small-group Bible study, go witnessing with fellow believers. Just like a log ablaze on the hearth soon goes out when it is removed and placed aside, so we will lose our fervor for God if we do not fellowship with other believers. But put the log back into the fire with the other logs, and it will burn brightly again.

To summarize how to get to know God better: 1) Accept Christ as your Savior. 2) Read His Word...it is alive ([Hebrews 4:12](#)). 3) On an on-going basis, be filled with the Holy Spirit. 4) Seek the Lord through prayer. 5) Fellowship and live out your life with the saints ([Hebrews 10:25](#)).



# **JEHOVAH-SHALOM**

JUDGES 6:24

Each of the names of God has meaning to help us to understand His attributes. The name Jehovah- Shalom is special to many. Jehovah-Shalom (Lord of Peace) is one of the Old Testament names for God. It is first used by Gideon when the angel of the Lord appeared to him at Ophrah in Judges 6. In the days of Gidon, the Children of Israel were living in a constant state of fear and trepidation. Gidon was not immune from anxiety and uncertainty that had swept the nation. But he had faith in Jehovah-Shalom because he knew ultimately his fear would turn to peace. So, Judges 6:24 says "Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord and called it Jehovah-Shalom; unto this day it is yet in Ophrah..." The Key to understanding the Book of Judges is summed up in Judges 21:6 which says, "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Division will always appear in the heart and mind of mankind, until Jehovah-Shalom (Lord of Peace) occupy the heart of man.

## **Life Application**

We live in a world of conflict and hostility, and we see it locally and globally. There is tension, discord, disagreement, and disputes between governments, groups, and individuals. There is tension in families, at work, in school, in communities and in churches. God hates all of this. His people are to be different- They are to be holy and set apart. Matthew 5:9 says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Jehovah-Shalom (Lord of Peace) is pleased with peacemakers because they reflect who He is. It is important to know that people cannot bring you peace. Money cannot bring you peace. Government cannot bring you peace. Only God can bring you peace. So, much of life is out of our control but we can overcome when Jesus is our Peace. We must learn to trust God. However, you only learn to trust God by trusting God. You only trust God when you must, and God will see to it that you have to. Jehovah-Shalom is our eternal PEACE, trust Him to receive it.

## **PRAYER**

Lord, of our Peace, thank you that even in today's world, I can have peace in you. Help me not to be consumed by the constant bad things that are taking place in the world. I acknowledge that you are in full control of this universe. Help me to keep my eyes on you and be engulfed by your peace. Help me to be reminded of the promise you gave your disciples in John 14:27 which says "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." In the name of the Lord of Peace I pray, Amen.

**Submitted by: Rev. Dr. Clifford E. Jones, Pastor**

## **Jehovah Jireh~Scripture: Genesis 22: 11-14**

In Genesis 22 we have the dramatic account of God calling Abraham and instructing him to sacrifice his promised son as a burnt offering on Mount Moriah. The son having faith, allowed himself to be bound and placed on the altar. God intervened, saying, “Abraham, Abraham.... Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me” (Genesis 22:11-12). The Bible says, “Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide (Genesis 22:13-14).

### **Life’s Application**

Our lives are always in demand to make sacrifices. We make Sacrifices for ourselves and to help others. However, our faith in him has help us to remember that God is able to provide all that we need. Sacrifice is as an offering to God., or as a token acknowledgment or thanksgiving; to immolate on the altar of God, in order to atone for sin, to procure favor, or to express thankfulness. God always Provides a way out of a situation. Though our sacrifices be sincere and deliberate, God has always provided a alternate sacrifice of hope in the Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer**

Lord, thank you for reminding us of your providential care in times of need. We thank you for providing Jesus the Christ as our “ram” in the bush in times of need. Sanctify us for Service; prepare us for all propositions of life; Provide for us a way of escape in our distressed situations..Thank you for a faith that constrain us to trust you at all times; Praises for a God that provides in every situation. Amen.

**Submitted by: Dr. John H. Curry, Jr., D.Min.**

# **Alpha Kai Omega**

Revelation 22:13 states, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." These three lines pretty much say the same thing. You will find Alpha and Omega 3 places in the bible: Revelation 1:8, Revelation 21:6 and Revelation 22:13. God is the creator of everything. He was there at the beginning, and He is the source of all things. All things flow from Him. We find our origin in Him. He is the Beginning and everything in between and the end. He will be the judge at the end because in Him there is everlasting life. God is sovereign in all things, and He is working out things according to His own perfect will.

## **Life's Application**

When I truly reflect on who You are, being Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end, I am amazed. I stand in awe of your power and your glory. Just to know that you are my Father-the King of Kings and Lord of Lords-there is no one like You. I know that you are so many different things to your people comforter, provider, healer, doctor, Father, Shield, protector, strong tower, strength, rock, shepherd, counselor, Holy One, Master, banner, Eternal God, Everlasting God, Prince of peace and finally Creator. It has been established that God has always been and will always be. You were there in the beginning and will be there in the end and every moment/second in between.

Lord, God you are found in the first verse of Genesis and in the last verse of Revelation. Genesis 1:1 state, "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth," and Revelation 22:21 states, "Behold, I am coming soon. My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. That's enough for me! You are the initiator and the sustainer and the everlasting father of life. In Him we live, breath, move and have our being. Everything began Here and will end here. I am who I am.

## **Prayer**

We come with thanksgiving in our hearts and praise on our lips. We agree and declare that You are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. You have protected us, guided us and you continue to strengthen us daily in our walk with you. You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. You are our Creator and our Counselor, guiding us daily to make wise decisions if we lean and depend on you. We recognize that you are always near when we need you, watching over us day and night. Lord, help us to always claim Your name for the power that you have and not when it benefits us. You are the same yesterday, today and forever more. Knowing that You are the Alpha and Omega is a relief as we endure trials and suffering in this life. We will always have an anchor in You. Bless Your name. Amen.

**Submitted by: Tabitha and Lauren White**

# **El Sali**

## **Psalm 18:1-3**

A psalm of David the servant of the Lord, who spoke unto the Lord the words of this song, on the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. David triumphs in God and rejoices in the deliverance God created for him. The first words "I will love thee, O Lord, my strength (Psalm 18:1), are the scope and content of the Psalm. Those that absolutely love God May triumph in him as their rock and refuge. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2). It is good for us to observe all the circumstances of mercy. Which magnify the power of God and his goodness to us in it. I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies. (Psalm 18:3)

### **Life Application**

We are encouraged in God words to take comfort in him when things look very black and threatening. We are to triumph in God, and his presence with us, especially when we have had some fresh experiences of his appearing on our behalf. God will not only deliver his people out of their troubles in time, but he will bear them up under their troubles in the meantime. We should love the Lord, our strength, and our salvation; we should always call on him and praise him for every deliverance. In Christ, let us rejoice and set up our banners in the name of the Lord, assured that by the saving strength of his right hand we shall be congruous over every enemy.

### **Prayer**

Father God because you are our strength and our rock an ever-present help in trouble, Lord we praise and wordship you. Father God when the wiles of the enemies come up against us, we are reminded that yes you are our refuge and strength protecting us. Lord God that is why we praise you and give you all the glory in the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

**Submitted By: Michael and Yvonne Willis**

## **El Elyon**

### **Deuteronomy 26:19**

What does it mean for God to be God Most High? It means He is the God above all powers. This name was translated from Hebrew. El Elyon, a beautiful, important name of God, is found 28 times in the Old Testament. That's significant, and so is this name. God is supreme. He alone is sovereign, most powerful, and most merciful. God Most High or LORD Most High means there is no idol, god, or created being that should be worshiped or exalted over the Lord because He is superior in every way. El Elyon is the God Most High!

### **Life's Application**

Each day affords us the opportunity to acknowledge God's greatness in our lives. It is a blessing to be able to fully entrust our plans, our desires, our families, our careers, our everything to God—the Most High. Because of His sovereignty, power, and majesty, we should prioritize our time to worship Him and offer Him our Total PRAISE!! It is His desire for us to seek Him passionately and to look to Him for His strength. We praise and worship El Elyon for He is the God Most High. ***“I will thank the Lord because He is just; I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.” Psalms 7:17.*** He is the only one who deserves all our focus, worship, and praise. We give glory to El Elyon!

### **Prayer**

Exalted, blessed, and Most High God, we lift our voice and our hearts in prayer. We thank you for being enduringly strong; entirely sincere; eternally steadfast; immortally gracious, imperially powerful and impartially merciful. We worship you, bless you and forever PRAISE your Holy name! Glory be to God—the One True and Most High God. El Elyon, Amen!

**Submitted by:**  
**Brenda Curtis, Midred Gray and Valerie Gray**

## **YAHWEH TSURI**

### **1 Corinthians 10:1-5**

Yahweh TSURI is the Hebrew name for God, meaning the Lord is my rock. The word "rock" represents God's permanence, His protection, and His enduring faithfulness. The New Testament identifies Jesus as the spiritual rock that accompanied the Israelites during the long walk through the desert. 1 Corinthians 10:1-5 tells how Jesus, who gave the Israelites spiritual food and water during that time, guided and protected them only to be forsaken by most of them. This resulted in God scattering them in the wilderness. All the Israelites had to do was to be totally obedient and dependent on God and He would have taken care of them forever. That is all we have to do as believers. There are many references of God as a rock in scripture. Here are a few; 2 Samuel 22:2-4, Psalm 62:1-2, Isaiah 26:3-4, 1 Peter 2:4-8, and Psalm 40:1-2.

### **Life's Application**

As a young teen growing up in rural South Georgia, I worked in the tobacco fields during the summer months. One Thursday afternoon, I asked the teen in the row next to where I was carrying some tobacco out, if the albino looking kid was a friend of his. The teen became very angry at me, saying that kid was his brother, and he was going to kill me when I came back to the field on Monday. He also said that he would kill my family if I told them what had happened. He also pointed a knife at me. I was worried and afraid and didn't know what to do. That Thursday night, I remembered the pastor at our church had once preached on leaning on God in times of trouble. I prayed that night for God to protect me. I went back to the tobacco fields on Friday, and did not see the teen that threatened me anywhere. Monday came and I went back to the field just as scared as before. Another Thursday came and I got enough courage to inquire about where the teen that had threatened me was. I was told that on Friday, the teen and his family had moved to Cleveland, Ohio. All I could say was "Thank You Jesus". God had protected me. The Lord is my rock and my salvation. Psalm 18:2

### **Prayer**

Dear Lord my God, thank you for protecting me and my family all these Years. Through my sins and adversities, you have loved me, guided me, and been with me all this time. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

**Submitted by: Deacon Ronald H. Rollins**

# YAHWEH HESSED

**Matthew 6:14-15**

Yahweh Hessed is the Hebrew name of God meaning, God of forgiveness. The Hebrew word, hessed is often translated as mercy, kindness, or loving kindness. In the Sermon On The Mount, Jesus lays out one of the most difficult, and life changing, teachings of his ministry. In it he says, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matthew 6:14) "But if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:15).

## **Life's Application**

Our relationships with others have a direct impact on our relationship with God. We cannot love God and hate a person he created. Our lack of forgiveness breaks our relationship with God. If we have resentment and bitterness in our hearts, it's time to give it over to God. Let Him heal us and give us the ability to forgive. Our eternity is dependent on forgiveness and when we forgive God forgives us.

## **Prayer**

Dear Lord, thank You for granting forgiveness to us who are so undeserving. Thank you for being a forgiving and merciful Lord, with love to all that call upon You. Father God we are all sinners and we thank You for Your forgiveness. We pray that we will be able to grant the same mercy to others who have wronged us. Father God we pray that you will open our eyes to the sins caused by resentment and bitterness and enable us to find freedom by following Your example. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Submitted By: Betty C. Reese**

## **MAGEN**

**Jehovah Magen means "the Lord My Shield or the Lord My Protector".**

Psalm 18:1-2 God's protection of his people is limitless and can take many forms. David characterized God's care with five metaphors in Psalm 18:1-2: God is like (1) a rock, an unmovable foundation that can't be shaken; (2) a fortress or place of safety where the enemy can't follow; (3) a shield that comes between us and harm; and (4) a horn of salvation because God has the strength and power to save; and (5) a stronghold high above our enemies. David's Psalm reminds us that a perfect God watches over us. These metaphors identify David as a warrior, who fought enemies, and relied on God for protection.

### **Life's Application**

We can take strength in knowing that all the trials and tribulations and hard experiences in this life are only temporary; even the darkest nights turn into dawn for the faithful. Our faith can guard us during trials in the same way a shield would during battles. When doubt and fear creeps in and our beliefs are tested, our faith in Christ will protect us. Therefore, we can stand firm and bold in knowing what we believe. Our faith can protect us when we experience anxiety and fear and knowing that God will be our rock, fortress, and deliverer.

### **Prayer**

Dear Lord, thank you for being our Savior, shield, and eternal protector. When we are in danger or distress, Lord, you direct us to trust you with our battles. Thank you for being a shield, covering us with Your presence, and protecting us from the enemies. Continue to grant wisdom, knowledge and understanding to us to face each of our battles in Jesus Name. Amen

**Submitted By: Deacon Darryl & Sis. Rita Johnson**



# **Immanuel**

## **Matthew 1:22-23**

In Matthew 1 the virgin Mary son was to be called "Immanuel", God with us. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin mother without intervention of a human father. That name acquired a new depth of meaning is the personal coming into the world of God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our savior. It is undeniable that the prophet Isaiah who first foretold of a virgin or young women conceiving and bearing a child. As the prophet says, this child will be called "Immanuel" a Hebrew term meaning "God with us" (Is. 7:14). This prediction was made 700 years before the birth of Christ. The only way Jesus could be born a human being was to be born of a woman. As both divine and sinless man, he qualifies to serve as a sacrifice for the sins of every person and as a high priest to intercede for all who come to God (Heb 2:9-18; 5:1-9; 7:24-28; 10:4-12).

### **Life's Application**

It is comforting in knowing that God is with us no matter what we face in life. We can always call upon the Lord because he is with us. He said in his word he will never leave us nor forsake us. He tells us to be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified for the Lord our God goes with us. How awesome is our God to lead and guide us every day? Just to know he is right by our side; we can trust him to be there for us. What a mighty God we serve!

### **Prayer**

Lord God, thank you for being our comforter. We call you Immanuel because we know and trust you to be with us always. You are the great King over all the earth. We worship you and praise you for the great things you have done and great things you have promised us you will do. It is comforting in knowing you are with us no matter what comes our way. Lord, thank you for being our Immanuel, our God who is with us always. Amen.

**Submitted By: Wiley and Marilyn Cochran**

## **ITROS**

### **Matthew 11:5, Luke 4:16-24, Mark 5:25-34**

Itros or latros is the Hebrew name of God meaning Physicians. Jesus has performed more healing than any other kind of miracle. Matthew 11:15 tell us that He made the blind see, the lame walk. The lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is preached to the poor. Although every Jewish city had its own doctors, they could not perform the miracles that Jesus did. The Jewish people already believed in God as a healer. God, Himself is all powerful and His Word has the power to heal. In Mark 5:24 we read about the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years. She had great faith in Jesus and believed all she had to do was touch His garment and be healed, and she was.

### **LIFE'S APPLICATION**

As children of God, we pray for healing and blessings to others. God is still healing His children. Jesus is the great Physician and has performed more healing than any kind of miracles. When we surrender our life to God and have a relationship with Him, then we have the assurance that Jesus is living in you. We need to pray with faith for one another to be healed from our afflictions. Our world is full of sin and that leads to illness and even death. There is power in prayer.

### **PRAYER**

Thank you Itros for being my Physicians. I have complete and total faith in you. You paid the ultimate price for us. You healed all kind of sickness and made people whole. You are the great Physician right now, still making the sick whole. Thank you for your love and care for those who are down and out, making them whole again. In Jesus name, I pray, Amen.

**Submitted by: Peggy Cooper**

## **EL ROI**

In Genesis 16 Sarai has decided to take matters into her own hands and create an heir for Abraham. She permits Abraham to lay with her maidservant, Hagar and Hagar did conceive (Genesis 16 1-4). Hagar was an Egyptian slave who served God, but she became prideful, and despised Sarai once she became pregnant. Sari in return treated Hagar harshly. So harshly that Hagar ran away, pregnant, into the desert. But in the desert the Angel of the Lord found Hagar. The angel gave Hagar a promise, her baby's name, and instructions to "Return home to your mistress and submit yourself under her hand," (Genesis 19:9). It is in the desert that Hagar call the Name of the Lord who spoke to her You are the God who sees me Genesis 16:13).

### **Life Application**

In today's times, God will often bless up before we see him bless others, as humans sometimes in these times of blessing we become prideful, and like Hagar that pride causes others to treat us harshly. God however sees us and despite our own short comings He still has plan for us. A plan that is for our good and not for disaster, to give a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11). In today's world where everyone wants to be seen by humans, it is important to know only the God who sees you knows your plan and purpose. Know that no matter how bad the world treats you God see you and He will always bring you back to the correct path not matter how far we may stray.

### **Prayer**

Father, thank you for being the God that sees me. Thank you for reminding me that, despite what I'm going through, I am yours created, purposed, and designed by you for your purpose. Thank you for always knowing what's next for my life and for always guiding me to be all that you see in me. Help me to know that even when I cannot see myself, you will always see me. In Jesus name, Amen

**Submitted by: Kimberly Blanton**

# **Yahweh-Nissi**

**"The LORD is my Banner"**

**Exodus 17:13-16**

And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-Nissi. (Exodus 17:15) According to Exodus 17:13-16, Moses built an altar to celebrate and to remember how the Israelites defeated the Amalekites. The battle was a combination of natural armies and supernatural intervention. Joshua and the Israelites soldiers fought with the Amalekites down in the valley, but the outcome of the battle didn't depend solely on their efforts. The Israelites could only achieve victory as long as Moses, standing on a mountain overlooking the battle, was able to raise his staff in the air. After help from other believers to keep the staff raised, victory was won! The LORD is my Banner.

## **Life's Application**

In my many years of living and serving God I am very much aware of the spiritual warfare. Like Moses we must raise God's banner high to receive the strength and courage to fight. We are constantly fighting for something whether it fighting to finish college, fighting for a marriage, a child, health situations, or work problems. As a believer and follower of Jesus Christ, we can do all we can to address the trials and challenges we are facing, however without God supporting and engaging with us in our fight, our efforts won't be enough to win the victory. Before we give up, we must look up and fix our eyes on Jesus, our Nissi. Our victory was won when Jesus defeated Satan with his death on the cross. With God as our Jehovah-Nissi we are more than conquerors, no matter what life brings our way.

## **Prayer**

Lord God, help us to recognize the spiritual warfare around us. We thank you for giving us your strength and courage to fight as we fly your banner over each trial and tribulation to claim our victory. God, you are our Jehovah Nissi and I give you thanks and praise because you are sovereign. Thank you for your protection, provisions, and giving us the assurance that the victory is ours through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Submitted by: Jeanette Allen Peters** (Using the Power of God's Names by Tony Evans)

# **Yahweh**

Exodus 3:13-15

Translated as “the Lord”, Yahweh is the most used name for God in the Bible, occurring over 6,800 times in the Bible. The name, Hebrew for I AM, is first introduced in Exodus 3:13-15 through the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. God had instructed Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian captivity. When the people ask for the name of the one who sent Moses, he was to respond with “I AM WHO I AM”. Moses was to say that “I AM has sent me to you.” God reveals his nature as one that is complete, living, self-existing and desiring to build relationships with his people.

## **Application**

Our omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient God truly wants a personal connection with us. By getting to know him in our lives, we grow a deeper understanding of who Yahweh was to our ancestors, who Yahweh is to us and whom Yahweh will be to our descendants. In his desire to know us, he is not dependent on anyone else. He does not allow man to dictate his ways. In the same manner, we should not be dependent on others to strengthen our relationship with him. Because of his faithfulness to us, we will remember his name, Yahweh, for generations to come.

## **Prayer**

Lord, thanks for who you are in my life. We are grateful that no matter the circumstance, you want to develop a relationship with me. Today, I make a commitment to not allow people to deter me from building an intimate connection with you. Amen.

**Submitted by: Jacob Stevens**

# **Yahweh Roi'**

## **Psalm 23**

Yahweh Roi is Hebrew for the "Lord is my shepherd". This name for God first appears directly and personally in Psalm 23. The name Yahweh Roi reveals God's desired relationship with us. The Hebrew word "rohi" (or "ro'i" or "ro'eh") is both a noun and a verb, meaning "a shepherd" and "a pasture," as well as "to shepherd" or "to pasture." An extended translation of the word as a noun is also "friend" or companion." This indicates the intimacy Yahweh desires between Himself and His people. He doesn't want mentally and emotionally detached children (or sheep!) simply going through repetitious religious exercises. He wants a close personal involvement in every aspect of our lives, one in which we would come to depend on Him for our every need and be able to hear His voice. (John 10: 27-28). In Israel, the word "shepherd" became a metaphor for kings. The Hebrew scriptures speak of God as the Shepherd of His people, and this was also applied to religious leaders too. However, Israel's leaders were often chided for their failure to watch over the flock of God. The New Testament presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd by laying down His own life for His sheep. John 10:11 states, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep."

## **Life's Application**

Do you know God as Yahweh Roi, your shepherd? Do you hear His voice calling you? Would you recognize it? When you make a decision to surrender your life to God and spend time praying and listening to His quiet whispers across your heart, you will begin to recognize His voice. Listen to it carefully as God navigates you through the rough terrain of life. I have heard Him tell me to slow down when I'm driving (I wasn't speeding!) and around the bend, a car came on the wrong side of the road. My Shepherd protected me! God is your shepherd, your Yahweh Roi. Just as the shepherd marks his sheep to claim ownership of them, so does God mark us. He marks us with the presence and power of His Holy Spirit. When you walk closely with the Lord, He leaves His imprint on you. You will never be the same! You will not be content until you have the mind of Christ. You will be renewed, and over time the fruit of the Holy Spirit, such as peace, love, and joy will become evident in your life. When you know God as Yahweh Roi, your shepherd, He will guard you and keep you during troubling times. Being in a relationship with God does not keep us from experiencing life; the good, the bad, or the sorrowful. But our Shepherd, Yahweh Roi, leads us through it all. We are able to stand and get through because He never leaves our side.

## **Prayer**

Yahweh Roi, you are my Shepherd. Thank you for Jesus laying down His life for me. Help me to surrender every area of my life to You and to trust You with it. You are my way maker and a promise keeper. You know what lies ahead and You help me navigate through it. Help me to surrender all my fears to You and to embrace Your sweet peace. You restore my soul. Amen.

**Submitted by: Curtis Parker**

# **ELKANNA**

**Exodus 34:14-**

E1 Kanna is the Hebrew name for God meaning consuming fire, jealous God. In Exodus 34:14 - For you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God... Because God is without sin, God is jealous in response to idolatry is righteous and holy. God is jealous for his relationship with his people because he passionately loves them and does not want them to be destroyed by idolatry. In the Ten Commandments, God described himself as a jealous God after giving the command to not make idols. (Exodus 20:5-6). Forty years after giving the Ten Commandments, God renewed his covenant with the people of Israel. They were about to enter the Promised Land and their leader, Moses, warned them to avoid idols of any kind. (Deuteronomy 4:23-24) reminds them for the Lord you God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of other people who are around you - for the Lord your God in your midst is a Jealous God - let the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from the face of the earth (Deuteronomy 6:14-15).

God made us for a relationship with Himself, and He will never stand idly by while a rival tries to replace Him in our hearts. Giving our hearts to anyone else arouses His jealousy - a dangerous proposition.

## **Life's Application**

God expects man to return his love. It is a structural relationship. To love God is to obey Him. In relation to (Exodus 20:5) God is the husband of the believing community. As such, he will no more tolerate believers committing idolatry than a human husband would tolerate an adulterous wife. He wants our all, and nothing more important than He is.

## **Prayer**

Lord, thank you for your love after all the things we do in our lives against the purity and obedience that we should display. You still love us in your open arms when we return to you. We give you the praise, honor and glory. Amen

**Submitted by: Dorothy Stringer**

# **Ish**

**Hosea 2:16,19:20; Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 31:32**

Ish is the Hebrew name of God meaning husband. God is first introduced as Ish in the book of Hosea 2:16, which reads "And it shall be at that day, says the Lord, that you shall call me Ish and shall call me no more Baal (Master), when He tells Hosea to marry a promiscuous woman life is a representation of God and Israel. The people of Israel wandered away from God and committed adulterous acts by worshipping idols. Instead of God turning his back on them and denying them, he continued to show them love and compassion just as Hosea did with his wife Gomer.

## **Life Application**

Christ is our bridegroom and we as the Church are the bride of Christ. As an adulterous wife, we can be unfaithful to the Lord, but He is always faithful and will never divorce us no matter how unfaithful we are. God is our perfect husband and has perfect love for us. Jesus paid the ultimate price for his bride (us) when He gave his life on the cross.

## **Prayer**

Ish, my God, thank you for being my perfect husband. Thank you for choosing me as your bride. Forgive me for the times I have been unfaithful. Thank you for your protection, provision and everlasting love. Amen

**Submitted by: Eloise Jackson and Charity Shorter**



## **Abba Pater**

Abba Father God? Abba is the defining term for Father in Aramaic language spoken by Jesus and Paul as an intimate term to characterize their personal relationships with God.

Abba \* Father you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the Christ, son of the living GOD. You are our creator, counselor, all knowing and loving God that guides us daily to make wise decisions. Abba father found in Rm.8:15, Mk.14:32-36, Gal.4:6.

in Mark 14:32-36, reminds us to live according to God's will. My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, sorrowful even to death. And he prays Abba Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but you will. Mark 16:9-11 Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, who is now described as someone whom Jesus healed from possession by seven demons. She then tells the other disciples what she saw, but no one believes her.

### **Life's Application**

Abba signifies the close intimate relationship of a father and his child, as well as the Childlike trust that a young child puts in his daddy. When Jesus taught the disciples to pray, he began with the words Our Father. The first is the cup of Sanctification, (I will bring you out) the second is the cup of Deliverance (I Will Free You). After eating, Jesus and his friends drink a third time from the cup of Redemption (I Will Bless You). Pater is a title given to someone who is considered a great leader and protector of their country. It refers to the state as a protector of those who cannot take care of themselves. God the father in Christianity. Abba Pater- Aramaic is the name for god meaning dear Father. I will be your father and you will be my sons and daughters, say the Lord Almighty 2 Cor. 6:18. When you pray the word of God, you are praying His words of truth into your situation. It's the same when you pray the names of God. It will build your faith and expectation of God to move in it. When you pray God's name, you are declaring the truth of who God is and you are proclaiming His power at work in your life. And when you pray to Abba Pater-Father, you are praying to the One who sees you as His precious child and counts every hair on your head!

### **Prayer**

Abba Pater, oh how I love you! Thank you for loving me unconditionally. Thank you so much for sending your Son Jesus so that I can come into Your presence anytime and for all eternity. Help me to completely understand what it means to be Your child. Amen.

**Submitted by: Deacon Darrel Jackson and Sister N. Jackson**

## **Atik Yomin**

### **Daniel 7:9**

In Daniel 7:9 Daniel shares God's name of Atik Yomin Hebrew for The Ancient of days Daniel describes his vision of heaven. The Ancient Days taking a seat on His throne of flames with wheels of fire; his hair is white and like wool with radiantly white clothes. The Ancient of Days isn't frail from old age. His name denotes that he is without beginning or end he is eternal! Atik Yomin in his radiant glory, Sovereign, Holy, Pure and Wise sitting to render His just, righteous and formidably piercing judgement on a sinful disobedient people.

### **Life's Application**

Life is constantly changing; filled with so many uncertainties. Even though it seems as if evil is running rampant, unchecked and without consequences. I know that the God of Eternity; change's not! He sits high in heaven on his flaming throne looking high and low and no one and nothing escapes his piercing eyes! Without accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior we are on the path to stand before God's Judgement throne! But God loves us, so he sent Jesus to be an atonement for our sin! Asking Jesus for forgiveness and surrendering our lives and will to him gives us a life filled with His Grace, Joy, Peace, Love and all his promises and blessings for life right now and all eternity with him.

### **Prayer**

Father God thank you for being you! I thank you for loving us. For making a way to live in your will. For your protection and provision! Thank you for your forgiveness daily, cause your word tells us that we all have sinned and come short of your Glory! Help us to die to self and allow your Holy Spirit to direct our footsteps on the paths you ordained before we were thought of in our mom's womb! Father God you are Faithful, Loving, Sovereign and Just in all your ways! We give you praise for not giving up on us Father God! You are so worthy of all our Praise! Jesus conquered hell and it's in Him we will spend eternity in heaven praising and glorifying you Father God! You alone are without beginnings or end and it is in you alone we trust! We love you in the name Christ Jesus we pray!

Amen!

**Submitted by: Sis. Glenda Baker**

## **Adonai “Lord”**

The word Adonai is simply another reference for the word “Lord.” Lord is defined as someone or something having power, authority, or influence; a master or ruler.” Genesis 97:5 says, “The mountains melt like wax before the **LORD**, before the **Lord** of all the earth.” God has authority over all of the earth, so therefore he is LORD. In this verse, you’ll notice two different ways lord is spelled; one in all capital letters and one with only the L capitalized. The all-capital version refers to the name Jehovah “Yahweh.” The version with only the L capitalized refers to Adonai, the Lord and Master. Adonai gives more definition about what the Lord’s role is in our lives. God has sovereignty over us. Throughout the Old Testament, people used the word Adonai when addressing humans who were in authority over them. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 24:8 tells the story of David abandoning his opportunity to kill Saul, the King of Israel, who is trying to kill him. David chooses to spare Saul. David emerges from a cave he had been hiding in and calls Saul, “My lord” acknowledging Saul’s authority over David. When the angels visit Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot addresses them as “my lords” in Genesis 19:2.

### **Life’s Application**

Understanding the names of God, in this case Adonai, helps us to recognize God’s authority and sovereignty in our lives. It allows us the opportunity to completely yield to God’s awesome power and understand that He is our LORD, and master.

### **Prayer**

You, Lord, are my Adonai, my Lord and master. You call me by my name and my soul fills with joy. Please teach me how to yield my life completely to you. You are my Lord and I praise you this day! Amen.

**Submitted by: Vickie McCurdy**

# **EL-GIBHAR**

**ISAIAH 10:21 GENESIS 10:8-9**

El-Gibhar translated in English is “Mighty God”, as said in the King James version. (Isaiah 10:21) In the new century version it is translated to be “powerful God”. Another translation of the word is hero(held) by Martin Luther. The word Gibhar means “strong, mighty” in Hebrew. It describes heroes like one named Nimrob, meaning “a mighty warrior” in (Genesis 10:8-9) El-Gibhar is the description of God as a mighty warrior and champion. He always prevails, had great strength and authority over all. The name also denotes the Messiahs authority and has nothing to do with him actually being the one true God.

## **Life’s Application**

As a 14 year old girl, I would say that I can apply the name “El-Gibhar” into my everyday life by first understanding the meaning and to “yes”. Gibhar means “mighty or strong”, and in Genesis 10:8-9, says that Nimrob means the “Mighty Warrior”. With that being said, we are considered mighty warriors that battle everyday through our trials and tribulations. Everyday we wake up is another battle and our mighty God (El-Gibhar) helps us through it.

## **Prayer**

El-Gibhar, Mighty God, you are all powerful and I pray for victory over my body. I pray for a rebirth into your holiness. That my soul will bloom as a flower during spring. I pray for your holy light to shine on me and bring growth. I pray for wisdom and clear understanding. Holy spirit, I ask you to guide me throughout the path of righteousness. Nurture me in the center of God the father, Christ the son, and the Holy Spirit. Bring my roots to grow deep in your word. Allow no weeds to grow near me, and if some do, help me conquer them. Rebirth all areas so I can share and give to those that you sent me. Be my strength in uniting loved ones, friends and others. Destroy the enemies affecting my life and blocking your work. Rule over them with an iron rod. You are Holy and worthy to receive all praise. I praise you with my mind, heart and soul. In Jesus name I pray, Amen. And in the name of Jesus , Lord thank you for everything you have done and everything you’re going to do. You are God all by yourself. You know my deepest thoughts. You are all knowing God. All I know is that I need you in my family’s life, and we cannot make it without you. So please help all of us and all of our loved ones in these days. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

**Submitted by: Ivy Macon and Starta Aaron**

# **Miqweh Yisrael**

**Psalm 71:5**  
**Romans 15:13**

Miqweh Yisrael is the Hebrew name for God meaning Hope of Israel. This name of God occurs in both Old and New Testaments. The Hebrew word Miqweh means “to wait or look for with eager expectation. God is the object of our very highest hopes and He never lets us down. Psalm 71:5(NLT) says, O Lord, you alone are my hope. I’ve trusted you, O Lord, from childhood. In the New Testament, our hope is rooted in Jesus, in His life, death, and resurrection, also in the future when He comes back in His glory. Romans 15:13(NLT) says, I pray that God the source of hope will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. When our origin of hope is in Miqweh Yisrael, it gives us a supernatural peace in the midst of our trials.

## **Life’s Application**

We must remember, that God is the beginning and ending of all things, to rest in His sovereignty, and to have joy in all circumstances. When we surrender ourselves to God’s will and put our hope in Him, we no longer need to rely on our abilities. Hope, joy, and peace are given to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Even in difficult circumstances, we can believe God for joy and peace. When we put our trust in God, we can go through the toughest of situations with joy and confidence that God will work things out to our good.

## **Prayer**

Miqweh Yisrael, you are my hope. You are in control of all that goes on around me. Help me to remember that You have a plan during my storms. Help me to wait patiently, in expectation of Your deliverance. Fill me with Your joy and peace through Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Submitted By: Novelette W. Seroyer**

## **ELOLAM**

### **GENESIS 1:1, 21:32,33**

The various names of God impact every part of society. The name El Olam is the Hebrew name of God who has neither a beginning or end. He is the Everlasting God or the Eternal God. The first place in the Bible that His name discovered is when Abraham calls on the Everlasting God while planting a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, just after he signed a treaty with Abimelech. Genesis 21:32-33 read "After making their covenant at Beersheba, Abimelech left with Phicol, the commander of his army, and they returned home to the land of the Philistines. Verse 33, Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he worshiped the Lord, the Eternal God." Elolam occurs more than four hundred times in the Hebrew Scriptures. The name Elolam is applied to God and His laws, promises, covenant, and kingdom.

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

Our Everlasting God never abandons us in any of our situation. His love for each of "US" cannot be put in human turns. Moses describes just how important we are to Him in Deuteronomy 33:26,27. We read, "There is no one like the God of Israel. He rides across the heavens to help you, across the skies in majestic splendor. Verse 27, The Eternal is your refuge, and His everlasting arms are under you. He drives out your enemy before you; He cries out, 'Destroy them!'" The eternal God is your Refuge. His everlasting arms are beneath you, protecting you and guiding you. It is difficult to comprehend this eternal nature of God but when we invite the One who is beyond time and space, into our space within our lives, then we position ourselves to experience El Olam as a refuge for all eternity. The everlasting God does not faint or grow weary. When we call out to Him, He renews our strength and revives our hope. We can celebrate in our eternity right now because of the promise Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:20b" ...Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Praise God for our eternity and everlasting assurance.

### **PRAYER**

Elolam, my Everlasting Father, thank you for loving me beyond measure. You are my refuge in all situations and a safe place for me. Help me to comprehend who You are and to trust You for the perfect plan You have for my life. Help me in my belief and increase my faith to expect what you give me is for my good. Thank you for our eternal hope in You, knowing that we are going to be with you throughout all eternity. We pray this pray in the matchless name of Christ. Amen.

**Submitted by: Sis. Lillie M. Jones**

# **The Importance of the Names:**

## **Further Study**

Knowing God by His personal names is one of the greatest privileges for followers of Christ. The word *God* is found throughout the Bible, but the Lord reveals Himself more personally through the names with which He introduces Himself in Scripture. These names help us when we address Him in prayer. Just as we want to call people by the right term or name, so we want to address God with appropriate wisdom and reverence whenever we pray.

I've put together a survey of some of the amazing names that tell us in personal terms who our God is and what He is like.

These special names of God are an incredible blessing when you see them in the context of the Scripture. The ones I want to look at follow the same holy formula. They have Jehovah (or Yahweh) as the first part of the name, and then you'll see a dash or hyphen, followed by the second part to the name. He is Jehovah-\_\_\_\_\_, and each of these remarkable Old Testament names tells us something wonderful about Him that enhances our worship.

## **Jehovah-Rapha: The Lord Who Heals**

He is also *Jehovah-Rapha*, The Lord Who Heals. This title for God occurs in Exodus 15, which tells the story of the early days of the Israelites' travels in the wilderness. In the previous chapter, the newly liberated nation had just escaped Pharaoh's slavery, and they had marched wide-eyed through the walls of water towering above them in the Red Sea. In Exodus 15, they praised God for their supernatural deliverance. But they lost enthusiasm very quickly when they found themselves without drinkable water in the desert. They wandered around for three days without water, which is about as long as a person can survive without hydration. Then they found a pond, but the water was brackish and undrinkable. The first person to the pool took one drink and spewed it out of his mouth because the water was bitter.

The people of Israel began crying out to God and to Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" The Bible says, "So [Moses] cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, and said, 'If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you'" (Exodus 15:25-26).

In the Hebrew text, the title "The Lord Who Heals You" is *Jehovah-Rapha*.

I believe God can grant physical healing to us when it is His will to do so. He can heal us supernaturally if He chooses, and He can use doctors and nurses and medicines in the process. But our ultimate healing is bound up with our glorified and resurrected bodies in heaven. The Bible says of Christ, "And by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

Sooner or later, all of us will age and grow sick and feeble and pass away from the earth,



barring our Lord's swift return. But He is Jehovah-Rapha, and He has promised us age-less, sick-less, tear-less bodies that we'll enjoy throughout eternity. Outwardly we are wasting away, but we fix our eyes on what is unseen and we trust the God who heals us.

## **Jehovah-M'Kaddesh: The Lord Who Sanctifies**

Turning to the next book in the Old Testament, Leviticus, we find the next great name of God. Many people bypass the book of Leviticus, because it's full of archaic rules and regulations related to the nation and the priesthood of Israel. It describes the ancient sacrifices and the Israeli religious festivals. But Leviticus is full of rich truth, and, as someone said, we don't always get a lot out of *reading* the book, but we reap an enormous blessing by *studying* it.

The key to Leviticus is holiness, and as the chapters unfold it becomes clear God wants His people to do what is right and to do it in the right way. All of the sacrifices, regulations, and ceremonies in Leviticus are about serving a holy and righteous God. The key verse is Leviticus 11:44: "Be holy; for I am holy." When we come to the twentieth chapter, it's not surprising to see a new name for God that conveys this truth. Leviticus 20:7-8 says, "Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you." The phrase is: *Jehovah-M'Kaddesh*. That means "the God who sanctifies," the God who makes holy, the God who sets us apart for Himself and perfects that which concerns us.

Herbert Lockyer, in his book on the names of God, wrote, "Living as we do, in a world ruled by a satanic god and which is therefore characterized by dens of infamy, haunts of vice, shameless profligates, dishonest traders, callous murderers, senseless wars,

appalling crime, and moral filth, it is hard to think of a nation having holiness as its dominant characteristic, yet this was God's ideal."

We cannot control whether society yields to the authority of Jehovah-M'Kaddesh or turns aside to its own lusts. But as for us, we can serve the Lord who makes us holy. Consider the power of coming to Him in your own prayer time and saying, "Dear Jehovah-M'Kaddesh, I need more holiness in my life. I need greater victory over temptation. I need strength over sin. I want to represent You more purely to a corrupt world. Please help me grow in my sanctification. You are my Jehovah-M'Kaddesh."

Have you ever addressed God like that? You can. It's one of His names.

## **Jehovah-Tsidkenu: The Lord Who Is Righteous**

We also come across one of God's special names in the book of Jeremiah. This man, Jeremiah, endured much scorn and rejection. He preached in Jerusalem during the latter days of the Jewish monarchy, when each king was worse than the one who preceded him. The nation of Israel was in a death spiral. Jeremiah preached and prayed and wept and warned his people of their sin, but few listened to him.

Jeremiah would have collapsed under the discouragement without God, but the Lord was with him, reassuring him, helping him, saving him, and strengthening him. In Jeremiah 23, the Lord gave him this prophecy about the coming of the Messiah: "Behold, the days are coming... that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (verses 5-6).

That's *Jehovah-Tsidkenu*.

What a powerful title, and what a timely word! Do you feel like giving up? We can often identify with Jeremiah, when it seems every year is worse than the one that preceded it, in terms of the moral decay of our land. You look at television, you read the paper, you hear the reports, and you wonder, "Is there anything good that hasn't been corrupted?"

But God said, in effect, "Jeremiah, let me tell you something. There is coming a day when I will raise up a King to reign in total righteousness. His name will be *Jehovah-Tsidkenu*, The Lord Who Is Righteous." I have to believe, though it is not recorded, that Jeremiah built an altar to God and said, "Thank you, God! Today things seem discouraging, but there is coming a day when the Messiah will reign. Today I'm celebrating Your promise of *Jehovah-Tsidkenu*—The Lord Our Righteousness."

This Lord came, and He is coming again. In times like these, we must keep our eyes on Him and use His Name in prayer. His influence is greater than all the evil of all the ages, and we can rest in His righteous power.

## **Jehovah-Shammah: The Lord Who Is There**

The Bible is packed with other names and titles for God, but for our purposes in this chapter, let's look at just one more—*Jehovah-Shammah*, The Lord Who Is There. You'll find it in very last verse of the book of Ezekiel.

And that city—the future Millennial capital of Jerusalem—would have a nickname. It would be known as *Jehovah-Shammah*—"The Lord Who Is There."

When you pray, you can address your Heavenly Father as Jehovah-Shammah. Try it the next time you bow your head. He is there, near you, with you, ever present. Remember what we said earlier about God's omnipresence. When you pray, your words don't have to travel millions of miles into space to reach God. He is right there in the same room with you, as close as your own spirit, closer than a brother. He is your Jehovah-Shammah.

As we continue to read through Scripture, we are introduced to many more names of God. Here is a list of a few of them and where you can find them in the Bible, starting with a review of the names we just covered:

Jehovah (Isaiah 40:3)	Jehovah-Shammah: The Lord Who Is There (Ezekiel 48:35)
Jehovah-Rohi: The Lord My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1)	Author of Salvation (Hebrews 2:10)
Jehovah-Jireh: The Lord Shall Provide (Genesis 22:13-14)	The God of Abraham, Jacob, and Isaac (Exodus 3:2, 6)
Jehovah-Rapha: The Lord Who Heals (Exodus 15:22-26)	The Lord of Glory (1 Corinthians 2:8)
Jehovah-Nissi: The Lord Is My Banner (Exodus 17:15)	I AM (John 8:58)
Jehovah-M'Kaddesh: The Lord Who Sanctifies (Leviticus 20:7-8)	The Almighty (Revelation 1:8)
Jehovah-Shalom: The Lord Who Is Peace (Judges 6:24)	The Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)
Jehovah-Tsidkenu: The Lord Who Is Righteous (Jeremiah 23:5-6)	The First and the Last (Revelation 1:17)
	The Faithful Witness (Psalm 89:36-37)
	The Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15)
	Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6)

A Sacrifice (Ephesians 5:2)  
A Ransom (Mark 10:45)  
The Lord Who Heals You (Exodus 15:26)  
Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:1-4)  
The Temple (Revelation 21:22)  
A Sanctuary (Isaiah 8:14)  
Intercessor (Hebrews 7:25)  
Author and Finisher of Our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)  
Advocate (1 John 2:1)  
Surety of a Better Covenant (Hebrews 7:22)  
Teacher (John 13:13)  
The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)v  
The Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24)  
Yahweh (Isaiah 26:4)  
God (1 Timothy 2:5)  
Son of God (John 1:34)  
Beloved Son (Matthew 17:5)  
Lord (John 20:28)  
The Word (John 1:1)  
Messiah (Daniel 9:25)  
Alpha and Omega (Revelation 22:13)  
Savior (Luke 2:11)  
Redeemer (Job 19:25)  
Light of the World (John 8:12)  
Lamb of God (John 1:29)  
Creator of All Things (Colossians 1:16)  
Master (Luke 8:24)  
Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)  
Bread of Life (John 6:48)  
High Priest (Hebrews 3:1)  
The Lamb (Revelation 7:9)  
A Lamb Without Blemish and Without Spot (1 Peter 1:19)  
Lamb Slain From the Foundation of the World (Revelation 13:8)  
The Shepherd of The Sheep (Hebrews 13:20)  
The Way (John 14:6)  
The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)  
The Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4)  
The Rock (Psalm 18:2)  
My Rock and My Fortress (Psalm 31:3)  
The Rock of My Refuge (Psalm 94:22)  
The Rock That Is Higher Than I (Psalm 61:2)  
The Rock of My Salvation (2 Samuel 22:47)  
My Rock and My Redeemer (Psalm 19:14, NIV)  
The Builder (Hebrews 3:3)  
The Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)

A Sure Foundation (Isaiah 28:16)  
A Stone (Isaiah 28:16)  
A Living Stone (1 Peter 2:4)  
A Chief Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6)  
A Precious Stone (1 Peter 2:6)  
A Stone Cut Without Hands (Daniel 2:34-35)  
The Last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45)  
God's Firstborn (Psalm 89:27)  
The Firstborn Among Many Brethren  
(Romans 8:29)  
The Firstfruits of Them That Slept (1  
Corinthians 15:20, KJV)  
A Witness to The People (Isaiah 55:4)  
The Amen (Revelation 3:14)  
The Light (John 12:35)  
The True Light (John 1:9)  
The Light of Men (John 1:4)  
He Is the Lamb Who Was Slain (Revelation  
5:12)  
He Is Faithful (Hebrews 3:2)  
He Is Our Strong Tower (Proverbs 18:10)  
He Is Our Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)  
He Is Preeminent (Colossians 1:18)  
He Is the Tree of Life (Revelation 2:7)

The Bright and Morning Star (Revelation  
22:16)  
The Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2)  
He Is Our Gift (2 Corinthians 9:15)  
The Head Ephesians 4:15  
The Head of the Body, the Church (Colossians  
1:18)  
A Life-Giving Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45)  
The Head of All Principality and Power  
(Colossians 2:10)

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# The Knot Prayer

- Author Unknown -

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

**Remove** the have nots, cannots, and the do nots.

**Erase** the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

**Release** me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

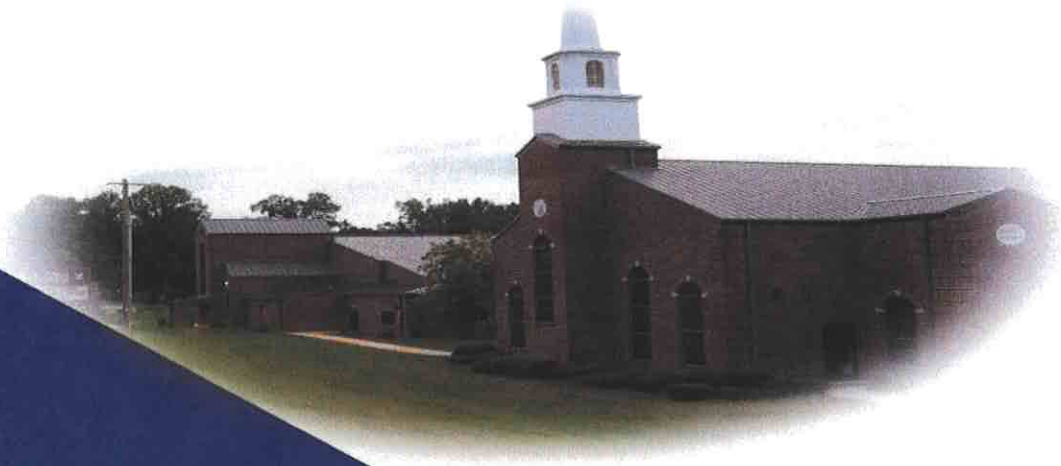
And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the "am nots" that I have allowed to hold me back. Especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen



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