

God Is...
The Names of God

Bible Study



Prayer, Praise & Proclamation
CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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Well, there is nothing like knowing someone intimately, we get to know their first, middle and last names, sometimes even their nicknames. We even sometimes discover what their names mean or why their parents named them as such. But in this series we want to discover some of the names that are attributed to the awesome God we serve, and how those names came about. It is my desire that we will come out of this study with a closer and deeper walk with our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Until then “*Shalom*”, meaning peace in Hebrew.

Hence JEHOVAH-SHALOM: THE LORD IS OUR PEACE!

Be Engaged

- Take notes, participate, and commit to memorizing a verse of the week.

Be Prayerful

- Pray that God will open up our understanding to His Word.

Invite a Friend

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Lesson 1

Our Provider “Jehovah-Jireh” (Genesis 22:1-14)

Trust God to meet your needs.

What's one of the hardest things you've been asked to do?

Genesis 22:1-2

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

Discussion Question

- What's your initial reaction to these verses?

Genesis 22:3-10

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Discussion Questions

- How do Abraham's actions in these verses demonstrate faith?
- Have you ever experienced a time of testing?

Genesis 22:11-14

11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." (Jehovah Jireh)

Discussion Question

- How can our actions and attitudes demonstrate that we serve the God who provides?

Conclusion:

God will use challenging circumstances to lead us to a deeper understanding of His ability to provide for our needs. You can experience a breakthrough in your faith walk when you are willing to trust God with those things you hold most precious.

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19 NKJV

Lesson 2

Our Healer “Jehovah-Rapha” (Exodus 14:29-31; 15:22-27)

God is the only one who can restore us and make us whole.

Have you ever admired a renovation project?

Exodus 14:29-31

29 But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

Discussion Question

- What have you learned about God from personal firsthand experience?

Exodus 15:22-24

22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

Discussion Question

- How does complaining impact our connection with God?

Exodus 15:25-27

25 So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them,



26 and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

Discussion Question

- How can our actions and attitudes demonstrate that we follow the God who heals and restores?

Conclusion:

How should you respond when we find ourselves drinking from the bitter wells of Marsh? You may not feel like a work of art right now, but the Bible assures each and every one of us that we've been created in God's image. If you want to move away from a place of bitterness, turn to Jehovah-Rapha, the God Who Heals.

"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— by whose stripes you were healed."

1 Peter 2:24 NKJV

Lesson 3

Our Banner “Jehovah-Nissi” (Exodus 17:8-16)

We are always covered by God’s protection.

What are some things we rely on for protection?

Exodus 17:8-10

8 Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand."

10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

Discussion Question

- What daily challenges can make us feel like we’re in a battle?

Exodus 17:11-13

11 And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Discussion Question

- How can we maintain our reliance on God’s power when the battle is long?

Exodus 17:14-16

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner;



16 for he said, "Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Discussion Question

- What does God's banner of protection look like in your life?
- How can our actions and attitudes demonstrate that we serve the God who protects?

Conclusion:

How will the truth that Jesus is "Our Banner" make a difference in your life? As awesome as it is to look to the flag of the great country in which you live, there is something even better when you trust in Christ. You can live a victorious Christian life as you stand under Jehovah-Nissi, God Our banner.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:14-15 NKJV

Lesson 4

Our Peace “Jehovah-Shalom” (Judges 6:11-16, 22-24)

God’s peace helps us rise above our circumstances

Where do you go when you need some peace and quiet?

Judges 6:11-13

11 Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

Discussion Question

- Where do you see people questioning God’s goodness and presence today?

Judges 6:14-16

14 Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

15 So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

16 And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."

Discussion Question

- How do we recognize when God is calling us to a task?

Judges 6:22-24

22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face."

23 Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die."

24 So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Discussion Question

- How can our actions and attitudes demonstrate that we serve the God who is our peace?

Conclusion:

God's peace allows us to rise above our circumstances. The world rightly lifts up peace as a virtue. But the peace that comes from Jehovah-Shalom, God Our peace, is a peace that truly passes all human understanding.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

Lesson 5

Our Shepherd “Jehovah-Rohi” (Psalms 23:1-6)

God guides us as He walks with us.

When has a guide made an experience more memorable?

Psalms 23:1-3

1 A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

Discussion Question

- In what ways have you experienced God’s guidance in life?

Psalms 23:4-5

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

Discussion Question

- Have you ever experienced God's presence in a dark place or valley?
- Which of the images in this passage is most meaningful to you right now?

Psalms 23:6

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD

Forever.

Discussion Question

- How can our actions and attitudes demonstrate that we follow God as our Shepherd?

Conclusion:

How will a relationship with the Good Shepherd make a difference in your life? We all need help with directions from time to time, whether we like to admit it or not. Thankfully we have the truest guide for life in Jehovah-Rohi, God our Shepherd.

“For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

1 Peter 2:25 NKJV

Lesson 6

Our Righteousness “Jehovah-Tsidkenu” (Jeremiah 33:1-8,14-16)

Because God is righteous, He will ultimately make all things right.

As a kid, what made you say “that’s not fair!”?

Jeremiah 33:3-5

1 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD who made it, the LORD who formed it to establish it (the LORD is His name):

3 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

4 "For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah, which have been pulled down to fortify against the siege mounds and the sword:

5 'They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but only to fill their places with the dead bodies of men whom I will slay in My anger and My fury, all for whose wickedness I have hidden My face from this city.

Discussion Question

- What captures your attention about God’s character in these verses?

Jeremiah 33:6-8

6 'Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 'and I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first.

8 'I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me.

Discussion Question

- Have you experienced God's restoration?

Jeremiah 33:14-16

14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

15 'In those days and at that time

I will cause to grow up to David

A Branch of righteousness;

He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

16 In those days Judah will be saved,

And Jerusalem will dwell safely.

And this is the name by which she will be called:

Discussion Question

- How do the promises in these verses point forward to Jesus?
- How can our actions and attitudes demonstrate that we follow God who is our righteousness?

Conclusion:

God is our righteousness. We all have plenty of examples of life not being fair. Thankfully we know all will be made right in the end by Jehovah-Tsidkenu, God our righteousness.

“The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.”

Isaiah 32:17 NKJV

