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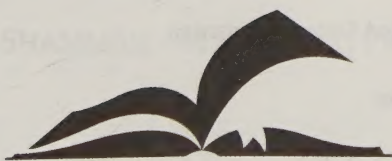




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INTRODUCTION

You and I were created to know God Almighty. This is man's chief end and ultimate purpose. There is an empty place deep within each of us that will never be filled, a hunger that will never be satisfied, until we know Him.

Many journey through life confused, unfulfilled, and continually searching because they have not taken the time to truly know their heavenly Father. This occurs through an unfolding revelation of who God is: *"And this is life eternal; that they might know thee, the only true God"* (John 17:3).

This is not only a prayer; it is the beginning of a marvelous revelation, since Jesus desires for us to intimately know His Father. It is also eternal in nature, because what starts at salvation has no ending. Through the knowledge of Him, we are changed *"from glory to glory"* (2 Corinthians 3:18).

God Almighty reveals Himself to us in twelve revelations of His name: one name, twelve revelations. Although these revelations were given years apart, they were recorded in perfect order by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and define with perfection the nature of an awesome God.

“THAT I MAY KNOW HIM”

When the apostle Paul was nearing the end of his life, confined to the dungeon of a Roman prison, he wrote these words to the believers at Philippi: *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death”* (Philippians 3:10).

This was after being shipwrecked, beaten, and persecuted for preaching the Gospel of Christ. Why could he make such a statement? Because Paul had a revelation of God.

Think of it! The apostle, after being caught up to the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12), seeing things he could not fully describe, having revelations from God that very few on earth have ever had or will experience, would still say, *“That I may know Him.”*

This tells me Jehovah God is so deep, so eternal, so timeless and unlimited, that even when we enter heaven, we will only scratch the surface of the knowledge of the Father.

HE IS!

I have said many times, God Almighty does not live in eternity; rather, eternity lives in Him. He does not have any reason to say “I was” or “I will.” He always declares, “I Am!” Why? Because He is!

- God doesn't have life; He *is* Life.
- He doesn't have power; He *is* Power.
- He doesn't have healing; He *is* Healing.
- He doesn't need a map; He *is* the Way.
- He doesn't have a lamp; He *is* the Light.
- He doesn't have truth; He *is* Truth.

THE REVELATION

Jehovah God is revealed through a variety of ways, including:

- Through His Word
- Through His Son
- Through His Spirit
- Through His names

The meaning of a person's name helps to give insight into their character. For example:

- Moses means “to come out of the water” or “draw out”—as he was rescued from the river.
- Jesus means “Savior” or “salvation”—which was why God sent Him to earth.
- Elijah means “Jehovah is my God”—which reflected the prophet's life.

A BUILDING PROCESS

Because man is inclined to respond to God based on his perception of Him, it is important to have a right concept of God. Though our natural minds are incapable of comprehending the inexhaustible greatness of God, we can know Him and understand what He is

like through the revelation of His Word as well as through a personal relationship with Him.

As you will learn, by knowing the names of God, you will discover His nature, His personality, and how He can touch your life in so many miraculous ways.

Many natural-minded men and women have put their trust in temporal things, inadvertently believing that success and life's achievements represent the purpose for their existence. The Word of God, however, offers this admonition: *“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD”* (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

Since the Father reveals Himself through His names, by a diligent study of them, we will obtain a much greater insight and knowledge of who He is.

As I mentioned, in truth there is only one name for God, but twelve revelations of His name.

You and I were created to know God, and in the eloquent words of A.W. Tozer, “God can be known in increasing degrees of intimate acquaintance as we prepare our hearts for the wonder. It may be necessary for us to alter our former beliefs about God as the glory that gilds the Sacred Scriptures dawns over our interior lives.” As God Almighty reveals Himself to us as believers through the revelations of His name contained in the Scriptures, we can know Him and become more like Him.

In this study, each divine title builds on what has come before. For example, you can't truly understand Jehovah Rophe, without knowing Jehovah Jireh, or claim the promises of Jehovah Tsidkenu, without first meeting Jehovah Mikkadesh.

A NEW DIMENSION

As you read these pages, I pray you will embrace Jehovah not only as your Creator and Lord God, but also as your Supplier, Master, Provider, Healer, Banner, Sanctifier, Righteousness, Peace, Shepherd, and Abiding Presence.

INTRODUCTION

As a result of using these names in your prayer life, worship, and times of praise, you will move into a new, powerful, spiritual dimension. You will touch the very throne of heaven as you begin to declare the names of God.

—BENNY HINN

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ELOHIM

MY CREATOR

I can't begin to tell you how thrilled I am you have chosen to read this book. The revelation the Lord has given me concerning the names of God has transformed my life and my relationship with Him. And I pray that as you read these pages and discover the truth concerning His names and nature, your life will be gloriously transformed too.


Please excuse me if I pause now and again to offer a mighty shout of praise while I am sharing these truths with you. I believe you'll understand why as you, too, discover the powerful progression of names used to bring Jehovah to life in Scripture.

Let's start at the beginning—and even before!

THE INITIAL REVELATION

The very first verse in the Bible includes these words: “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth*” (Genesis 1:1).

This is the initial revelation God presents to us concerning Himself, telling us His name. The Hebrew word used here for God is *Elohim*—“the Creator.”


From the moment you begin reading Scripture you are introduced to the Trinity.

Now comes the next surprise! *Elohim* is plural since Hebrew words ending in *im* mean “more than one.” This tells us that God the Trinity created the heavens and the earth.”

So from the moment you begin reading Scripture you are introduced to the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

THE THREE HEAVENS

Looking closely we discover the Almighty did not create “the heaven and earth,” rather the “heavens” and the earth. The Hebrew word for “heavens” is *shamaiim*.

Amazing as it may be to many, the Word tells us there are three heavens:

- The first heaven is our atmosphere (Genesis 1:8).
- The second is where the principalities and powers exist (Ephesians 6:12).
- And the third heaven is where God resides. The apostle Paul refers to being “*caught up to the third heaven*” (2 Corinthians 12:2).

MAJESTY AND MIGHT

By revealing Himself first as Elohim, the Lord introduces Himself to us as the God of unequalled power. In Hebrew, *El* is always “God”—and when *ohim* is added, it speaks of the “God of majesty and might.” Our Creator is:

- The God of authority
- The God of majesty
- The God of dominion
- The God of government
- The God of rule
- The God of might

All of this—and much more—is embraced in this One named Elohim.

AND GOD SAID

Out of sheer void, Elohim formed the world as we know and enjoy it today—land, seas, plants, and every living thing. He did this primarily with the power of His spoken Word: *“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.... And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.... And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so”* (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9).


We also read how God “called” (verse 5), “made” (verse 16), and “created” (verse 21). This is all an incredible demonstration of His awesome power and authority.

OUR INTRODUCTION

Thirty-five times in the first thirty-four verses of the Bible, and in more than twenty-five hundred

instances in the Old Testament, the word *Elohim* —“Creator”—is used. God existed as the Creator long before we were able to know Him as “God the Father.”

As we will discover, the name Elohim is always connected to the *acts* of God, never to His covenants, sacrifice, or relationship. There is no intimacy associated with this name—it simply *presents* God and is our formal introduction to Him. The revelation of the Almighty—which produces the glorious transformation you and I can experience—comes later.


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THE VOICE OF DIRECTION

As you search the Scriptures, you will uncover that *Elohim* is linked to authority and direction. When Moses was tending sheep near Mount Horeb, it was Elohim who spoke to him from the burning bush (Exodus 3:4)—calling him to lead the children of Israel from the captivity of Egypt.

Later, when God delivered the Commandments, it

was Elohim who declared, *“Thou shalt have no other gods before me”* (Exodus 20:3).


THE WORD MADE FLESH

In the book of Isaiah, the coming Messiah is called Elohim. *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God [Elohim], The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”* (Isaiah 9:6).

This is significant since the Lord Jesus was there at Creation. He, too, is called Elohim. As written in the book of John, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”* (John 1:1).

Even though this scripture was written in Greek, the term for God is the same as in Hebrew—*Elohim*. And *the Word* in both languages is also translated the same—“revelation.” So this verse would read: “In the beginning was the revelation, and the revelation was with God, and the revelation was God. He is and was and ever shall be Elohim.” Again, this is the Creator with power, dominion, and authority.

Remember, Jesus is part of the Godhead at Creation who became flesh “*and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth*” (John 1:14).


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Right now, join with me in lifting your voice in praise, thanking God for sending His only Son to earth so we can know the peace and joy of having a personal relationship with Him.

THE PLIGHT OF ANGELS

This amazing name is also connected to angels. At Creation “*all the sons of God shouted for joy*” (Job 38:7).

However, as we will discover, you and I are not only sons of Elohim, but also sons of Jehovah. This is the name of God we will discover in the next chapter.

Now since angels know the Lord as Elohim—the Creator—they cannot fellowship with Him. For they have not been purchased by the blood nor adopted into the family of the heavenly Father. And no angel

is filled with the Holy Spirit—not even Michael or Gabriel.

ON A MISSION

Angels were created to serve, not to love. They were created to minister to the Lord, yet they cannot fellowship with Him.

In Scripture, you will not read of angels socializing, even with the Spirit. Yet, some people become so enamored with the idea of a “personal angel,” they have actually written stories of these beings drinking coffee with them at their table and playing with their pets. It’s not scriptural!

We know these messengers of God minister for the saints, yet when they behold the presence of Almighty God they are unable to look upon His glory (Isaiah 6).

THEY DID NOT KNOW

Since angels can’t comprehend redemption, they will never truly understand your salvation. At the same time, they desire to look into the things of salvation (1 Peter 1:12).

Because they are limited to knowing God as Elohim, theirs is the work of service—with no

relationship. Angels cannot understand what it means to experience God intimately.

BEYOND ELOHIM

Research shows that the vast majority of the world's population believes that there is a God, yet they picture Him as a force they do not know.

Even in America, where nine out of ten profess to believe in a higher power, there is still a distorted view of the Almighty. For example, here is what was found by a major 2006 Gallup poll, analyzed by sociologists from Baylor University's Institute of Religion:

- Thirty-one percent (the largest group) view God as an authoritarian—angry at humanity's sins and engaged in everyone's life and worldly affairs.
- A smaller number, 23 percent, see a benevolent, loving, forgiving Creator.
- Sixteen percent think God keeps an eye on humanity but does not intervene in events.
- Twenty-four percent view God as a distant cosmic force that launched the universe, then left it to its own devices.

THE NAMES OF GOD

What a tragedy that millions have been introduced to God, yet their knowledge of Him ends with Elohim—the One who formed the beauty of the earth.

Oh, how I pray they will come to know God as a Person—and enjoy an eternal relationship with Him.

If Elohim were the only name for God, we would go through life failing to experience His abundant love, favor, salvation, healing, and anointing.

I'm excited to tell you there are eleven more names—and when you begin to declare them, your life will never again be the same.

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JEHOVAH

MY LORD GOD

A dynamic turn of events took place after Elohim—God the Creator—completed His initial work. In the second chapter of Genesis, for the first time, we are introduced to Jehovah—the Lord God.

Scripture records: *“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD [Yahweh] God made the earth and the heavens”* (Genesis 2:4).

The angels must have stood in awe as they heard God present Himself with a name they had never heard before —Jehovah.

The reason for the change is because God was about to introduce the creation of man. Three verses later, we read: *“And the LORD [Yahweh] God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”* (verse 7).

Again, we find the words “Lord God” (*Yahweh Elohim*), since through Jehovah—Yahweh—a divine relationship with man was on the verge of being established.

AN INSTANT REVELATION

God Almighty gathers the moist, soft earth, shapes it into His own image, then releases His Spirit into the clay and man comes alive. Adam opens his eyes and the first thing he feels is the sweet breath of God flowing through his being.

When he stands to his feet for the first time, God doesn't need to announce to him with trumpets and fanfare, “I am the Lord.” Adam had an instantaneous revelation because of the very presence of Jehovah.

In that divine moment, Adam receives all there is to know about God and begins walking with Him in fellowship. A “get acquainted” session certainly wasn't necessary.

Today, we are receiving what God established centuries later through Abraham—and the process is still ongoing. Adam, however, was given this knowledge immediately.

COVENANT COMES BEFORE POWER

The moment Adam met the Creator as Lord God—as Jehovah—both a revelation and a relationship began.


It was the “Lord God” (verse 8) who planted a lush garden in Eden where He and Adam would daily walk together, enjoying conversation and fellowship.

Amazingly, God created the world as Elohim. Yet in the designing of the garden—because it was for man—God uses the name Jehovah.

Scripture does not document how long Adam lived in the paradise called Eden before the first woman was formed, but

many Bible scholars believe it was several years. He was God’s partner, replacing the position Lucifer lost.

Jehovah is the name connected to covenant and relationship. So we are not sons of Elohim only; we are also sons of *Jehovah* Elohim. As we will discover, there is a huge difference because covenant (*Jehovah*) comes before power (Elohim), and relationship before authority.


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Why did God reveal Himself to Adam as Jehovah? Because He was communicating, “I want to know you. I desire your fellowship. I want to have a relationship with you.”

GRACE AND GLORY

As we learned in the last chapter, Elohim only introduces God the Creator, while in Jehovah we see His personality revealed.

- Elohim presents love; Jehovah reveals love.
- Elohim presents power; Jehovah reveals power.
- Elohim presents mercy; Jehovah reveals mercy.
- Elohim presents grace; Jehovah reveals grace.
- Elohim presents His glory; Jehovah reveals His glory.

These principles spring alive within you when the Lord personally touches your life.

THE HIGHEST NAME

In reality, God has only one name—Jehovah (Yahweh)—and all His other titles are extensions or

revelations. As the psalmist writes, *“That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth”* (Psalm 83:18).


This term for the “Lord God” is found over six thousand times in Scripture and refers to the “ever present” Lord.

Other names of God are connected to His works, yet Jehovah cannot be understood merely by reading *about* Him; it is the result of revelation by the Holy Spirit.

A REVELATION OF GOD

Most closely linked with Jehovah is the concept of covenant—which is the reason the word is used so often in Scripture.

The Lord is a covenant-keeping Father who will never forsake His children. He declares, *“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way be-*


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fore me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts [Jehovah]” (Malachi 3:1).

Through the ages—and even today—many have a difficult time moving from an “Elohim” to a “Jehovah” relationship. As God announced to Moses, “*I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the*

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name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them” (Exodus 6:3).

I pray you will grasp the significance of the fact that the name Jehovah contains within it the revelation of God Himself. This is much more than the study of what the Lord is called; we are learning the depths of God and discovering our Father.

Glory to the name of Jehovah!

A NEW NAME

One of the most dramatic events of all time took place in the Garden of Eden. God granted the first couple incredible freedom, yet there was one tree—the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil—they were forbidden to touch.

When the devil came to tempt Eve, he said, “*Yea, hath God [Elohim] said?*” (Genesis 3:1)—showing clearly he had no knowledge of God as Jehovah; nor could he, for the name Jehovah is connected to covenant, relationship, and fellowship. The devil spoke only of God (Elohim, which deals with power and authority), not the Lord God and the relationship which accompanies that name.

The first time Eve heard the name of God (Elohim) it was uttered from Satan’s lips. And, as we will see, the response of the woman was quite stunning.

She and Adam only knew God as Jehovah—the Lord of covenant—and He was never revealed to them by any other name.


SATAN’S SEARCH FOR WEAKNESS

Eve’s response to the serpent’s question regarding eating from the forbidden tree was most stunning, for she responded by using a name she did not know. “*[Elohim] hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die*” (Genesis 3:3).

God had never revealed Himself to Adam as Elohim. There is no record of it in the Bible. Man only

knew Him as Jehovah. Adam and Eve had walked in the garden with Jehovah. They had fellowshiped with Him. Yet, when Satan tempted the woman and said,

“Hath God [Elohim] said,” she responded with *“God [Elohim] hath said,”* revealing that she had never known Him. The sin of the woman was *not* that she obeyed the serpent. Her greatest sin was that she did not know Jehovah


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(the God of covenant, relationship, and fellowship), which led her into rebellion against Him.

You see, the devil doesn't attack you when you are strong in faith and fortified with the Word. He searches diligently for an area where you are vulnerable.

THE PATH TO REBELLION

The fact that Eve rejected God Almighty influenced Adam to later spurn the Lord.

This should raise a red flag! When one, like Eve, does not know the Lord personally, that person will rebel and disobey God. He or she won't care what the Lord says or thinks.

By this, Eve was indicating she never knew the Elohim the devil was speaking of. Her reply to the enemy proves she had no intimate relationship with God.

Again, the sin was not that she had obeyed the serpent; her greatest transgression was she did not know Jehovah. This led her into rebellion.

My friend, unless one has had an encounter with Jehovah, that person will succumb to Satan—because it is impossible to know God’s protection without knowing His name Jehovah God.

A SUDDEN LOSS

What a surprise that Adam—who knew Jehovah—yielded to Eve’s invitation to also take a bite of that inviting fruit. *“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat”* (Genesis 3:6).

What happened to the man with revelation? Why did Adam step into the flesh and fall into sin? After all,

this was the man who was a friend and walked with God.

By tasting the fruit he did not only lose God's glory, he lost the knowledge of Jehovah. And now he was banished from the garden—and whatever revelations he had about God were erased.

STARTING FROM ZERO

After Adam disobeyed and the glory departed, we find him cowering behind a bush, realizing he was naked. This was more than natural shame—he was spiritually stripped. He lost everything!

Yet God was looking for His friend who had just sinned. *“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?”* (Genesis 3:9).

Even after this blatant act of disobedience, Jehovah was still there for him. The Lord didn't angrily say, “From now on I am Elohim to you—and you cannot know Me any longer as Jehovah.”

Instead, God was telling the first man, “Even though you have sinned, I am still Jehovah. But now you must start from zero.”

WHAT GRACE!


The revelation had departed, but the door was still open. Next, Scripture tells us, “*Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them*” (Genesis 3:21).

This fresh skin of the animal was still wet with blood, because God had just made a sacrifice for them. How marvelous that the offerings for both the first and last sacrifices for man were slain by God.

The first lamb covered Adam and Eve, and the last—Jesus, the Lamb of God—covers you and me. Hallelujah!

By clothing them with skin still moist with blood, the Lord was letting them know, “You’re still in the covenant.”

Remember, even though you may lose the revelation, you continue to remain part of God’s promise. What amazing grace!


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ONLY A FOOTNOTE

Later we read, “*And Adam knew Eve*” (Genesis 4:1), but he no longer knew God. In the previous verse we find the Lord “*drove out the man*” (Genesis 3:24).

This reveals that even though he was given the opportunity to walk with the Lord, Adam failed to make the right choice.

Because of his iniquity, Adam suddenly knew more about his wife than he did the Lord. He went from being a central figure in the saga of humanity to an obscure footnote. In fact, he almost disappears from the pages of the Bible.

Finally, we read his obituary: *“And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died”* (Genesis 5:5).

SEARCHING THE LAND

As the first humans began to multiply, God’s heart was grieved as He looked down and saw *“the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”* (Genesis 6:5).

The situation was so dire the Almighty considered destroying every breathing creature on the earth and starting over. But as He searched the land to find just one righteous person, He noticed a man named Noah.

Scripture records, *“Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD”* (Genesis 6:8).

Follow this closely. The “Lord” in this verse is the Hebrew *Jehovah*. This means there was a covenant relationship between Noah and God. But the moment the Almighty begins giving him instructions regarding building the ark—to protect him and his family from the impending flood—the name of God changes to Elohim.

Why? Because this involved the acts and the commands of God. It was Elohim who told Noah exactly how to construct this vessel (verses 13-16). *“Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he”* (verse 22).


Even as the Lord (Elohim) tells him to bring in the animals two by two, it was God the Creator who was speaking.

WHY SEVEN?

As Noah and his family were about to enter the ark, something marvelous happens. The Lord says, *“Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female”* (Genesis 7:2). Also, *“Of fowls also of the air by sevens”* (verse 3).

Not by twos, but by sevens. Why? Because these were the animals that would be used for sacrifice.

Here's the most important part of the story. In the verse above, the words were not spoken by Elohim but by Jehovah. You see, when covenant, sacrifice, and


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blood are involved, it is the Lord God who speaks.

What was the difference? The animals in chapter 6 had to do with preservation, but the animals in chapter 7 were for sacrifice.

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COME ALIVE!

It was an eye-opener to me to discover that each time Israel worshiped false gods, it is Elohim who speaks to them. Yet, when they were repentant, it is Jehovah who brings them back.

This is not the result of the random use of God's names in Scripture or the original Hebrew writer attempting to find synonyms. No, the Word was

inspired of the Holy Spirit and contains precisely what God intends for us to comprehend.

Your mind may be connected to Elohim, but your spirit must be linked to Jehovah. It is the Lord God who causes you to come alive!

You can memorize a thousand facts concerning God Elohim, yet it is only information. In fact, you can be the most brilliant Bible scholar, attend seminary, and quote the Scriptures verbatim, but unless Jehovah has been revealed, your inner man is lifeless and dead.

Only when the Lord lives in your heart as Yahweh is your life transformed. This is because the covenant is spiritual.

A GLORIOUS PROMISE

Leviticus is often called “the book of restoration” in the Old Testament—which means God is at work in the hearts of men. This is why we find the name Elohim only used twice in Leviticus, while Jehovah is mentioned eighty-six times in just the first seven chapters.

It is the Lord God who declares:

If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.
(Leviticus 26:3-6)

This is your glorious promise when you are in covenant with Jehovah!

YOUR KEY TO ETERNITY

You may ask, “What about Jesus? Which of the names of God refer to Him?”

Let there be no question. Jesus is Jehovah:

- The Father’s name is Jehovah.
- The Son’s name is Jehovah.

- The Holy Spirit's name is Jehovah.

Jesus wants you to receive the revelation that He is the same "I Am" who was introduced to Moses.

To the critics, He declared, "*Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also*" (John 8:19). And He added, "*If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins*" (verse 24).

Receiving this truth is your passport to eternity!

THE FULLNESS!

The confrontations between Jesus and the religious leaders of the day were often heated. For example, they once sarcastically told Him, "*You say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?*" (John 8:52-53, NIV).

To these questions, Jesus gave this powerful reply: "*I tell you the truth...before Abraham was born, I am!*" (verse 58).

Christ is more than the Son of God; He is the *fullness* of Jehovah!

Let me share this evidence that the Son and the Father are one. The writer of Hebrews states:

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.
(Hebrews 1:1-3)

What belongs to the Father belongs to the Son—the “*appointed heir of all things*” (verse 2).

TEN REVELATIONS

Because God has been revealed in Christ, we can have a personal relationship with Jehovah. From the

apostle Paul's letter to the believers at Colosse, let me give you ten reasons why this is possible.

One: Christ makes us an heir of His kingdom.

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:12-13).

Two: He brings us salvation.

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (verse 14).

Three: Through Jesus we can see the Father.

"Who is the image of the invisible God" (verse 15).

Four: Christ is the source of all.

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, in earth, visible, invisible, whether they be thrones, dominions, principalities, powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (verse 16).

Five: He upholds all things.

“And he is before all things, and by him all things consist” (verse 17).

Six: Christ is the head of the church.

“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence” (verse 18).

Seven: In Him we are complete.

“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell” (verse 19).

Eight: To those who accept Christ, all things are reconciled.

“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven” (verse 20).

Nine: You can stand before Him without blame.

“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath


he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight” (verses 21-22).

Ten: Christ dwells in you.

“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (verse 27).

Notice, Jesus doesn't say, "Take *from* Me," He declares, "Take *of* Me." As the psalmist writes, "O taste and see that the *LORD is good*" (Psalm 34:8).

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THE SECRET OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

In our crusades around the world, millions have entered into an atmosphere of the anointing of the Holy Spirit for the first time in their lives. We have

received thousands of letters which read the same: “I have never felt the presence of the Lord in such a powerful way.”

Let me share this secret with you. In these services, and in my personal prayer life, when I praise the Lord I declare Him as Elohim—the Creator. However, when I worship I call Him Jehovah—my Lord God.

I praise Him for His mighty acts, but worship Him because of who He is—and for His *ways*. As a result, worship becomes part of our divine relationship.

When you grasp this truth it will dramatically transform how you commune with the Lord.

The children of Israel experienced God’s demonstration of power and witnessed miracles, yet they continued to fall into sin, even melting down their jewelry to form a golden calf which became an object of worship.

How could this be? Sadly, they knew Elohim, but not Jehovah.

Friend, you can praise God and fail, but I cannot think of one person who worships Jehovah from the depth of his or her heart who falls by the wayside.

When you honor God through worship there's an experience which is lasting because of the eternal covenant.

“Trust ye in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength” (Isaiah 26:4).

He is Jehovah—your Lord God!

3

EL SHADDAI

MY SUPPLIER

Just when you think you've hit rock bottom, with no future in sight, God enters the scene and fills you with new hope.

This is what He did for Abram—whom we know today as Abraham, the Father of faith.

On the strength of a promise, seventy-five-year-old Abram and his wife, Sarai, left their home for a spiritual adventure—without a road map, not knowing where God was leading them.

Abram journeyed to Egypt and returned a wealthy man—and a tither. Then the Lord, through a dynamic revelation, told Abram his seed would be as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:5).

This meant he would have children. But how could

this be, since he was old and his wife, Sarai, was well past her childbearing years?

Anxious, and tired of waiting, the barren couple thought they would help God's promise along by having Abram father a son by Hagar, the Egyptian handmaiden of Sarai. They named the boy Ishmael.

However, this wasn't what God had in mind, and the family chaos which followed proved this to be true.

Then, when Abram was ninety-nine years old "*the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect*" (Genesis 17:1).

YOUR NOURISHMENT

Abram had known God as Creator (Elohim) and as Jehovah. In fact, in this verse, when "*the LORD appeared,*" the Hebrew word used is *Jehovah*. But when God declares, "I am the Almighty God," Abram is introduced to a name with which he is unfamiliar. This was *El Shaddai*—*El* means "God," and *Shaddai* is "my Supplier," "my Nourishment."

In this life-changing encounter, "*Abram fell on his*

face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations” (Genesis 17:3-4).

God revealed Himself as El Shaddai, the One who is all sufficient.

There is always perfect order in God’s kingdom. We first meet Him as Creator (Elohim), then as our Lord God of covenant (Jehovah) and now as our Provider (El Shaddai)—our all-sufficient Nourisher and Satisfier who supplies *more* than enough.

THE SON OF AN IDOLATER

Oh, how far Abram had progressed. Here was a man who was raised in the home of an idol worshiper—and in a region where the moon god was revered.

As Joshua would later tell the people, *“Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods”* (Joshua 24:2).

This is indisputable proof the Lord can use any earthen vessel for His glory. As Scripture tells us, *“God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to*

confound the wise; and...the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence” (1 Corinthians 1:27-29).

Only the Lord can touch a life with such awesome power that the weak become strong.

STARTING OVER

In Abram, God revealed Himself to a man who had absolutely no previous knowledge of Him. Yet, he willingly followed Jehovah’s call and began walking —not knowing his destination.

Through the story of Abram, the Lord is also telling you and me we have to come out from our old life and leave the past behind.

Rather than entering into a land of abundance and blessing, he arrived at a place of extreme famine. But this was all part of the master plan God required him to experience.

Remember, because of Adam’s fall, the Almighty was starting over with His design for man. Through

the story of Abram, the Lord is also telling you and me we have to come out from our old life and leave the past behind. By faith, we are being led to a land He will show us.

A NEW NAME

Abram not only met the Seed-giver, God issued him a brand new name. The Lord said, *“Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee”* (Genesis 17:5-6).

Then God proclaimed, *“And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee”* (verse 7).

When these two extra letters, *ha*, were added to Abram’s original name, it was as if the Spirit of God exhaled deeply and said, “Abra—*HAM!*” Fresh, invigorating life was breathed into him.

Sarai’s name was also changed to Sarah—and they both had new capabilities. The Almighty declared,

“And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her”
(verse 16).

Ishmael, born of a union between Abram and Sarai’s handmaiden, was not the true son. God was now making a vow that the promised seed would come from the rejuvenated Abraham and Sarah.

TOTAL RESTORATION

Remember, the Lord told this couple, *“I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect”* (Genesis 17:1). Perfection and restoration of our youth is impossible until the Supplier is made known.

The result of this miraculous encounter with God was that ninety-year-old Sarah, and Abraham, who was nearly one hundred, would have a son and heir—Isaac.

Nothing is too difficult for the Supplier. As the Bible tells us, our weakness is made strong through Him (Hebrews 11:34).

El Shaddai was established in Abraham, but revealed in Israel—and continues to be unveiled to this very day through Jesus.


DEATH TO FLESH

It's amazing, but Abraham did not meet his Nourisher until his body could no longer produce on its own. There had to be death to the flesh before he could experience a revelation of El Shaddai.

While Abraham was a young man, God did not share Himself in this manner, but when Abraham was past his prime, the Lord said, "Now that the flesh is dead, I will reveal Myself as Supplier." And He did!

When the "former" Abram died, the new "Abraham" was born and a resurrection took place.

Dependence on self will take its toll. Only when our flesh is brought into submission—and we die to our own abilities and strength—will God arrive and say, "I am your Nourisher, your Supplier."


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ALL THINGS NEW

The transformation of Abraham is a foretaste of what happens when we meet Jesus as Savior. The Bible

tells us, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Everything about you is changed. On the road to Damascus, Saul had a dramatic conversion and his new name was Paul.

Simon, the fisherman became Peter, the disciple.

If you read the story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, His heart was heavy with the knowledge of the trial He was facing. He said to the disciples, *“My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch”* (Mark 14:34).

Then Jesus *“fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt”* (verses 35-36).

Where was Peter? Despite the Lord’s request, he fell asleep!

So Jesus walked over to him and said, *“Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?”* (verse 37).

Why did Jesus call Peter by his former name?

Because he was asleep—and had reverted to his former nature!

When Christ enters your life and gives you a fresh start, stay alert! Don't revert to your old ways and run the risk of the Lord calling "the old you!"


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MEET HIM IN ADVERSITY

The revelation of El Shaddai came to Abraham after a period of trials and afflictions. There was tremendous tension and division in his home because of the birth of Ishmael. Sarah and Hagar were in conflict and Abraham was trying to keep the peace.

Now the Lord was telling him, "Don't worry, I am your Supplier and your Satisfaction."

As we discover later, in the story of Ruth and Naomi, the One who meets our needs is found in the midst of adversity.

After Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth returned to Bethlehem from a difficult life in Moab, the people welcomed her. But she told them, "*Call me not Naomi, call me Mara [meaning bitter]: for the*

Almighty [El Shaddai] hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty [El Shaddai] hath afflicted me?" (Ruth 1:20-21).

Naomi did not fully understand that her Supplier was preparing a wonderful future for her and Ruth, who married Boaz. Out of that union a son was born, named Obed, whose grandson was David, in the lineage of the Messiah.

TO ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB

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God's promise to Abraham was also given to Isaac (Genesis 26), and it was repeated to Isaac's son Jacob—whose name was changed to Israel. The Lord told him, "*I am God Almighty [El Shaddai]: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins*" (Genesis 35:11).

In Jacob's later years, when he is prophesying over his son Joseph, God our Supplier is present once again:

But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel) Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty [El Shaddai], who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb.
(Genesis 49:24-25)

The word for "breast" in the original language is "nourishment," even "to nurse."

If you know someone who has difficulty conceiving children, encourage them to daily declare the name El Shaddai.

REVELATION THROUGH BONDAGE

Let me share one of the most remarkable verses in the Old Testament.

The setting is hundreds of years after Abraham died, when God appeared to Moses and said, "*I am the*

LORD: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty [El Shaddai], but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them” (Exodus 6:2-3).

The patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) knew the name, yet were never allowed the revelation or the fullness of it. Why? Because there was no bondage involved.

Abraham and his offspring lived in liberty. Scripture even explains, “*And I have also established my covenant with them [the patriarchs], to give them*

the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers” (Exodus 6:4).

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day, when the Israelites were slaves under Pharaoh, God says,

I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I

have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. (Exodus 6:5-7)

THE KEY TO LIGHT AND LIBERTY

When God proclaims, “I am the Lord,” it is the same Hebrew word as *Jehovah*—and He is revealing it to the spiritually bound and oppressed. Why? Because only those who have lived under servitude can appreciate freedom in operation and understand its glory and power!

- How can you know light unless you have experienced darkness?
- How can you know health unless you have suffered sickness?

- How can you appreciate liberty unless you've been bound?

Abraham did not walk in darkness, infirmity, or bondage. In fact, he had supernatural faith on a level you and I have never known, yet when slavery entered his seed, his offspring not only *knew* the name Jehovah, they *understood* it.

As a result, Jehovah promised Moses, “*Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land*” (Exodus 6:1).

If you read the entire account you discover when Moses used the name Jehovah, the ten plagues hit the land and Pharaoh could not deny God's power.

AN UNWRAPPED PRESENT

Three million people, who had been under subjection for 430 years, came out of Egypt, blessed and prosperous. How was this possible? Because, for the first time, they understood the name Jehovah and saw it in action.

Hallelujah!

God gave the present to Abraham, but it was Moses who unwrapped the gift!


Through Abraham, the Lord introduced sacrifice and the blood covenant. Then, when Jehovah commanded the Israelites in bondage to sprinkle the blood of a lamb on their doorposts so the angel of death would pass over their homes, the people had a personal revelation of the power of Jehovah and the true meaning of the blood covenant.

JEHOVAH BRINGS YOU BACK

In the saga of early Israel, the name Elohim is used in connection to a backsliding Israel. They only knew God as Creator. But it was Jehovah—the Lord God—who would restore and bring them back to His fullness.

To the people who worshiped idols, He was Elohim, yet when they repented He was Jehovah.

You can know *about* God the Creator, yet all you have is knowledge. However, when He becomes Jehovah, you will experience the Lord God in your spirit. And as El Shaddai He becomes your Supplier.


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YOUR NEEDS, NOT YOUR DESIRES

I have been asked, “What is the difference between supply and provision?”

Supply is connected to our *needs* and provision is linked to our *desires*.

When our son Joshua was a little boy he said, “Daddy, I want some ice cream.”

“Eat your supper first,” I reminded him.

You see, He *needed* to eat the meal, but he *wanted* the ice cream. And, as you will discover, the Lord does not become your Provider until He is your Supplier.

In your time of need:

- **Jehovah Shaddai provides the answer.**

“Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him” (Matthew 6:8).

- **Jehovah Shaddai offers mercy.**

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

- Jehovah Shaddai is your Supplier.

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

THE BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY

Are you ready to die to the flesh—to your abilities, selfish will, and desires? Have you reached the point where you are prepared to meet the Supplier?

He is the One described by Job, who declared, *“The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty [El Shaddai] hath given me life” (Job 33:4).*

By faith, start declaring His all-sufficient name.

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ADONAI

MY MASTER

The blazing sun was beating down on the plains of Mamre in ancient Israel. Abraham, seated near the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day, looked up and saw the shimmering outline of three men standing not far from him.

It wasn't an illusion: they were real!

The moment Abraham spotted the three visitors *“he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground”* (Genesis 18:2).

He said to one of them, *“My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant”* (verse 3).

This was not the Lord Jehovah who had been used in Scripture, or the El Shaddai who revealed Himself to Abraham. The Hebrew word used here is *Adonai*—or “Jehovah, my Master.”

This is a powerful name of God, for when you declare, “Lord Master,” you are confessing you are completely His possession and have determined to be totally obedient to Him.

SATAN FLEES

Saying “Adonai” announces to the world you have been purchased rather than hired. This puts Satan and all his hosts on notice that you no longer belong to the enemy; you are the Lord’s!

In this name there is liberty and freedom from all demonic oppression! It’s part of the eternal covenant God has made with you.

- When you know him as *Elohim* there may still be bondage.
- When *Jehovah* is introduced, you are free.
- When you meet *El Shaddai* your needs are supplied.
- When you declare *Adonai*, demons flee!

TRUE OWNERSHIP

The name Adonai conveys both complete possession and total obedience: God owns you and you obey Him.

When we call our heavenly Father Adonai, we are letting Him know, “We are Your servants for eternity.” As the psalmist prayed, *“I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name forevermore”* (Psalm 86:12).

Adonai refers to God’s true ownership of man. We are not our own since the Master alone has the right to direct our paths. *“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call”* (Psalm 20:7-9).

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THE SERVANT BECOMES A SON

Among the Israelites of Bible times, when a servant is purchased and partakes of the Passover, he becomes a member of the family, with all rights and privileges. This is documented later in Moses’ day as God affirms, *“This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: But every man’s servant that is*

bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof” (Exodus 12:43-45).

Even more, if the father of the home has no heir, the slave possesses the inheritance.

In Abraham’s household, during the time he was still called Abram, he had a servant named Eliezer. And since God had promised Abram and Sarai a son, yet they were still childless, he thought perhaps the slave would be the one to receive his inheritance.

OUR ADOPTION

Abram looked up to heaven and pleaded, *“Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir”* (Genesis 15:2-3).

He was reminding Jehovah, “If You don’t give me a son soon, my slave will get it all!”—for this was the custom in those days.

This is prophetic since *“when we were children, [we] were in bondage under the elements of the world:*

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son.... To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ”(Galatians 4:3-7).

JOINT-HEIRS

You and I are purchased servants. God bought and circumcised us, and we are His. However, you may ask, “Since Jesus is God’s only Son, doesn’t He receive the Father’s total inheritance—everything in the will?”

No, because of His grace, we are *“heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ”* (Romans 8:17).

In Old Testament times there could only be one beneficiary, but under the New Covenant *all* believers share in the blessings and the inheritance.

Because of the covenant we can say, “Adonai, my Master, I am Your slave; I am wholly Yours.”

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THE BEST POSSIBLE MEAL

Back at Abraham's tent, he addressed one of the three strangers as Master—his Owner.

Abraham instantly recognized these were not ordinary men, and welcomed them warmly. "Please," he told them, "Why don't you rest here for a while with your servant? Let me fetch some water so you can wash your feet."

Then, after inviting them to relax under a shade tree, Abraham offered, *"I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant"* (Genesis 18:5).

"Certainly," replied the visitors. "Go right ahead."

Abraham quickly went and asked Sarah to bake some bread using their best flour. And while she was busy doing as he asked, he rushed out to find a calf to roast so he could offer the best possible meal.

"AT MY AGE!"

As Abraham was presenting the dinner to the visitors outside, they asked, "Where is your wife, Sarah?"

“She is inside the tent,” Abraham replied.

Adonai the Master said, *“I will certainly return unto thee [next year at this same time]; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son”* (Genesis 18:10).

Standing just inside the opening to the tent, Sarah overheard the conversation and could hardly contain her emotions. “Me? Get pregnant at my age?” she thought to herself. “And with an old man like Abraham as the father?”

She broke into laughter—thinking no one heard her.

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However, since Adonai hears everything, He asked Abraham, *“Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the LORD?”* (verses 13-14).

Obviously, it wasn’t, since this is exactly what occurred—and Isaac was born (Genesis 21:5).

A NEW RELATIONSHIP

Abraham’s ability to address God as Adonai and admit he was a servant was born out of the El Shaddai revelation he had received earlier. Now he was

admitting, “Master, I surrender everything. I was dead and You gave me new life as my Supplier.”

When God saw his heart, He asked, “*Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?*” (Genesis 18:17).

The answer was a resounding, “No!”

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Until that moment, Abraham had been given promises but did not know God’s detailed plan for the nations and the world. Now the Lord declared His confidence in His servant by saying, “*For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him*” (verse 19).

Suddenly, Abraham became the intercessor prophet. God reassured Him, “As your Master, I’m going to give you the privilege and the honor to change My mind in prayer”—the ultimate result of intercessory prayer.

It is through our total yielding that God shares His vision for our future—including the precise details.

INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP

What was the first thing God revealed to Abraham as part of this new relationship? He announced, *“Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know”* (Genesis 18:20-21).

Next, the scripture includes this significant statement, *“And Abraham drew near”* (verse 23).

You cannot enjoy close fellowship with the Lord until He is your Master. And this *nearness* indicates one-on-one, face-to-face intimacy as a friend.

Effective intercessors are born in intimate fellowship with God. As Abraham “drew near,” he experienced a depth of communion with the Almighty he had never before known.

When we pray, the Lord listens. As the psalmist writes, *“Now know I that the LORD saveth his*

anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand” (Psalm 20:6).

FIRE FROM HEAVEN

As the visitors were leaving, Abraham walked with them down the road and began to intercede with Adonai for these wicked cities—after all, his nephew Lot was living in Sodom.

So Abraham, concerned God would destroy the righteous with the wicked, asked the Almighty, “If

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The Lord assured him that would be enough to circumvent total destruction.

Abraham then began lowering and lowering the threshold. “What about forty-five righteous?” “Forty?” “Thirty?” “Twenty?”

Finally, Abraham said, *“Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And [God] said, I will not destroy it for ten’s sake”* (Genesis 18:32).

Sadly, the Lord could not find the ten and Sodom

was engulfed in flames and destroyed by fire. The Bible records, *“Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire...out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground”* (Genesis 19:24-25).

It was as if a river of molten lava flowed down from the sky.

The only ones who were spared were Lot and his family—and they would not have been delivered without Abraham’s intercessory prayers. Scripture tells us, *“God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst...when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt”* (verse 29).

THE RESULTS OF INTERCESSION

God didn’t protect Lot because he was a wonderful person. Far from it. The influence of Sodom (where he was an elder) had lowered him into perversion. Yet, because of the fervent prayers of Abraham, God demonstrated to Lot His grace and set him free. This was a remarkable result of interceding before the Master.

YOU'RE IN HIS FAMILY

Adonai not only promises to guide our steps, but when we ask for His help, He will provide us with the ability to perform and fulfill each assignment.

It is God's will that we ask for His guidance and protection. And as we do so in prayer, He will lead us into a life of righteousness and refuge.

You can personally experience the blessings of being adopted into God's family and becoming an heir to His kingdom. This new status will be legally recorded in heaven when you welcome Adonai, your Master.

5

JEHOVAH JIREH

MY PROVIDER

It was testing time!

Isaac, the long promised miracle child, had been born to Abraham and Sarah, but now God was about to let this new father face a dilemma beyond anything he could ever imagine.

“Abraham,” the Lord called.

He answered, *“Behold, here I am”* (Genesis 22:1).

God then gave this divine directive: *“Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of”* (verse 2).

Whoa! What an unexpected shock—being asked to offer his son as a sacrifice! And the designated place, Mount Moriah, has special significance since it is the location many biblical archaeologists believe is the place where Jesus died at Calvary.

As we will discover, it is prophetic that *Moriah* is translated as “provision” and that they would be headed for Jerusalem.

WHAT FAITH!

Early the next morning, Abraham saddled his donkey, took two young servants with him, plus Isaac, and brought wood for the burnt offering. Together, they headed for “*the place of which God had told him*” (Genesis 22:3).

After a three day trek, “*Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off*” (verse 4). Then he said to the young men, “Stay here with the donkey. Isaac and I will go over to worship and come back to you.”

What undiluted faith! Even before Abraham took his son to the place of sacrifice, he knew in his heart of hearts somehow His God was going to provide—and he and Isaac would return.

GOD WILL PROVIDE


Undaunted, with never a word of complaint and in total obedience, “*Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together*” (Genesis 22:6).

Isaac was somewhat confused by the situation and asked his father, *“Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”* (verse 7).

Calmly, Abraham replied, *“My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering”* (verse 8).

In that instant, as documented in Scripture, Abraham saw Christ on the cross.

Jesus Himself made this incredible statement during His ministry on earth: *“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad”* (John 8:56). This is the moment to which Jesus was referring.


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My friend, you will never know God’s provision until you have a revelation of the Lamb. It is what John the Baptist saw when he proclaimed, *“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”* (John 1:29).

A SUSPENSE-FILLED MOMENT

Abraham’s answer that God Himself would provide seemed to satisfy Isaac’s curiosity, so father and son continued walking toward the place of sacrifice. And when they reached the exact location God had

revealed to Abraham, he built an altar, placed the wood in order, then *“bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood”* (verse 9).

On Mount Moriah, in one of the most suspense-filled moments recorded in Scripture, *“Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son”* (verse 10).

Suddenly, just as his arm was about to plunge downward, holding the sharp blade, an angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, saying, *“Abraham, Abraham”* (verse 11).

He paused and answered, *“Here am I”* (verse 11).

This is the message God sent via the angel: *“Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me”* (verse 12).

When Abraham lifted up his eyes *“behold behind him [was] a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son”* (verse 13).

In verse 8, Abraham told Isaac a lamb would be provided, but now the offering is described as a ram. Why? Because in Scripture a ram always speaks of a king. Here was the King about to be slain. Abraham slew the animal and the blood was shed.

Are you understanding the parallel of the two deaths on Mount Moriah thousands of years apart?

At this very moment, *“Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh.... In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen”* (verse 14).


TWO TRUTHS

Abraham had just uttered the fifth name of God, Jehovah Jireh, which has two definitions in Scripture: “my Provider” and “He shall be seen.”

Even as Abraham released these words from his lips—in the exact Hebrew, Yahweh Yireh—he did not fully comprehend what they meant.

Think of it, this one name contains two truths: *provision* (God will provide) and *vision* (He shall be seen).

Remember, as Abraham was walking toward the mountain, he saw Christ on Calvary’s rugged cross.


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HE TOOK YOUR PLACE

The Lamb of Redemption was provided by God to be your substitute:

Jesus took your place on the cross.

He was *“delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification”* (Romans 4:25). And *“God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8).

Christ literally became sin for you.

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

At Calvary, you, too, were crucified.

“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Romans 6:6). With Paul you can declare, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”* (Galatians 2:20).

You were buried with the Savior.

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).

You are raised with Him in triumph!

He has *“raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”* (Ephesians 2:6).

You live in Christ.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

Today, you are seated with Christ.

“For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:17).

As your representative, Christ alone suffered the punishment you deserved so that divine justice could be satisfied. And because He paid the price, you have been declared innocent—righteous before God.


How wonderful! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

WHAT DOES HE PROVIDE?

Jehovah El Shaddai will supply enough for your needs, but Jehovah Jireh will take care of your desires

because He is the God of abundance. And when you catch a glimpse of your Provider, you will see healing and miracles.

Never forget, God provides for His children. You see, the Lord deals in the miraculous and the supernatural.


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Many who sing in a praise and worship service, “Jehovah Jireh, my Provider,” are thinking of answers for their personal situations—and how God will take care of their finances. However, this name has nothing to do with money. Abraham saw the Savior bringing salvation through the shed blood of the Lamb.

I pray we have not polluted the pure message of provision with our human greed.

A MARVELOUS PROGRESSION

Yes, I believe God provides for our needs, but when Abraham received this revelation of Jehovah Jireh, it was followed by a powerful promise.

Scripture documents how the angel called to Abraham the second time and announced,

*By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for
because thou hast done this thing, and hast not*

withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (Genesis 22:16-18)

What a marvelous progression!

- Elohim proclaims, “I am your Creator.”
- Jehovah declares, “I am your Lord God.”
- El Shaddai says, “I will multiply you and you will be fruitful.”
- Adonai declares, “I will hide nothing from you.”
- Jehovah Jireh tells us, “I will defeat your enemies and conquer the gates of hell.”

Hallelujah! Our loving, faithful God provides for His children.

THROUGH FAITH!

The account of Isaac being offered on the altar of sacrifice is a message God desires for you to receive today. This is why the Holy Spirit inspired the writer

of Hebrews to give the following account in the New Testament:

By faith, Abraham obeyed the Lord, traveling to a strange country, as *“he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God”* (Hebrews 11:10).

We learn also that through faith Sarah and Abraham were able to conceive, even in their old age, so God’s promise would be fulfilled and their offspring would be *“as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable”* (Hebrews 11:12).

It was once more by faith that *“Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son. Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead”* (verses 17-19).

This confirms that Isaac was offered and delivered as a type, or symbol, of the Lord.

TOTAL SURRENDER

The moment you die to self and declare, “Jehovah— My Lord,” a new revelation is about to be born within you.

Jesus asks, *“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”* (Luke 6:46). We are only

able to declare Him Lord when our old nature is buried.

God sees your total surrender as everything you treasure—your home, your livelihood, even your loved ones. Are you willing to give *all* to follow Christ?

The Almighty will not ask you to sacrifice your earthly son, because He provided the Lamb as your substitute—His own Son.

Every good thing comes from above, and it is your willingness to follow Him which enables you, like Abraham, to see how God provides.

I pray you will declare Him your Jehovah Jireh today.

6

JEHOVAH ROPHE

MY HEALER

During the great exodus from Egypt, the children of Israel often found themselves in dire circumstances—hungry, thirsty, and wishing they had never left the land of Pharaoh.

After the miracle of the Red Sea, you would have thought the people had experienced enough faith to believe God for the impossible, yet they constantly complained.

During their journey, at a place called Shur they were three days in the wilderness without water. Scripture tells us, “*And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter.... And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?*” (Exodus 15:23-24).

Moses cried to Jehovah and “*the LORD showed him*

a tree”(verse 25). Once more in the Old Testament we find a representation of the cross.

NONE OF THESE DISEASES

According to Scripture, Moses cast the wood from the tree into the bitter waters and they were made sweet (verse 25). This was also symbolic since in God’s Word *waters* represent people and nations.

At that place, Jehovah declared, *“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee”*(verse 26).

In the final portion of this verse we are introduced to the sixth name for God—Jehovah Rophe, my Healer.

THE SOURCE OF SICKNESS

In our crusades, where the presence of the Lord is so real, many are healed. Yet, I have been asked, “Since the Word says, *I am the LORD that healeth thee,*’ why doesn’t *everyone* receive a miracle?”

Let me answer this question from God’s Word.

The prophet Jeremiah asked, “*Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee*” (Jeremiah 30:15).

From the moment sin entered the human race through Adam, the result has been disastrous and humanity has suffered horribly. Not only are we conceived and born in iniquity, the result of sin and sinfulness is sickness.

It is not that we willfully commit trespasses, sin enters without our permission, even before we are born—and it remains.

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Paul the apostle cried, “*O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*” (Romans 7:24).

OUR MORTAL BODY

Sin never sleeps. Each of us continually fights its forces, both in and around us. It’s not because we desire evil, rather it’s due to the nature of Adam


within us. This is why we must daily pray, “Father, forgive and cleanse us.”

Since we live in a mortal body of corruption, our minds must be constantly cleansed and renewed. Like a wick on a candle which becomes black and filthy, our soul is tainted by the evil which is part of us, and must be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

A RIVER OF HEALING

Every Christian, including the “saintliest” saints,

will become ill somewhere along the way. Sickness doesn't


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tion which continually fights against us. And because of this, we will experience afflictions—again, not by our permission.

Along with this negative report, there is good news. A river of healing is flowing near you at this very

moment. There is a fountain filled with blood for daily cleansing because of our shortcomings.

Is it due to the fact we willfully sin, rebel, or fail the Lord? Not at all. It is because of our Adamic nature.

WHY, LORD?

I remember visiting Oral Roberts in an intensive care room after his second heart attack. I wept as I stood there, thinking, “My Lord, here is a precious man of God who has done nothing to deserve this.”

Yet I realized as mortal men, our earthly bodies are still subject to decay.

When I become ill, is it because I have committed a trespass against the Lord? No, it is the sin which entered this world in the garden.

Yet, one of these days *“in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality”* (1 Corinthians 15:52-53).

Until then, however, we face disease and infirmity, knowing they exist, yet believing God for miracles.

COMPELLED BY THE CALL

I remember listening to Kathryn Kuhlman teach on healing—including the aspect of sin, sickness, and the depravity of this world. Then, when she suffered with a heart condition, people wondered, “How can this woman with such a powerful healing ministry be sick?”

She died at sixty-nine years young; having worked so hard in ministry she literally wore her body out. Yet, she was driven and compelled by the call of God on her life.

A TIME TO DIE

Some experience infirmity because their bodies simply grow tired and old.

My friend Steve Brock told me about attending a funeral for a grandmother where one of the granddaughters was overly distraught. She was loudly crying, “Why, Mama, why?”

Steve walked up to the woman and as kindly as possible said, “What do you mean, ‘Why?’ She’s ninety-five years old!”

As the Bible tells us, there is “*a time to be born, and a time to die*” (Ecclesiastes 3:2).

THE GREATEST HEALING OF ALL

The miracles I have personally witnessed are far too numerous to count, and literally thousands of testimonies, accompanied by “before and after” medical reports, fill the files at our headquarters. Yet, God is not going to renew the organ of a man or woman who has lived past the age promised on this earth. No, instead He prepares them for Resurrection morning, when they will receive the greatest healing of all.

I still remember leaning over the hospital bed of an elderly man who, with barely a whisper left in his voice, said, “Pastor, don’t pray for my healing. I’m too old for that. I want to go home!”

Yet, because of the atonement of Christ, miracles are available for those of us who should not die before our time. This is why He said, “I am Jehovah Rophe.”

GOD’S PROMISES


Long before Calvary, God spoke of both salvation and healing through the cross. The psalmist wrote, “*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases*” (Psalm 103:2-3).

The words which follow are just as powerful: “*Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s*” (verses 4-5).

These are God’s promises for you today because Jehovah Rophe is still our Healer.

THE ROAD TO CALVARY

Regardless of where you turn in God’s Word, healing always leads to the cross—because without it we will never be made whole.


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During the trials of Job, he was told, “*Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom*” (Job 33:24).

In this glorious portion of Scripture, we are clearly told that only through the Cross can one find health and healing. God’s Son paid the price on Calvary so you can claim, “*His flesh shall be fresher than a child’s: he shall return to the days of his youth*” (Job 33:25).

Repeatedly, Jehovah Rophe is saying, “There is a tree, and if you will accept what happened on that cross, you will have healing for body and soul.”

REDEMPTION AND HEALTH

The prophet Isaiah, speaking of the coming Messiah, declares, “*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him*” (Isaiah 53:4-5).

This is the eternal work of salvation on the cross. Then, in the same breath, Isaiah says, “*And with his stripes we are healed*” (verse 5). Both redemption and health are promised.


The same double blessing for soul and body is presented by the apostle Paul as he tells the believers at Corinth that we are “*always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are [always] delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh*” (2 Corinthians 4:10-11).

Here Paul the apostle makes it clear that salvation and healing are found on the cross of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Physical healing is the fruit of our redemption and all we have to do to receive both is look to the cross.

A WARNING

In the beginning of this chapter we saw how God made the bitter waters sweet for the children of Israel at a place called Marah. It was there they were introduced to Jehovah Rophe—the God who heals.

It's important to know that only after coming out of Egypt did the Almighty say healing was available to them. When they were back in the land of Pharaoh there was sickness, but God healed them the day they left on their journey—*“and there was not one feeble person among their tribes”* (Psalm 105:37).


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What a magnificent record of health for a nation of three million people! Yet, one month later, when they

lost sight of the promise and began to murmur and complain, God said, “No, no. If you will obey My Word, I will not permit sickness.” He declared, “*For I am the LORD that healeth thee*” (Exodus 15:36).

Jehovah Rophe did not heal them there—it had already happened when they left Egypt. This was a warning that their grumbling could bring back their former infirmities. In reality, God was reminding them, “I already healed you; now *stay* healed!”

THE PROTECTION WAS LIFTED

The children of Israel heeded this warning and remained healthy for much of their journey. Then, in the land of Edom “*the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water*” (Numbers 21:5).

Immediately, the Lord sent fiery serpents—symbolic of demons—“*and they bit the people, and much of the people of Israel died*” (verse 6).

Because of their disobedience to God’s command, His protection had been lifted.

Fearful, they rushed to Moses and cried, “*We have*

sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee"(verse 7). And they begged Moses to ask God to remove the serpents.

The Lord instructed him to make a serpent out of brass and set it upon a wooden pole "*and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live*"(verse 8). And many were healed.

Once more, we view the cross, because Jesus said, "*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up*"(John 3:14).

A CONTINUING COVENANT

Remember, the first covenant God made with Israel was one of healing. Later, when Jesus began to minister, He declared, "*The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind*"(Luke 4:18).

On the cross, His blood was shed for your salvation and His body was broken for your healing.

With outstretched arms, He is waiting to be your Jehovah Rophe.

7

JEHOVAH NISSI

MY BANNER

Because we have declared Jehovah to be our Supplier, Master, Provider, and Healer, we can now experience victory over Satan.

In the wilderness, Moses fought against forces from inside the camp and from without. At Rephidim, the army of Amalek—a descendant of Esau—waged war against Israel.

Moses asked Joshua to form a battalion to fight the enemy in the valley, and announced, *“To morrow I will stand on the top of the hill, with a rod of God in mine hand”* (Exodus 17:9).

So Joshua did what Moses commanded and a battle ensued—while Moses, Aaron, and Hur watched from their high vantage point.

Here’s the amazing part: *“And it came to pass,*

when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed” (verse 11).

Then, when Moses’ arms grew tired, they found a large stone for him to sit on. The Bible records how Aaron and Hur—one on each side—lifted up his hands *“and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun”* (verse 12).

In my mind’s eye I can see Moses with his hands extended before the Lord and the rod raised high to the heavens.

HE BUILT AN ALTAR

On the field of battle, Joshua soundly defeated Amalek and his invading army. And when the conflict was over, God told Moses to record the story as a reminder to Joshua that He would eventually erase the memory of Amalek from the earth.

The Bible says, *“Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi”* (verse 15)—meaning “the Lord is my Banner,” “the Lord is my Victory.”

This is the only time in Scripture this particular name of God is used—yet it is significant.

COURAGE AND HOPE

Nes, the word from which “Nissi” is derived, refers to a pole holding an emblem or a crest. In hostilities throughout the centuries, it has been common for warring sides to fly a banner or flag at their front lines to give courage, hope, and a strategic focal point to let the soldiers know how the skirmish was progressing.

In this revelation of God’s name as Jehovah Nissi, we see His power displayed, bringing victory in defense of His people. This is the Lord’s banner of encouragement to give assurance He is with us on every battlefield or challenge, leading us to ultimate triumph.

LIFT HIM UP

The staff in Moses’ hand speaks of Jesus, and as long as He is high and lifted up, victory will be ours.

We elevate Him by giving all honor and glory to His matchless name—not taking personal credit or bragging over our achievements or success.

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Joshua could have returned from the field of

conflict with a haughty spirit and a boastful attitude. Yet, he tempered his tongue because he knew the reason for their triumph—God was honoring His servant Moses for lifting up His Son Jesus and glorifying His name. The battle was fought on the ground, but it was already won in heaven.

GOD CALLED HIM BY NAME

The struggle against the forces of Amalek was not the first time a rod in the hand of Moses produced results.

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In truth, he was a reluctant leader whom the Lord literally had to convince to embark on his fateful journey. While he was tending sheep for his father-in-law near Mount Horeb, an angel of God appeared to him as a fire coming out of a bush—yet the bush didn't burn to ashes.

Moses could hardly believe his eyes and wondered, “What is happening?”

Suddenly, from inside the burning bush, God called him by name, “*Moses, Moses*” (Exodus 3:4).

He answered, “*Here am I.*”

Then the Lord told him not to come any closer and to take off his shoes, *“for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground”* (verse 5).

Jehovah explained, “I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, *“for he was afraid to look upon God”* (verse 6).

I AM SENDING YOU

In this unlikely location, the Lord shared with Moses His feelings concerning what was happening to His people who had been held as slaves in Egypt for over four hundred years. God said, *“I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land...flowing with milk and honey”* (Exodus 3:7-8).

It must have been quite a surprise to Moses when the Lord continued, *“Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt”* (verse 10).

THE ROD

Even after God gave him a preview of all the amazing events that would result in Israel leaving Egypt, Moses still wasn't convinced. *"But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee"* (Exodus 4:1).

God asked Moses, "What is in your hand?"

"A rod," he answered.

The Lord commanded, *"Cast it on the ground."* And when he did *"it became a serpent"* (verse 3).

Frightened, Moses backed away, but God told him to grab the serpent by the tail. When he obeyed, it once again *"became a rod in his hand"* (verse 4).

This was to be used later as a miracle sign to any doubters among the Israelites in Egypt that the Lord had truly called Moses to lead them out of their servitude.

HOLDING A MIRACLE

With his wife and sons by his side, he returned to Egypt *"and Moses took the rod of God in his hand"* (verse 20).

Earlier, when the Lord asked him what was in his


hand, it was the rod of Moses. But now it was the rod of God!

It is also significant that Jehovah asked him to pick up the snake by its tail. Anyone who has ever been around reptiles knows you grab a serpent by its head. So when he touched it and the snake became a rod again, it was upside down!

Visualize Moses walking back to Egypt with the upside down rod of God!

Moses' original rod of wood turned into a serpent to signify a revelation of Moses and his nature—and the parallel between Christ becoming sin (the serpent) on the tree (the rod).

When he lifted up the “miracle” rod, he was holding up Jesus—the cross. Throughout the Bible, from this point on, the rod


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of God is symbolic of the cross of Christ and the Messiah. For example, the psalmist writes, “*The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies*” (Psalm 110:2).

As long as the cross was visible, the Israelites had victory over the Amalekites. But when the cross was lowered and could not be seen, Israel was defeated.

AT THE CROSS

My friend, when you raise the symbol of Calvary, demons will flee—and when it is elevated for all to see, you will overcome the enemy.

I love the words to the old hymn written by Isaac Watts:

At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

In every great victory God says, “I am Jehovah Nissi—your Banner!”

TOTAL DESTRUCTION!

In Scripture, Amalek is emblematic of demons, and God states we will be at war with them “*from generation to generation*” (Exodus 17:16).

The Amalekites lay in waiting for the children of Israel to destroy them. In reality they were being used by demons to thwart the plan of salvation from ultimate fulfillment. This is why God promised their destruction.

Later in Scripture we learn the Lord never forgets. In the days of King Saul, Jehovah says, “*I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt*” (1 Samuel 15:2).

So the Lord told Saul to prepare his armies to utterly annihilate everything connected with the land of the Amalekites—men, women, children, animals—whatever breathed (verse 3)!

He assembled thousands of troops and marched toward the capital city of Amalek and hid in a canyon. The only people to be spared were the Kenites, who showed kindness to the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt. Saul got word to them and they “*departed from among the Amalekites*” (verse 6).

Yet, when Saul actually invaded, he decimated the city, but captured Agag, the king of Amalek, and did not kill him. Why? Because Saul wanted to barter for his choice sheep and cattle (verse 9).

THE PRICE OF DISOBEDIENCE

Saul had disobeyed God’s orders to totally wipe out the Amalekites—and it cost him his throne. The king came to the prophet Samuel, begging forgiveness, but

it was too late. Samuel declared, *“I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel”* (1 Samuel 15:26).

This was the final chapter of Saul’s rule.

A WICKED REMNANT

Under King David, the Amalekites were finally destroyed in Israel (1 Samuel 27:8-9), yet some escaped into neighboring countries to fight again another day—fulfilling the Scripture that they would wage war *“from generation to generation”* (Exodus 17:16).

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What a tragedy to disobey the Lord. By allowing Agag and his family to live, his descendants emerge in another pivotal episode in biblical history.

During the reign of the Persian King Ahasuerus, Esther became queen. She was Jewish, although the king didn’t know it.

Somehow, a wicked official was promoted to prime minister and hatched a plot to kill every Jew in the land. Who was this man? Scripture tells us he was

“Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite” (Esther 3:1)—which means he was of the family of Agag.

So if King Saul had followed God’s orders generations before, there would not have been a plan to exterminate the Jews in Esther’s day.

Can you see why it is important to obey the Lord?

EXALTED OVER ALL

At this very moment, you are like the people of ancient Israel—embroiled in a life and death struggle with the enemy. And, like Moses, you become so weary you find it almost impossible to hold the banner, let alone raise it up! You just want to sit for a while and take a rest.

Suddenly, the Lord intervenes and lifts up your hands. You see Jesus, the Rod of God, and know the battle is won. Regardless of how long the conflict continues, you can feel His infusion of strength because He is the same *“yesterday, and to day, and for ever”* (Hebrews 13:8).

You can shout, *“Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all”* (1 Chronicles 29:11).

A NEW SONG

Jesus is our Jehovah Nissi, which is why we can sing, *“He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love”* (Song of Solomon 2:4).

It’s not our arm of strength or power which will prevail, but His: *“O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory”* (Psalm 98:1).

As believers there is only one flag or sign that draws and unites us together. On it is emblazoned the mighty name of Jesus. Under His banner we march against the enemy of our soul and proclaim to the world, *“There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12).

Jehovah Nissi is more powerful than any force that will ever be launched against you, because *“greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”* (1 John 4:4).

Lift high His royal banner and proclaim His holy name!

8

JEHOVAH MIKKADESH

MY SANCTIFIER

The final book of the Holy Bible bears the title “Revelation.” In reality, however, each book of God’s Word discloses or reveals a specific spiritual truth the Father desires for His children to know. For example:

- In Genesis God reveals sin.
- In Exodus He reveals redemption.
- In Leviticus He reveals sanctification.

The first verses of Leviticus include the message God gave Moses concerning how the people should prepare a sacrifice so it would be holy, acceptable, and a “*sweet savour unto the LORD*” (Leviticus 1:17).

Of even greater importance was the desire of Jehovah to see His people be prepared—and set apart—for service. The offering of bulls and goats had its place, yet the Lord was pleading with man to present himself worthy of his calling.

DO YOU REPRESENT JEHOVAH?

Because the nature of man was to sin, the Lord told Moses, *“Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy”* (Leviticus 19:2).

The people were reminded:

- Honor your parents (verse 3).
- Keep the Sabbath (verse 3).
- Don't turn to idols (verse 4).
- Don't steal or lie (verse 11).
- Don't defraud your neighbor (verse 13).
- Don't spread rumors or gossip (verse 16).
- Love your neighbor as yourself (verse 18).
- Don't dabble in the occult (verse 31).
- Show respect to your elders (verse 32).

The message is crystal clear: if we are to exemplify Jehovah on earth, it should be reflected in our lifestyle.

For this reason, the Almighty said, *“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you”* (Leviticus 20:7-8).

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This introduces us to the eighth name for God: Jehovah Mikkadesh—“the Lord my Sanctifier.” *Mikkadesh* is a Hebrew word which is derived from *qâdash*, meaning to be “holy,” “dedicated,” or “set apart.”

How fitting that sanctification follows victory (Jehovah Nissi). It’s one thing to win a battle and hold high the banner, yet it is quite another to keep what you have conquered by living holy and righteous.

HE GIVES YOU THE POWER

Frustrated, you may say, “I’ve tried my best to live a pure, separated life before the Lord, but no matter how much I try, I always seem to fail.”

Let me share this insight. You will never attain

sanctification by your own merits or as an act of your will. It is Jehovah Mikkadesh who gives you the power to live holy before Him.

Only the Lord can make your sanctification possible. He declares that when we keep His commands “*it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you*” (Exodus 31:13).

BECAUSE OF CHRIST

What transpired on the cross gives us salvation—and provides even more. Scripture declares, “*But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*” (1 Corinthians 1:30).

Sanctification is given to us by Christ—and you can never be “set apart” without Him. “*For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified*” (Hebrews 10:14).

It is a work of amazing grace which took place at Calvary. Instead of redemption through the sacrifices under the law, God sent His Son to earth “*that he might sanctify the people with his own blood*” (Hebrews 13:12).

Before Jesus bridged the chasm between God and man at the cross, He prayed, *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth”* (John 17:17-19).

THE JOY OF SURRENDER

My friend, never look at being sanctified as a drudgery or burden. When we totally surrender our all to Him, living the virtuous life is no longer a struggle; it becomes a joy. Instead of *working* to obey His commands, we can relax and allow Him to guide our steps. Believe me, the Lord will never lead you astray.

God never forces you into right living; rather He joins with you in a covenant—as between a groom and his bride. When true love exists, you no longer have the desire to stray.


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THE CHOICE IS YOURS

When you accept Christ, the work of being sanctified begins. From that moment forward *“ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit...[and] the Spirit of God dwell in you”* (Romans 8:9).

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Does this mean we never have to worry about our behavior and say, “Whatever will be, will be”?

Absolutely not. Since we are free moral agents and have been given the power to choose, we make decisions every day whether or not to live out the holiness Christ has placed within us.

DIVINE DISCIPLINE

God is watching—and He knows when you veer off course. He may even allow trials on your path to steer you back to the life He expects.

The writer of Hebrews addresses this issue when he says:

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. (Hebrews 12:10-13)

Then we are given this divine directive: *“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord”* (verse 14).

Just like children, we resist discipline. Yet as a loving Father, God uses it to shape our character.

OUR OBLIGATION

Jehovah Mikkadash faithfully does His part, and we have an obligation to do ours. As God tells us, *“They shall therefore keep mine ordinance...I the LORD do sanctify them”* (Leviticus 22:9).

The Bible is a proven guide for living and contains detailed instructions concerning our thoughts, words, and deeds. These “ordinances” are not merely

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The Creator has placed within each of us the ability to discern right from wrong—and we are well aware when we cross the line. This is why the psalmist prayed, “*Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity*” (Psalm 119:37).

Speaking through the prophet Habakkuk, we are told that our God is so holy, He cannot look upon sin: “*Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity*” (Habakkuk 1:13). And the only way you and I can live holy is to become one with the Holy One—with Jehovah Mikkadesh.

OUR WORDS

We have also been given the power to sanctify our speech.


James tells us, *“The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell”* (James 3:6). Then he adds, *“Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing”* (verse 10).

So we make a choice whether to speak harshly or with a gentle tongue. With David, I pray you can say, *“I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress”* (Psalm 17:3).

OUR THOUGHTS

Just as you have a responsibility regarding where you look and what you say, the Lord expects you to take charge of your thought life.

It starts with asking God to cleanse your mind, just as He has purified and cleansed your heart. He will help you *“[bring] into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”* (2 Corinthians 10:5).


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As we navigate through life, do not be conformed to this world *“but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God”* (Romans 12:2).

The apostle Paul tells us to focus our thoughts on what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report (Philippians 4:8). This will only happen when you *“set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”* (Colossians 3:2).

OUR ACTIONS

The same God who will purify your thoughts will sanctify your actions—and He gives you the *power* to live a separated life.

Here are the Lord’s commands for daily living:

- *“Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly”* (1 Thessalonians 5:22-23).
- *“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord”* (2 Corinthians 6:17).

- *“Beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God”* (2 Corinthians 7:1).

The Word tells us to *“put off”* anger, wrath, and malice (Colossians 3:8). This means there are actions we must take.

WHO IS IN CONTROL?

If you ask people to name the fruits of the Spirit, they usually quote love, joy, and peace, completely forgetting about *“temperance”* (Galatians 5:22-23)—which simply means self-control.

You see, the battle we face is not always with the world—it rages within ourselves. How can we claim to have a sanctified life if we are continually under the bondage of harmful addictions, negative attitudes, and emotions which spiral out of control?

The apostle Paul fought this same enemy. He

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admitted, *“I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing.... For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do”* (Romans 7:18-19).

What was the answer to his problem? It was the revelation that Christ had freed him from the law of sin and death: *“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit”* (Romans 8:3-4).

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Paul understood he was a brand new creature in Christ, yet he had a personal responsibility to live the crucified life. This is why he declared, *“I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway”* (1 Corinthians 9:27).

What an example for you and me!

Today, I am praying the “*God of peace* [will] *sanctify you wholly*” and your “*spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Stop trying to make it to heaven on your own strength. Ask God to become your Sanctifier—your Jehovah Mikkadesh.

9

JEHOVAH TSIDKENU

MY RIGHTEOUSNESS

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live a perfect life—never making a mistake or a poor decision?

Think again! Because this just won't happen.

As long as you are human you will harbor wrong thoughts, say the wrong words, and take the wrong actions.

King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, admitted, *“For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not”* (Ecclesiastes 7:20). Scripture also tells us, *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us”* (1 John 1:8).

THE ULTIMATE PLAN

Knowing we could never produce right living on our own, God provided the ultimate plan to solve the problem. The coming Messiah was spoken of by the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah when he proclaimed, *“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS”* (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

The Hebrew word for “righteousness” is *tsidkenu*—which means “to be straight” or “righteous.” When this is combined with Lord, we can declare, “Jehovah Tsidkenu—my Righteousness.”


IT IS NOT YOUR GOODNESS

To some, it seems a paradox that God would have a requirement for entering heaven that is impossible to personally attain. His Word tells us, *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”* (1 Corinthians 6:9). When you combine this with the words, *“There is none righteous, no, not one”* (Romans 3:10), the situation sounds hopeless.

But wait! It is not your goodness or perfection which holds the keys to the Kingdom. No, by faith in Christ you are transformed into His righteousness: *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

THE SPIRIT IS LIFE

Wow! What you and I were unable to achieve on our own, Jehovah Tsidkenu did for us on the cross. By accepting Him, Your heart is pure, your soul is clean, and you can shout with the apostle Paul, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”* (Galatians 2:20).



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Praise God!

HE BELIEVED!

Righteousness is mentioned in Scripture for the first time when God makes a promise to Abraham. The Lord asked him to walk outside and view the stars and see *“if thou be able to number them”* (Genesis 15:5). Then God made this promise to the man who would become the father of nations: *“So shall thy seed be”* (verse 5).

Since Abraham had no son or heir, he had to accept this by faith. The Bible says Abraham *“believed in the LORD”* and God *“counted it to him for righteousness”* (verse 6).

LIFE AND FAITH

What is righteousness? How is it received? What does it produce?

- It brings life instead of death.

“That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord”
(Romans 5:21).

- It is a sign that one is a born again believer.
“If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him” (1 John 2:29).
- It is received through faith.
Paul desired to *“be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith”* (Philippians 3:9).
- It is part of our eternal reward.
“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8).

Today, when you fellowship with the Lord, thank Him for being Jehovah Tsidkenu—your Righteousness.

10

JEHOVAH SHALOM

MY PEACE

God certainly knew how to get the attention of the children of Israel!

Once, when they returned to doing evil in the eyes of the Lord, He allowed them to live under the domination of the Midianites for seven years. These camel-riding invaders destroyed their crops and reduced them to poverty. They were the predecessors of the modern day Arabs.

The Lord sent a prophet to give the Israelites this word: “I told you not to fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.” Then He added, “*But ye have not obeyed my voice*” (Judges 6:10).

God eventually sent an angel to speak to a young man named Gideon and gave this unlikely message,

"The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour" (verse 12).

"With *me?*" a surprised Gideon replied. "How could this be if we have never seen the miracles and wonders our forefathers told us about?"

God assured him, *"Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?"* (verse 14).

ASKING FOR A SIGN

Gideon quickly tried to make excuses, telling the Lord how poor his family was and how he was the least in his father's house.


Jehovah responded, saying, *"Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man"* (verse 16).

To make absolutely certain this was really God speaking, Gideon asked for a sign. Then he rushed away to gather materials for a worthy offering—and returned with a young goat and unleavened bread. He placed the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot and waited for further instructions.

The angel told him, *"Take the flesh and the*

unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth” (verse 20). In other words, don’t use the broth on the sacrifice—throw it away!

Why did God say this? The reason is found in the book of Isaiah. The Lord was upset because even though He made Himself available to Israel, the people refused to call on Him: *“I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts; a people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; which eat swine’s flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels”* (Isaiah 65:2-4).


Anything which grieves the Holy Spirit cannot be offered upon the altar.

Broth is a symbol of what is worldly or unclean—and anything which grieves the Holy Spirit cannot be offered upon the altar.

ON THE ROCK!

During the encounter between God and Gideon, the angel said, “Offer this flesh”—which means your

life—and the “unleavened bread”—unleavened always refers to something sanctified which contains no sin.

In the New Testament, Jesus issued this warning to His disciples: *“Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees”* (Matthew 16:6). He was speaking of the sinful lifestyle of these men.

The angel is telling Gideon to surrender whatever is worldly (flesh) and place it on the rock with what is sanctified (unleavened). In Scripture, the Rock is Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:4).

The broth was to be poured away from the sacrifice because we cannot offer Him what is unacceptable.

FACE TO FACE

Instantly, the angel of God took the tip of the stick in his hand and touched the offering. Scripture records, *“There rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight”* (Judges 6:21).

Gideon, knowing this was truly supernatural, exclaimed, *“Alas, O Lord GOD!...I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face”* (verse 22).


The next words he heard were from God Himself: *“Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die”* (verse 23).

This Old Testament example is a foreshadow or a “type” to help us understand the substance of the New Covenant.

Peace fell upon Gideon only after he had laid his life before God to be sanctified. Anything unclean (the broth) was discarded. Only then was the offering touched by the angel and the fire leapt out of the Rock. The fire is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, descending from the Father and poured out through the Son.

The moment the fire appeared there was acceptance, and the flesh and the unleavened bread were then consumed.

Here, God was about to be revealed with a name unique to this situation. Scripture tells us, *“Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom”* (verse 24).


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PEACE—AND MUCH MORE

In Scripture there are several special translations when the Hebrew word *shalom* is used. For example, Moses told the people, “*Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones; and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God*” (Deuteronomy 27:6).

“Whole” in this verse comes from *shalom*. It’s a promise of health and well being.

The writing on the wall described in Daniel includes, “*God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it*” (Daniel 5:26). In this verse, *shalom* is translated as “finished.”

In Genesis we read, “*But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full*” (Genesis 15:16). “Full” is the translation for *shalom*—and because of their iniquity, there will be no peace.


In Egypt, Joseph asked his brothers, “*Is your father well?*” (Genesis 43:27). “Well” is translated from *shalom*.

So the word for “peace” can be interpreted as

“whole, finished, full, well”—and much more. Since it is mentioned 170 times in the Bible, the Lord obviously wants us to personally know His peace.

REST OR RESTLESSNESS?

While peace is a gift from God, it comes as the result of obedience. The Lord says, *“If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them.... I will give peace in the land”* (Leviticus 26:3, 6). And He tells us, *“I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit; which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go. Oh that thou hadst hearkened unto my commandments; then had thy peace been as a river”* (Isaiah 48:17-18).




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What is the opposite of peace? Restlessness—the root word for “wicked.” This is why Scripture declares, *“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked”* (Isaiah 57:21-21).

Immorality leads to a troubled heart.

LIFE OR DEATH?

Peace is a natural byproduct when our thoughts are centered on the Lord and our total trust abides in Him. *“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee”* (Isaiah 26:2). Why? *“Because he trusteth in thee.”*


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How do we keep our minds focused on God? Through prayer. As the apostle Paul writes, *“Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God; And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:6-7).

When your thought life and emotions are heaven-centered rather than flesh-produced, you won't need tranquilizers to help you fall asleep: *“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace”* (Romans 8:6).

The Bible counsels, *“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”* (Colossians 3:2).

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts”
(verse 15).

When you look to Jesus you will always know His peace.

The brilliant pastor and author R. A. Torrey once said, “The only way I can get my mind on God is to get God’s mind in me.”

Where do we find His mind? Through His holy Word.

A SHRINKING ARMY


When we left Gideon he had built an altar to Jehovah Shalom and was ready to see how the Lord planned to use him to defeat the Midianites.

He assembled thirty-two thousand men for battle, but the Lord cautioned, “That’s far too many—because if you win, the Israelites will say it was their own strength, not Mine.”

So God told Gideon, “Let anyone who is afraid, go home.” The Bible chronicles, *“And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand”* (Judges 7:3).

It was still too large an army. So the Lord had

Gideon send the men to a stream to drink. Three hundred scooped up the water and drank from their hands—while the remainder were on their knees, drinking with their faces submerged.


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Only the first three hundred made the cut, and armed with pitchers, lamps, and trumpets, they marched against the enemy's camp.

In the middle of the night, they blew their trumpets, broke the pitchers, raised their lamps, and loudly shouted, "*The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon*" (verse 20).

This incredible noise so startled and frightened the Midianites, they fled for their lives and the God of Israel was victorious.

A SHALOM-DELIVERED SOUL

Today, you can experience the same peace and rest that calmed Gideon's troubled heart. With the psalmist you can joyfully exclaim, "*As for me, I will call upon*

God; and the LORD shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me” (Psalm 55:16-18).

All this—and more—is yours for the asking when you declare the Lord as Jehovah Shalom.

11

JEHOVAH ROHI

MY SHEPHERD

Millions can quote at least the first verse of the twenty-third Psalm: *“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”*


No other revelation of God’s name conveys such tender intimacy and fellowship as Jehovah Rohi—the Shepherd who is found in this passage. *Rohi* means “one who feeds and befriends you”—“a companion and loving leader.”

With these words, David, the youthful herder of sheep, spoke of the close bond the Lord desires to have with His people. And even though the world has made this psalm their own, they can never truly know Him as Jehovah Rohi unless He has become their Righteousness (Jehovah Tdiskenu) and Peace (Jehovah Shalom).

WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY

This powerful psalm is so much more than an affirmation of how God takes care of His children. In these six verses we are given a prophetic glimpse of

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my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1).

Next, Jehovah Rohi “*maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness [Jehovah Tsidkenu] for his name’s sake*” (verses 2-3).

Only salvation through the blood of Christ can restore your soul and place you on His right path.

As Jesus faced the cross and uttered the words, “Not My will but Thine be done,” He was expressing this to the Father: “*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for*

thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me” (verse 4).

The reason we do not have to journey through this same dark valley is because Jesus has already walked there *for* us. Hallelujah!

FROM THE CROSS TO THE ASCENSION

David’s psalm also reveals how Jesus had to descend into the underworld (1 Peter 3:19) where He became victorious over the devil and all his hosts: *“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies”* (Psalm 23:5).

Because of the Resurrection, Jesus could proclaim, *“Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over”* (verse 5).

The final verse speaks of the Ascension—Christ returning to be with His Father in heaven: *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever”* (verse 6).

Here’s the glorious promise! If we accept Jesus as our personal Shepherd, every verse of Psalm 23 can also become ours. We will experience His green

pastures, righteousness, the anointing—and eternity with our heavenly Father.

YOU ARE HIS TREASURE

What other shepherd would love and care for his sheep so much that he would be willing to die for them? Only Christ, who declared, *“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep”* (John 10:11).

While Jesus traveled this earth, He confounded the religious leaders of His day by spending so much time associating with sinners. Their criticism led Him to ask, *“What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost”* (Luke 15:4-6).

This passage reveals how much Jesus treasures just *one* of His sheep.

HE KNOWS YOU BY NAME

The prophet Isaiah spoke of a day when the Lord *“shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young”* (Isaiah 40:11).

What a visual picture of the reality of the second coming of Christ, when *“the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him”* (verse 10).

He is returning—and since you are one of His sheep, He will call you by name (John 10:3).

As a born again believer, God’s Word is speaking specifically of you when it declares, *“They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes”* (Revelation 7:16-17).

Jehovah Rohi, the Good Shepherd, is guiding, protecting and nurturing—preparing you for the glorious day when He will welcome His children home.

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JEHOVAH SHAMMAH

MY ABIDING PRESENCE

As a twenty-five-year-old exile in Babylon, Ezekiel foretells the destruction of Jerusalem eleven years before judgment fell on that city.

Many years later, still residing among the Babylonians, Ezekiel could see beyond the trials and tears of this world. He began to prophesy the restoration of God's glory. He saw waters of healing flowing from the Holy Temple, bringing life and increase to the nations during the millennial reign of Christ (Ezekiel 47).

Then, in the final verse of the book of Ezekiel, he described a city where the glory of God will abide forever, declaring, *“And the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there”* (Ezekiel 48:35).

This is Jehovah Shammah—"the abiding presence of God." It is derived from the Hebrew word *sham*, meaning "there."

A PATTERN OF GROWTH

The fullness of the name of Jehovah begins with El Shaddai and finishes here with the total unveiling of His presence and His glory.

Remember, Adam received a complete revelation of God the instant he opened his eyes at Creation but lost it all through sin. Because of the Fall, our loving Father began the process over again, and from that moment forward, it was no longer instantaneous—it required growth.

You may wonder, "Why doesn't the Lord continue to reveal Himself all at once, as He did to the first man?"


If He did, we would never have a true appreciation for His wonders, glory, and presence. Instead, like Adam, we would take the Creator's work for granted and rebel.

REVELATION BY REVELATION

The names of God are disclosed one by one in Scripture as part of our spiritual development. And it is through this unveiling that we get to know Him.

From time to time, however, the Lord examines our progress and helps us see exactly where we are on His desired path. Hezekiah, the king of Judah, prospered, yet at one point *“God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart”* (2 Chronicles 32:31).

Of course, the Lord was aware of his condition, but He wanted Hezekiah to also know. Growth is necessary, so God begins the process—step by step, name by name, revelation by revelation.


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WHERE ARE YOU SOWING?

Many begin the walk with good intentions, yet fall along the wayside. Why? Because spiritual development requires commitment, patience, diligence, and endurance.

Jesus likened receiving and growing the Word to a farmer who either plants the seed in fertile soil or in ground that will not produce. *“He...that received seed*

among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty” (Matthew 13:22-23).

I am praying that your heart will not only be receptive to receive the Word, but there will be a bountiful harvest. Many begin, but *“he that endureth to the end shall be saved”* (Matthew 10:22).

THE GLORY OF HIS PRESENCE

In the wilderness, the Lord delivered this promise: *“I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God”* (Exodus 29:45). The word “dwell” represents the *Shekinah*—the glory—and expresses His constant abiding.

When God is alive within, He leads us into the grandeur and the glory of Himself:

- His presence brings joy. *“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is*

fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Psalm 16:11).

- **His presence provides protection.** *“I... will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her” (Zechariah 2:5).*
- **His presence is the key to answered prayer.** *“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:7).*
- **His presence brings assurance.** *“And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming” (1 John 2:28).*

OPENING THE GATES

Praise the Lord! We are about to experience what Ezekiel prophesied. The Lord will gather His children from the four corners of the world and all things will be made new—when sin, Satan, and sorrow will be

banished forever. The church—the bride of Christ—will enter the New Jerusalem.

What's next is even better. The glory of the city, our Jehovah Shammah, will be present: "The Lord is there."

By continually declaring His names on earth, you are opening the gates of heaven where you will enjoy eternity in His abiding presence.

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