

KNOWING GOD BY HIS NAMES

Part 2

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Last week we saw that God has revealed to us things about Himself by His names.

Elohim is translated God.

This general title comes from a word that emphasizes God's power.

Jehovah (Yahweh) is translated LORD.

It means "I Am"- The self-existent one

Adonai is translated Lord.

It focuses on God as Master and Owner.

El Roi is the God who sees.

God sees your hurts, fears, frustrations, and needs.

El Shaddai is Almighty God.

No problem that you face is too big for Him to resolve.

El Elyon means Most High God

There is no enemy that He can't handle.

Jehovah Jireh means the "Lord who provides."

He has provided for us a Savior

He can also provide for our daily needs.

1. **Jehovah Shalom** means "the Lord of Peace".
Judges 6:1-24

v. 24 "The Lord is peace"

God gives peace in the midst of danger and difficulties.

Gideon had many reasons to be fearful.

135,000 Midianite soldiers cf 8;10

No food for the winter

His life was in jeopardy

In chapter 7 God directed Gideon to take 300 men against an army of 135,000 Midianites

He could have peace in doing so because of the God of peace is strong enough to take care of Him.

Matthew 6:31-33 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' ³² "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Isaiah 26:3 "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 41:10 'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

2. **Jehovah Shammah means “the Lord is Present”. Ezekiel 48:35**

Jeremiah 23:23-24 "Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far off? ²⁴ "Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the LORD. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

Acts 17:27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

3. **Jehovah Sabbaoth means “the Lord of Hosts”. Cf Isaiah 37:8-20, 36**

Hosts (Sabbaoth) is a military term that pictures God as the commander of all of heavens armies.

This name for God is used 273X

No government nor military power can withstand Him. Isaiah 37:8-20, 36

Isaiah 40:15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.

Psalm 2

No army of men or demons can defeat Him. Rev 20:1-3, 10; Heb 2:14-15; Col 2:13-14; Eph 6:10ff

4. Jehovah Tsidkenu means, “the Lord Our Righteousness”. Jeremiah 23:6

Jeremiah 23:6 ". . . And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our righteousness.'

a. The Bible teaches that all of us lack the perfect righteousness needed to get us to heaven.

Isaiah 64:6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Romans 3:10 as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:19-20 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; ²⁰ because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

b. The righteousness we need to get us to heaven must come from God through Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

5. Jehovah Mekoddiskem means “the LORD who sanctifies you”. Exodus 31:12-13

a. To sanctify means to make holy.

God is holy in His very nature. cf Psalm 99:3,5,9; cf Isa 6:3; Rev 4:8

Revelation 4:8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

God’s righteous holiness is seen in His moral law. cf Romans 7:12

God’s righteous holiness is also seen in his judgment of sin. cf 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 15

b. God sanctifies us through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 10:10 By this will *we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ* once for all.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but *you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.*

c. Because God is holy we should seek to live holy lives.

Leviticus 11:44 'For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and *be holy, for I am holy.*

1 Peter 1:14-16 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance,¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;¹⁶ because it is written, "***YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.***"

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more.² For you know what commandments we gave you by *the authority of the Lord Jesus*.³ ***For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is,*** that you abstain from sexual immorality;⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;⁶ ***and*** that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is *the avenger* in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned *you*.⁷ ***For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.***⁸ So, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

- d. **We can only live holy lives by walking in the power of God's Spirit.**

Romans 7:15-24

Sadly, Tiger Woods knows this all too well.

Romans 8:3-4 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

- e. **To live holy lives we must draw near to God.**

James 4:4-10 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?

Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."⁷ ***Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.***⁸ ***Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*** Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart.

f. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."