

# WHAT IS GOD'S NAME?

## And What Difference Does It Make?

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### PREFACE

For several years I could not understand why so much importance was placed on the name of God rather than on God Himself. Verses of scripture such as the following greatly stirred my curiosity.

*[1] The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;*

*[5] We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.*

*[7] Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.*

**Psalm 20:1, 5, 7**

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*

**Proverbs 18:10**

*Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.*

**Psalm 91:14**

The above verses caused me to wonder that God seemingly placed His Name above Himself. I have only listed these verses of many. I challenge you to read through the Old Testament and write down every verse referring to the name of God.

Please understand that this book will in no way be exhaustive on this subject. Neither have I come close to naming all the names by which God is called. However, I do hope what I have written will stir you as I have been stirred.

My faith and worship have been enriched greatly as I began to know God. And we cannot really know God until we know His name.

Also, in writing this book, I have in some chapters given you only enough to stir and challenge you into further study. Your prayer life will take on new dimensions as you learn more about our Heavenly Father and His Son.

My vision and desire is that many will come to know and love **Him** in a far greater way as they read this book.

If it so happens that you have never been born again by the Spirit of God, or if you are not certain, please ask our Lord to forgive you, and cleanse you from every sin you have ever committed.

Let me list a few Bible verses which may assist you:

*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

**Romans 3:10**

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

**Romans 3:23**

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Romans 6:23**

*[9] That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*[10] For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

**Romans 10:9-10**

*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**

## Chapter One WHY?

If you asked most Christians, "What is the name of God?", they would give you a puzzled look, shrug their shoulders and answer, "God."

Is it really important that we know the name of God? Let's look at the Word of God. In each of the Bible verses in this chapter, I have taken the liberty to put the word "**name**" in bold type. Please understand that I am not wanting to change the meaning of the message in any way, only to begin this book by emphasizing the importance God places on His **name**.

In fact, there may be many times in this book that I will take the liberty of making certain words stand out. Again I ask you to please understand that I do not want to, in any way, change the meaning, but to call to your attention the truth I am eager to share with you. Thank you!

*The **name** of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*

**Proverbs 18:10**

Why does the wise man tell us that the name of the Lord is a strong tower? It would seem more proper to say that the Lord is a strong tower.

How can we run into a name? We will answer this question, as all questions of spiritual significance, by going to God's Word, the Bible.

*The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the **name** of the God of Jacob defend thee;*

**Psalms 20:1**

Notice that it does not say the "God of Jacob defend thee," but rather, the "name of the God of Jacob defend thee."

*Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the **name** of the LORD our God.*

**Psalms 20:7**

As we study about the name, or names of God, it will not only increase our knowledge of God, but also

our faith in God.

In the powerful ninety-first Psalm that is and has been for centuries a comfort to God's people, we notice a powerful promise.

*Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my **name**.* **Psalm 91:14**

Do you know His name? There is an amazing number of Bible verses that refer to the name of God.

Even Jesus, when responding to the disciples' request to teach them to pray, immediately began to teach them that it was important to honor His Father's name.

*After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy **name**.*

**Matthew 6:9**

*And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy **name**. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.* **Luke 11:2**

The word "hallowed" means to venerate, consecrate, revere, to respect greatly, sanctify, make holy.

We should never take lightly or use casually the name of the Lord. We say that we love, respect, admire and honor God, but that cannot be so until we respect, admire, and honor His name.

Why can we not just honor Him? Why must we honor His name?

Because we will never even begin to understand His greatness until we understand His name(s). We will never come close to loving and appreciating Him until we know who, and what He is.

In this first chapter, we want to call attention again and again to the importance of His name.

*And Solomon determined to build an house for the **name** of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.*

**2 Chronicles 2:1**

Not a house for God, but rather a house for the name of God.

[6] *But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my **name** might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.*

[7] *Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the **name** of the LORD God of Israel.*

[8] *But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my **name**, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:*

[9] *Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my **name**.*

[10] *The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the **name** of the LORD God of Israel.* **2 Chronicles 6:6-10**

Have you ever given thought to how we would be spending our time on this earth if sin had not entered the world? It seems that the acquiring of the knowledge of God would have been the high occupation of man forever and ever. No wonder the great apostle said in Philippians 3:10, "That I may know him..."

Can it be that part of the joy and excitement of learning more and more about God will be one of the chief joys of Heaven?

If all there is to Heaven is streets of gold, gates of pearl, and everyone playing a harp, I think Heaven would become a terribly dull place in a short time.

In Heaven, no doubt, there are to be continual revelations and surprises that only God in His infinite wisdom could produce.

Let me challenge you with this thought. If there were no eternal, burning Hell, **and there is**, I would still want to make Heaven for more than one reason.

To be with Him whom we have learned to love will be worth any price. And to experience the amazing events that He is planning for us will be worth more than anything we have had to give up.

[9] *And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,*

[10] *The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

*[11] Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

**Revelation 4:9-11**

Who is He? What is His name? We will begin to acquire this knowledge in the next chapter.

## Chapter Two ESTABLISHING A PATTERN

We will love, glorify, and enjoy God—only in the proportion that we know Him.

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

**John 17:3**

This love, glorification, knowledge and enjoyment of God will increase dramatically as we learn of His name(s). Before we launch into some of the names of God and their pronunciations, please understand that different spellings and pronunciations are common. At the very beginning of this teaching, I want to confess that I do not consider myself an expert on this matter. In fact, some of those who consider themselves experts have differing spellings and pronunciations.

With the preceding thought in mind, if you use a different spelling or pronunciation, please do not condemn others, just worship our Lord, and love His name. Keep in mind that even some names in the New Testament are spelled and pronounced differently than that same name in the Old Testament. Let's just love and worship Him.

Now, let us look at twelve of the names of God and their pronunciations:

1. Elohim.....el-lo-heem'
2. Jehovah.....je-ho'-vah
3. Adonai.....a-do-ni'
4. El-Shaddai.....el shad-di'
5. Jehovah-Jireh.....je-ho'-vah yeer'-eh
6. Jehovah-Rophe.....je-ho'-vah ro'phay
7. Jehovah-Nissi.....je-ho'-vah nis-see
8. Jehovah-M'Kaddesh.....je-ho'-vah m-kad'desh
9. Jehovah-Shalom.....je-ho'-vah sha-lom'
10. Jehovah-Tsidkenu.....je-ho'-vah tsid-kay'-noo
11. Jehovah-Rohi.....je-ho'-vah ro'-ee
12. Jehovah-Shammah.....je-ho'-vah sham'-mah

By this time you may be wondering how these names could even be interesting to you. How can this be important to me? How can this knowledge be a blessing to me?

Believe me, you are about to find the answers to those questions.

For years I have used the eight compound names of Jehovah in my morning prayer time with my wife. I am including this entire prayer guide in this chapter.

I have heard so many say they would not pray the Lord's Prayer because worldly people did. I would hate to think worldly people obeyed God more than I.

I include the prayer guide for your benefit. And remember, it is only a guide, or outline.

In the next few chapters, we will go into these names and their significance in a more detailed manner.

As you familiarize yourself with these names and what they mean, your knowledge of God will increase and so will your faith.

And remember the following promises.

*[1] The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;*

*[2] Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;*

*[3] Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.*

*[4] Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.*

*[5] We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.*

*[6] 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.*

[7] *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

[8] *They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.*

[9] *Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.*

**Psalm 20:1-9**

[14] *Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.*

[15] *He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.*

[16] *With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*

**Psalm 91:14-16**

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*

**Proverbs 18:10**

## **GOD'S DIVINE PRAYER GUIDE**

*Matthew 6:7-13; Luke 11:1-4*

**PRAY THROUGH THE LORD'S PRAYER—THEN GO THROUGH IN DETAIL**

### **1. OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME**

Proverbs 18:10—Every morning we place ourselves into the name of the Lord.

#### **JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU**

*“JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*

*Romans 4:7-8; II Corinthians 5:21*

#### **JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH**

*“JEHOVAH WHO SANCTIFIES”*

*Psalm 119:9; John 15:3*

#### **JEHOVAH-SHALOM**

*“JEHOVAH OUR PEACE”*

*Isaiah 26:3; 53:5; John 14:27; Romans 14:17*

#### **JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH**

*“JEHOVAH IS THERE”*

*Proverbs 18:24; Matthew 28:20*

#### **JEHOVAH-ROPHE**

*“JEHOVAH OUR HEALER”*

*Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 53:5*

#### **JEHOVAH-JIREH**

*“JEHOVAH'S PROVISION SHALL BE SEEN”*

*Philippians 4:19; Deuteronomy 8:18; 28:12-13; Psalm 35:27; Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38;*

*II Corinthians 9:8-9; III John 2*

#### **JEHOVAH-NISSI**

*“JEHOVAH MY BANNER”*

*Song of Solomon 2:4; Psalm 144:1*

#### **JEHOVAH-ROHI**

*“JEHOVAH MY SHEPHERD”*

*Psalm 23; John 10:10*

### **2. THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE**

Yourself, your family, your church, missionaries, your nation. Pray, “Thy kingdom come thy will be done in me as it is in Heaven, in my family, (say names) my church, etc.\

**3. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD**

Live where God can bless you (tithes, give, pay your bills, work hard, etc.).

Believe it is God’s will to prosper you. Don’t give up if the answer does not come speedily.

**4. AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS**

Ask God to forgive you. Then you must forgive those who have done you wrong.

Forgiveness is not an emotion, it is a definite act of your will.

**5. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

Do not be foolish and ask for trials.

**6. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER**

Never forget the Kingdom is God’s, not yours. The same concerns the power and the glory.

*Chapter Three ELOHIM*

A name in the Old Testament was often an indication of a person’s character or of some peculiar quality.

So, let’s begin, of all places at the beginning.

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

**Genesis 1:1**

The Hebrew word from which God is translated is Elohim. Elohim occurs in the first chapter of Genesis thirty-two times, and don’t be alarmed, but that word, Elohim is a plural, meaning Gods.

But, before you become frightened that this is heretical teaching, read the following.

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:*

**Deuteronomy 6:4**

*For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:*

**Deuteronomy 10:17**

Let me share what some believe Deuteronomy 10:17 is saying, and this is a paraphrase.

“Jehovah your Elohim is Elohim of Elohim, Adonai of Adonai. The Eternal, your Creator, is the Creator of creators, the Sovereign of sovereigns, the Strong One, the Mighty One, who champions the cause of the fatherless and widows without respect of persons.”

*He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.*

**Deuteronomy 10:18**

**Wow!!!**

Can you see it? We serve a mighty God!

Let us go back to Genesis one. Here, at the very beginning, God gives us a preview of the Blessed Trinity. No, they are not **THREE GODS**, but one God existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

It is Elohim, the Trinity or God Head active in creation. Do you doubt that?

*[25] And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

*[26] And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

**Genesis 1:25-27**

Can you see it? Not only God the Father, but God the Son was active here.

*[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*[2] The same was in the beginning with God.*

[3] *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

[4] *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

**John 1:1-4**

*And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:*

**Ephesians 3:9**

[13] *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

[14] *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

[15] *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*

[16] *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

**Colossians 1:13-16**

So, are there three Gods? No, there is One God eternally existent in three persons.

[6] *This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.*

[7] *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

**1 John 5:6-7**

[20] *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

[21] *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*

[22] *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

[23] *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

**John 17:20-23**

**ELOHIM!** The Great God who is One God, but plural in that He consists of Three Persons, FATHER, SON, HOLY GHOST.

ELOHIM: Who by His mighty power creates the vast universe; who says, and it is done. Who stands on nothing, and makes something. Who brings into being, that which was not. Who brings light out of darkness, cosmos out of chaos, and habitation out of desolation.

Let us begin to know Him.

We also need to realize that to know Him means to walk with Him in truth, to fellowship with Him means to walk holy before Him.

[12] *Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;*

[13] *And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.*

[14] *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

[15] *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*

**Hebrews 12:12-15**

[7] *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

[8] *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

[9] *Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.*

[10] *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

**James 4:7-10**

[13] *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

[14] *As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:*

[15] *But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;*

[16] *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

**1 Peter 1:13-16**

The preceding verses of scripture remind us that to walk with Him means to go the way He is going.

*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

**Amos 3:3**

The church world at large seems to feel they can play with sin and walk with God. This is just not so. The church in the U.S.A. wants to worship at the altar of **SPORTS** and **WORLDLY ENTERTAINMENT** and at the same time walk with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Listen again to the Apostle James and others.

*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.* **James 4:4**

*[15] Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

*[16] For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

*[17] And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.* **1 John 2:15-17**

So many Christians in other nations look at Americans and shake their heads in wonder at the **so called** Christian lifestyle in the U.S.A. And well they should.

If I could make one plea to those in third world nations, it would be that they **not imitate** the lifestyle of the great majority of “Christians” in America. Any measure of sin or compromise will bring confusion and disorientation to your walk with God. Allow me to give you just one clear example of what I am saying.

I want to do this because many people believe you can sin, compromise or backslide just a little. They are like the man who says he will drink just a little, but he will never become an alcoholic, or the man who wants to play with drugs just a little, but he will never become a drug addict.

But how do we know how far down we will go when we play with sin. You might become a sex pervert or child abuser. Judas became a suicide.

In Exodus, chapter 24, Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu were privileged to see the God of Israel. Moses went all the way up the mount to meet with God and receive the law.

While Moses was on the mount in this tremendous display of God’s power (Exodus 24:15-18), the children of Israel became restless.

*And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*

**Exodus 32:1**

There is something here that we need to understand. These same people could see the glory of the Lord as a devouring fire on the top of the mount. They just didn’t care. But watch this with me.

*[2] And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.*

*[3] And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.*

*[4] And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.*

**Exodus 32:2-4**

The word translated “gods” in verse four is the word Elohim. The very same word used over and over again in Genesis, chapter one, explaining the Trinity being involved in the creation.

Aaron and those with him were saying that this golden calf was the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which I believe is what the name Elohim is describing.

This was a horrible blasphemy. But that is not all.

*And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.* **Exodus 32:5**

Aaron not only builds an altar to this idol, he proclaims the next day a feast to the Lord, referring to that idol as Jehovah, the self existent, eternal one. He refers to an idol **he himself** made less than 24 hours before as the **self-existent**, eternal one. It is amazing that God did not strike him dead on the spot. However, God did become so angry He wanted to wipe out the children of Israel.

Moses stands in the gap and makes intercession for the people, but when Moses comes off of the Mount and sees what they have done, Moses wants to kill them. In fact, 3,000 were killed that day.

Let us honor the name of God, and we cannot honor that name with sin.

#### Chapter Four JEHOVAH

Let us look at the name, Jehovah. Jehovah is the name of God used the most, occurring 6,823 times in the Old Testament. In the King James Version (the authorized) of the Bible the Hebrew word Jehovah is always translated “LORD” in all capitals. Whenever you see “LORD” in all capitals you will know that it is referring to God by His name, Jehovah.

The name Jehovah was revealed to Moses in the Book of Exodus.

*[1] Then the LORD said unto 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.*

*[2] And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:*

*[3] And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.*

**Exodus 6:1-3**

The name Jehovah means the Eternal, or Self-Existent One. Have you ever wondered where God came from? He did not come from anywhere—He was always there. How did He get there? That question cannot be answered by a mere man.

Who made God? No one made God—He is self-existent.

If those thoughts do not make you dizzy, try to figure how long eternity is.

It is no wonder God wants us to know Him by His name(s). How can we doubt Him when we know Him by name?

We will become angry at ourselves in those times that doubt, fear and unbelief creeps into our hearts when we once again focus on Him and realize how awesome He is.

*[10] Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*

*[11] I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.*

*[12] I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.*

**Isaiah 43:10-12**

*[25] Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.*

*[26] They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:*

*[27] But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.*

*[28] The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.*

**Psalms 102:25-28**

One Jewish commentator of the Middle Ages, Moses Maimonides, said with regard to the name, Jehovah: “All of the names of God which occur in Scripture are derived from His works except one, and that is Jehovah.” (From The Names of God by Nathan J. Stone)

*[13] And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?*

*[14] And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*

*[15] And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*

*[16] Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:*

**Exodus 3:13-16**

He is saying “I AM THAT I AM” or the Self-Existent One; The Eternal; The One who always has been and always will be.” Jesus infuriated the religious leaders of His day when He would use the words I AM. They knew what I AM represented. Let’s look at some of His “I AM’s”

*And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life**: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.* **John 6:35**

***I am the living bread** which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.* **John 6:51**

*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.* **John 8:12**

*As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world**.* **John 9:5**

***I am the door**: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.* **John 10:9**

***I am the good shepherd**: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.* **John 10:11**

*Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* **John 14:6**

***I am the true vine**, and my Father is the husbandman.* **John 15:1**

Notice Exodus 3:15, “this is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.”

Jehovah has always been and will always be. And when we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and live for Him, we will live with Him for as long as He lives.

We continue to learn why it is so important for us to know His name. Is it any wonder that His people love to worship Him by His name?

*These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,* **Genesis 2:4**

If we were to look into Genesis 2:4, we find that God is saying, “...in the day that the Jehovah Elohim made the earth and the heavens.” I point that out to show you that God is saying here that He is the SELF-EXISTENT CREATOR.

He is the CREATOR WHOM NO ONE CREATED. We love, worship and serve a mighty God. He is Jehovah, the God of righteousness and holiness and love.

So holy and sacred was that name to Israel of old that they feared even to pronounce it.

*And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.* **Leviticus 24:16**

The name we call Jehovah was substituted by another name because the name Jehovah was regarded as too sacred to be uttered.

I ask you, do we have that kind of respect and reverence today? Or do we carelessly throw the name God and Jesus around as slang?

How many times have you heard someone say, “Oh my God,” or “Lordy, Lordy”, or some such exclamation?

*Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.* **1 Samuel 2:30**

Let us make certain that we honor Him.

Jehovah is righteous. Jehovah is love. Jehovah is holy. Who says so? He says so! The list goes on and on with a multitude of scripture to back it up.

Let me caution you. This is not a God that says any old way of living is permissible. This is a Jehovah who will accept nothing less than our best.

*For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.* **Leviticus 11:44**

Why should we sanctify ourselves? Why should we be Holy? Because He is Jehovah and He tells us to do it. Is this just something old and outdated from the Old Testament law? No! In fact, the Apostle Peter refers to this very verse in the New Testament.

[13] Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

[14] As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

[15] But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

[16] Because it is written, *Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

**1 Peter 1:13-16**

Again let me say that this is a Jehovah who will accept nothing less than our best.

## Chapter Five YAHWEH

This chapter may be the shortest chapter in this book. Why? Because the Name, YAHWEH, for my part is the most difficult name of which to obtain information that to me is credible.

*Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name Jah, and rejoice before him.*

**Psalm 68:4**

We are told that Jah is an abbreviation of Jehovah. Some tell us that Yahweh, Yah or Yhwh, is strictly speaking, the only proper name for God.

To the Israel of old the name of Jehovah was especially associated with two attributes, righteousness and true holiness. So why did the people of God come up with this abbreviation of Yahweh, or Yhwh?

So sacred and holy was the name Jehovah to them they feared to pronounce it, and we are told, even to write it down, thus Yahweh, or Yhwh. I have read somewhere that the scribes of old who meticulously hand copied every word of the Bible, would discard the feather, or quill they had been using when they came to the name Jehovah. At this point of copying they would use a new quill to write His name, and then discard that quill because they deemed it irreverent to write any other word with a quill they had used to write the name of Jehovah. Although I must plead ignorance to know enough to go into the detail I would like, I must also say I know enough that I am ashamed that we use God's name in so careless a manner.

Also, I have read that even to this day the name Jehovah is never read in the synagogues or uttered by this people. And so the original pronunciation of the name we refer to as Jehovah has to a great degree been lost to us.

There is a beautiful song about Yahweh that I have come to love, and yet I had to search diligently to see if it was even proper. I now believe that it is.

Oh, that we may worship God in an acceptable way! We also sing a song or chorus that refers to God as an awesome God, and even though the word awesome is used to describe so many things today, we know that our God **IS AN AWESOME GOD.**

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be **acceptable** in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.*

**Psalm 19:14**

[1] *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, **acceptable** unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

[2] *And be not 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 12:1-2**

## Chapter Six ADONAI

Let us look at the name Adonai. The word, or name, Adonai, is translated in our Bibles by the word Lord, with only the first letter being a capital. It appears some 300 times in the Old Testament.

Adonai is usually translated in the plural. It confirms the idea of a Trinity as does Elohim.

Nathan Stone in his book Names of God states, "The name Adonai in the Old Testament plainly reveals the relationship which God sustains toward His creatures and what He expects of them."

He also says, "The name Adonai, while translated "Lord," signifies ownership or mastership and indicates the truth that God is the owner of each member of the human family, and that He consequently claims the unrestricted obedience of all."

When we sing choruses such as "He Is Lord" I often wonder if we really know what we are singing. Is He really Lord, or is this something we think He wants to hear?

I was preaching a city-wide Pastor's Seminar in January of 2000 in Sierra Leone, West Africa, when I first heard the chorus "Adonai, Oh, Adonai." I was struck with the worship of those singing. It was so real and so anointed that I asked them to sing it again and again.

Let us realize again that God puts tremendous value on us knowing His name.

*The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;* **Psalm 20:1**

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.* **Proverbs 18:10**

And again I point out the Word is not saying, The God of Jacob defend thee, but "The name of the God of Jacob defend thee."

God puts an unfathomable value on us knowing His name because when we begin to know His name we begin to understand and know who and what He is.

It is no wonder the wise man says in Proverbs 18:10 "The **name** of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

Again I point out that we cannot understand His greatness until we understand His name.

[1] *After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

[2] *And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?* **Genesis 15:1-2**

When Abraham answered God, he referred to Him as Adonai, Jehovah (Lord God). He was not only recognizing God, he was recognizing God as "Lord" and "Master". He recognized God as owning complete possession of and perfect right to all that he was and had.

Can we recognize God as Lord, as Master? Can we say to God, "Here I am, and I am yours?"

Now remember, the slave has the right to his master's protection, help, and direction. You see, we are getting a real bargain in return for our complete surrender to Him as Lord and Master.

It can only be pride, arrogance, haughtiness and rebellion that causes us to want to hold on to "our own rights." The slave has no rights. He depends completely on his master.

*Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.*

**Psalm 123:2**

In Judges 6:15, Gideon recognizes the Lord as his Adonai.

*And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.* **Judges 6:15**

And when God answers him in Judges 6:16, He refers to Himself as Jehovah, the self-existent one.

In the Bible, prophet after prophet is called and commissioned for service by Adonai, the Lord who puts a claim upon us for full surrender, obedience, and service.

[1] *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

[2] *And be not 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 12:1-2**

[19] *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

[20] *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.* **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

We love the God who says, "I want all of you! Nothing else will be sufficient."

He is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all in our lives.

There can be no in between, or middle ground. The church in general seems to be saying, "God, if you will give me everything I ask or demand of you, I will consider doing what you suggest." This, however, is a major error. Let us look at it from God's point of view.

*Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.* **John 15:14**

Our God is not making suggestions, He is commanding. He is saying that if we will do what He commands us to do, then we can become His friend. In fact, He goes on to explain this wonderful

opportunity He extends to us.

*[15] Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.*

*[16] Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

*[17] These things I command you, that ye love one another.*

**John 15:15-17**

We are living in a time when the church wants to command God. Now I realize there is a word of faith and we need to be bold, but some have tried to make God their servant instead of their master.

*[21] He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

*[23] Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

*[24] He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

**John 14:21, 23-24**

We find the role of servant carried out perfectly by Jesus Himself. He sets the example in front of us all.

*But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.*

**John 14:31**

This 31st verse is a marvelous example. Notice, He is saying that the world can see His love for the Father by His obedience to the Father. He lets us know that the world can know He loves the Father only by His keeping the commandment His Father gave unto Him, and not by the miracles He performs.

Let me tell you, my friend, there is no other way we can prove our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ except to obey the Word of God. We do not know we are saved because we feel a certain emotion, or even do miracles and speak in tongues. These by themselves are not enough.

*[3] And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

*[4] He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

*[5] But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

**1 John 2:3-5**

These words by John are a confirmation of what Jesus said in the Gospel of John, chapters fourteen and fifteen. In fact, there are confirmations in other books of the Bible.

*[21] Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

*[22] Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

*[23] And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

**Matthew 7:21-23**

I say again that miracles and good works are not enough to prove that we are right with God. The devil can perform mighty works. In fact, many who do not love holiness and righteousness will miss the rapture of the church and believe that the Antichrist is the real Christ because of their fixation on miracles rather than obedience.

*[9] Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

*[10] And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*[11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

*[12] That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12**

If we will not have the Lord as Adonai (Master) we shall be ruled by another master.

Let me say once again, "He is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all."

## Chapter Seven EL-SHADDAI

*[1] And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

*[2] And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.*

**Genesis 17:1-2**

God was known to His patriarchs by this name, God Almighty, or in the Hebrew, El-Shaddai.

What is a patriarch? A progenitor, or ancestor, forefather. One of the scriptural fathers of the human race, or of the Hebrew people. A man who is a father or founder. The oldest member or representative of a group.

It is not difficult to picture Abraham as a scriptural father. Abraham is referred to well over 200 times in the Bible, and several of these times as a father, or as to Father Abraham.

*Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.*

**Isaiah 51:2**

*Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.*

**Luke 3:8**

*And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?*

**Luke 13:16**

*And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*

**Luke 16:24**

No, this lesson is not about Abraham, but about El-Shaddai. We are using scripture about Abraham to acquaint ourselves with the truth that Abraham was a father and a patriarch. Also, that he was a progenitor and a founder both in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

*As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.* **Genesis 17:4**

*Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.* **Galatians 3:7**

Having shown that Abraham was a father and founder to both Old Testament and New Testament saints, let's look at the name by which God reveals Himself to him.

In Genesis 17:1 we read where God says, "...I am the Almighty God (El-Shaddai); walk before me, and be thou perfect." God is revealing Himself as the El-Shaddai, Jehovah, the Almighty God.

El signifies the Strong One, and Shaddai the Breasted One. Why would He identify Himself in this manner?

Remember, He is starting something new here. So He is saying, "I am the nourishing one, the Strength-Giver, the Satisfier and All Bountiful. The One who Sheds Forth and Pours Out."

Remember, God is giving this **mere mortal** some strong promises, and He wants him (Abraham) to be a man of faith. Does God give strong promises to us? Does He want us to be a people of faith?

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

**Hebrews 11:6**

Some believe that the **greatest sin of all** sins is the **sin of unbelief**. Why? Because **this sin cancels** all the promises of God.

*He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.*

**1 John 5:10**

*Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

**1 John 2:22**

When we fail to believe God, consciously or unconsciously we make Him out to be a liar. What a horrible act that is! A lie is a detestable thing to God.

*[3] For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?*

*[4] God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*

**Romans 3:3-4**

For God to lie is not only unthinkable, it is impossible. Many have made the claim that God can do anything, but that is not correct. You see, God **cannot** lie. It is **impossible**, and **impossible** is **impossible**.

Others maintain He could if He wanted to. Number one: He does not want to. Number two: He cannot lie because there is no lie in Him. Remember, it is the devil who tells lies. (John 8:44)

*That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:* **Hebrews 6:18**

*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.* **1 John 1:5**

So then, we are still talking about the Almighty God, the El-Shaddai, the Nourisher who strengthens, sustains and pours out. The One who makes fantastic promises. The One who so convinced Abraham, and wants to convince us that He is the keeper of His promises.

*[20] He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;*

*[21] And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

**Romans 4:20-21**

Abraham believed. But did he ever wonder? I think scripture bears that out.

Shaddai occurs forty-eight times in the Old Testament and is translated "Almighty."

Can we believe Him? We must! He is El-Shaddai. When God revealed Himself to Abraham as El-Shaddai, the Nourishing One, the Strength-Giver, the Satisfier and All Bountiful one, something happened to the faith of Abraham.

Can we let that same revelation do something to our faith? Can we dare to have the faith of Abraham? Or can we go beyond that faith?

*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**

Can we dare to reach out as Apostle Paul did? Can we be so bold as to ask and receive at least a portion of the faith of the Son of God? There is a verse of scripture that has fascinated me.

*And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

**Mark 11:22**

There are Bible commentators who have said that He is actually saying "Have the faith of God." Although I have a difficult time getting that, I have to admit that I have prayed and asked the Heavenly Father for His faith.

Some have asked "What is your favorite verse, or even book of the Bible?" So many are my favorite at different times. But let me list two that are always a challenge.

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

**Hebrews 11:6**

*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

**Revelation 4:11**

We were not placed here for our pleasure, but for His. Let it be a constant goal of all of us to live our lives for His pleasure and not our own. And remember, there is just no way we can please Him without faith. It cannot be done.

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

**Hebrews 11:6**

I ask you, can we believe El-Shaddai? Can we trust the Almighty God, the Strong One, the Strength-Giver, the Satisfier and All Bountiful One?

Let us ask Him to reveal Himself to us right now as El-Shaddai.

## Chapter Eight JEHOVAH-JIREH

Jehovah-Jireh is one of a number of names compounded with Jehovah.

If you can remember, the historic incident out of which the name Jehovah-Jireh was given is the account of the heartrending experience of Abraham taking his promised son Isaac to offer him as a burnt sacrifice to God. It would be profitable to read or re-read the 22nd chapter of Genesis. Let's look at a few verses now.

[2] *And he said, 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.*

[5] *And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you,*

[7] *And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?*

[8] *And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.*

[10] *And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.*

[11] *And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.*

[12] *And he said, 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.*

[13] *And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him 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.*

[14] *And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.*

**Genesis 22:2, 5, 7, 8, 10-14**

We look back at this true story and we can scarcely realize the severity of this test to Abraham. You see he did not know how it was going to end. He only knew that he must obey his Elohim. And did you notice the reward of that obedience?

[15] *And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,*

[16] *And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:*

[17] *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;*

[18] *And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

[19] *So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.*

**Genesis 22:15-19**

The title or name of God here is Jehovah-Jireh, meaning **the Lord will provide**. This is certainly one of the names of God we need to familiarize ourselves with. Remember, if He is to defend us, and be our strong tower, we must know His name.

In this case, Abraham named this place Jehovah-Jireh. Not merely “The Lord Has Provided,” or “The Lord Did Provide,” but “The Lord Will Provide.”

Many times after we have come to the end of a long trial, we think we will never be tested that way again. Or, if we are tested that way again, it will not be a big thing. But we need to remember His name.

*Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

**Psalm 20:7**

The Nation of Israel had a real memory problem. We see over and over in the books of Deuteronomy and Judges how their forgetfulness displeased God.

[10] *When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.*

[11] *Beware that thou **forget** not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:*

[12] *Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;*

[13] *And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;*

[14] *Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou **forget** the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;*

[15] *Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and*

scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

[16] *Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;*

[17] *And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.*

[18] *But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.* **Deuteronomy 8:10-18**

We must remember that it is the Lord our Provider who has blessed and continues to bless us. Israel had a short memory and it caused them trouble again and again.

[7] *And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.*

[12] *And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.*

**Judges 3:7, 12**

*And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.* **Judges 4:1**

*And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.* **Judges 6:1**

Israel's forgetting God and returning to evil was a dreadful thing with both them and God. It is an insult to God when we forget, or ignore Him.

Here is another blessing connected to knowing God by His name or names. It causes us in this case to remember who our benefactor and supplier is, lest we become proud and haughty and think we are self-made.

We see the devastation of not remembering God and His blessings and being thankful in Romans 1:18-32.

Every time we remember God by His name Jehovah-Jireh we are reminded of His provision, generosity and faithfulness. This in turn should cause a spirit of gratitude to spring up in us, a deep feeling of honor and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father.

As we read through the Book of Deuteronomy we can almost hear our Heavenly Father crying out to His people to not forget Him. We can see in the New Testament that forgetting God and being unthankful to Him is the beginning of a downward spiral in the hearts of men.

[21] *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

[22] *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

[23] *And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

[24] *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:* **Romans 1:21-24**

As we continue on in chapter one of Romans, we see listed a virtual catalog of sins. As we notice this list of sins we need to be reminded that it all started by failing to glorify and be thankful to our wonderful Jehovah-Jireh for His great provision.

Let us determine to love, glorify and thank Him and bring pleasure to Him.

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:19**

Jehovah-Jireh is our provider.

## Chapter Nine JEHOVAH-ROPHE

We learn this name of God out of one of Israel's early experiences in the wilderness.

*And said, 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.*

**Exodus 15:26**

The name Jehovah-Rophe means Jehovah heals. When we studied about Jehovah-Jireh we learned that it stood for the substitute God sent to take the place of Isaac.

We also know that God provided a Lamb for us at Calvary.

*[4] Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*[5] But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

*[6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

*[7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.* **Isaiah 53:4-7**

It is amazing that through the Spirit of prophecy, Isaiah wrote the preceding promise of healing over 700 years before Jesus was born. Notice that he said "...and with His stripes we are healed."

In the following verses, written by Peter we read, "...by whose stripes ye were healed." Do you see it? Isaiah said, "we **are** healed." Peter said, "ye **were** healed." One writes before the birth of Jesus, the other writes after the death of Jesus. But both of them are in agreement by faith.

*[24] Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

*[25] For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.* **1 Peter 2:24-25**

Thank God that He is the one who supplies our needs.

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:19**

We need to be aware that our greatest need is our spiritual need. Jehovah has provided!

The name Jehovah-Rophe arises out of one of Israel's earliest experiences in the wilderness. They had hardly entered into the promised land when they were hit by one of mankind's greatest needs, the need for water.

As we look at Exodus, chapter fifteen we realize that Israel had just celebrated their great victory at the Red Sea. Soon their shouting and dancing and rejoicing turns into complaining and bitterness. But God was teaching them.

Before we criticize them for this complaining we need to realize that immediately after their celebration of the great victory at the Red Sea they went three days of travelling without water. Can we even imagine what it would be like in their climate?

We need to remember that it was not God who was on trial, but Israel. It is not God who is on trial in our lives today but it is us.

One of the greatest needs of people in our world is physical healing. One of our greatest needs in the church is physical healing. And is it not significant that our physical healing is wrapped up in the same one who gives us our spiritual healing, even our salvation?

And again we see not only the beauty, but the desperate need of knowing God's name. And once again I want to take time to emphasize this.

*[1] The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;*

*[7] Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

**Psalm 20:1,7**

*[14] Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.*

*[15] He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.*

*[16] With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*

**Psalm 91:14-16**

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*

**Proverbs 18:10**

The many hospitals, medical clinics and health insurance companies emphasize the tragedy of sickness

and disease in the world. And regardless of talk of people being able to live to be 120 years of age the problem of sickness and disease becomes more desperate. I am constantly amazed as I travel throughout the United States of America and see the enormous new buildings being added on to already large hospital complexes. In our state, Iowa, it seems that the University of Iowa is **always**, and I mean **always** in a building program. Their formal name is The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Notice the word is not HOSPITAL but HOSPITALS. The word is not CLINIC but CLINICS. And this is a mammoth complex.

Why are hospitals always building? Because there is a need for them. Almost everyone you meet has something wrong with them physically. Most of us have more confidence in the doctors than we do in Jesus.

Please understand, the problem is not with the doctors, the problem is our lack of faith. In most of these hospitals the doctors and nurses are wonderfully kind and compassionate people doing their job sincerely. But where is the church?

Jehovah-Rophe was the healer in the Old Testament. Jesus is the healer in the New Testament.

Jesus opened His public ministry by quoting from the book of Isaiah.

*[14] And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.*

*[15] And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.*

*[16] And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.*

*[17] And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,*

*[18] 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, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

*[19] To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

*[20] And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.*

*[21] And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. **Luke 4:14-21***

What Jehovah was to Israel at Marah, Jesus is to all who will receive Him. He is the Great Physician.

He came to demonstrate the will of His Father. He has shown us that will by healing the sick.

*[16] When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:*

*[17] That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

**Matthew 8:16-17**

Jesus commissioned His disciples to heal the sick. Healing for our body, as well as salvation for our soul is part of the Atonement.

*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. **1 Peter 2:24***

I ask you, why is it so easy to believe for our sins to be forgiven, but so difficult to believe for our bodies to be healed. The commission to heal was not for the disciples only, but for us as well.

*[17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

*[18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. **Mark 16:17, 18***

*[8] For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*

*[9] To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*

*[10] To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to*

*another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*

*[11] But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

**1 Corinthians 12:8-11**

Do we not believe His Word or do we have a severe shortage of faith? I speak not one word against doctors and hospitals, but what they are doing is what we should be doing, healing the sick.

Let the Church of Jesus Christ once again arise and do the work we have been commissioned to do. If you are sick or diseased, I urge you to look for healing scriptures in the Bible and to read them aloud each and every day.

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

**Romans 10:17**

Here is a suggested list of verses to read:

Exodus 15:26; Exodus 23:25; Psalm 103:1-5; Psalm 118:17; Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17; Mark 11:24; I Peter 2:24.

No matter what your case may be, read aloud each day these verses from the Word of God. If we are going to doubt, let us doubt the devil who tells us we are sick. Let us doubt the lying symptoms that attack our body. Let us doubt our doubts.

*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

**Mark 9:23**

Jehovah-Rophe is the Lord our Healer.

### Chapter Ten JEHOVAH-NISSI

*[14] And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.*

*[15] And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi:*

*[16] For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*

**Exodus 17:14-16**

Shortly after Israel had left Marah, the place of bitter water, they came to Rephidim, where God revealed Himself to Moses as Jehovah-Nissi, Jehovah my banner.

We learn that they left the place of bitter water to arrive at the place of no water at all. We need to realize their complaining and faultfinding was really more than their dissatisfaction with Moses. Their complaining was really against Jehovah.

At times spiritual leaders need to understand that many people who complain are really out of fellowship with God. You cannot satisfy rebels except by coming down to their level and agreeing with them.

*Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.*

**Exodus 17:8**

In the preceding verse we see the beginning of the first of five wars Israel would have to fight. There were to be problems with enemies as well as problems of lack.

Who were the Amalekites? They were a powerful people who were the descendants of Amalek, a grandson of Esau. When they had opportunity to help their close relatives, the Israelites, they instead opposed them. Indeed it is often like this.

*[36] And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.*

*[37] He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*

*[38] And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.*

*[39] He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.*

**Matthew 10:36-39**

*[17] Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;*

*[18] How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God.*

*[19] Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.*

**Deuteronomy 25:17-19**

We are told that Haman who tried to accomplish the total destruction of the Jews in the time of Queen Esther was a descendant of King Agag of the Amalekites, whom King Saul in his foolish disobedience sought to spare. It **never** pays to disobey God!

As we look back at this battle in Exodus 17:8-13, we see the battle going back and forth.

*And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.* **Exodus 17:11**

It was in verse 14 that God promised to utterly destroy Amalek. And it was in verse 15 that Moses built an altar, and called it Jehovah-Nissi.

*And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi:* **Exodus 17:15**

Usually when we think of a banner, we think of some kind of flag, or ensign. However, it seems in this case the banner was the rod of God.

*And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.* **Exodus 17:9**

It seems that God wanted Israel to learn that it was upon God, and God alone, they should depend for victory. Oh yes, they fought. They had to fight.

Yes, we must fight. But Jehovah our Banner is the one to whom we look for victory.

*When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.* **Psalms 126:1**

*Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.* **Jeremiah 17:5**

Remember, **Amalek** was a **grandson** of **Esau**, who **despised** spiritual things. In fact, he gave up his spiritual birthright for a dish of food.

*Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.* **Genesis 25:34**

*Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.* **Hebrews 12:16**

For what are you willing to give up your birthright?

Amalek was the first enemy to appear to a redeemed people. The flesh will always war against the spiritual until we win that final battle and are at home with the Lord.

Moses meant business when he told the people to fight against Amalek. Too many today are not really serious about fighting against the world, the flesh and the devil. In fact, many want to mix the church with the world, the holy with the unholy, and this is a deadly mixture.

*But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.* **Revelation 2:14**

What is the doctrine of Balaam? The doctrine of Balaam came out of a love for and coveting after money by this prophet. He was offered a large sum of money to pronounce a curse upon the children of Israel. When God would not allow this, Balaam taught Balak how to get God Himself to curse Israel.

The doctrine of Balaam was to teach Balak that if he would give his most beautiful women to the Israelite men and cause them to commit idolatry and adultery, God Himself would curse Israel.

It will always be a deadly mixture to mix good and evil, holy and unholy, the church and the world.

Remember, this lesson is about Jehovah-Nissi, our Jehovah, our banner.

A short time ago God began to open my eyes to one of the most deadly deceptions that is facing the church in North America, including the Holiness Church. For years I have been mildly alarmed at the church's preoccupation with sports.

My clock usually wakes me up at 5:30 a.m. each day. For several moments I will be somewhat groggy. However, on this recent morning I awoke with a start, fully awake and alert at 5:00 a.m. God began to deal with me, and impress upon me His displeasure with the love for sports among the church people in North America. His people have become fascinated with college and professional sports. His people, instead of honoring His name, talk more of professional athletes than Him.

My heart began to feel the grief of His heart. I wept in agony as He revealed to me that we are in

danger of losing a whole generation to the devil through college and professional sports.

When you walk down a hallway in many churches, you hear groups of men and teenagers talking not about God, but about a football, basketball or baseball game. Our mind is not upon a Holy God, but upon unholy superstars, many of whom are immoral and on drugs. They, not God, have become the hero of our men and young men. Our members know more about the athletes than they know about God.

What does this have to do with Jehovah-Nissi, the Lord our banner? Multitudes of religious Americans are wearing the shirts, jackets and caps of their favorite sports team. They are wearing with pride the colors and names of football, basketball and baseball teams.

Suddenly I realized, God's name is not the name on their lips, but it is the name of a quarterback, forward, or home run hitter. God is not their banner. Their banner is the Giants, Vikings, Rams, Chiefs, Cardinals, Yankees, Bulls, etc.

Because there are a few professing Christians in the sports world, the church encourages itself that all is well. A recent weekly magazine of a Pentecostal denomination, was devoted almost entirely to professional athletes and their testimonies.

The church has swallowed the doctrine of Balaam, hook, line and sinker. Even our small children come to churches and Christian schools talking about the big games.

During a communion service at a large Pentecostal convention one preacher was kneeling next to another preacher when he was heard asking him who he thought would win the World Series Baseball Championship that year. God is grieved and there will be a price to pay if we do not repent, and soon.

We need to remind ourselves that what millions of Christians are focusing on will not last. That which so many are spending hours on has no eternal value. None!!! All of those names and teams will pass away.

*[1] I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.*

*[2] Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.*

**Psalm 145:1-2**

Today, sports in almost every sense is IDOLATRY. Many of the college and professional sporting events take place on Sunday, the Lord's Day. Millions of Americans, many of these professed Christians, either hurry and get church over with, or do not go to church at all so they can hurry to pack the stadiums, arenas, golf courses, race tracks, etc.

Does it not seem tragic to you that while the world is going to Hell, the Church is going to the ball game?

Compounding this situation is the fact that many of these will spend far more on these events than they would think of giving to the Work of God.

*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

**James 4:4**

Another sad commentary is that America and much of the rest of the world has made professional athletes their role models. In many cases Christian fathers are conveying to their sons and daughters that it matters not how wicked your lifestyle is as long as you can slam dunk a basketball, run with or pass a football, or hit more homeruns than anyone else.

We have not only gone to the cisterns of the world to drink, we have drawn water (dirty water) for our children.

*[11] Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.*

*[12] Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord.*

*[13] For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.*

**Jeremiah 2:11-13**

Some of the superstars themselves have complained that they resent people putting them on a pedestal and worshipping them. They resent the need of behaving themselves in the public eye.

Sporting events are not of God—they are of the world. To attend most of these events you will have to identify yourself with the cursing, drinking, scantily clad crowd. Longhaired, tobacco-chewing, liquor drinking, foul mouthed, immoral dope-headed men ought not to be the subjects of our conversation and the

objects of our admiration. Whereas not every sports figure is guilty of this lifestyle, it is all too characteristic of many of them.

*[15] Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

*[16] For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

*[17] And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

**1 John 2:15-17**

How can it be that a skillful athlete is paid anywhere from one million to twenty-five million dollars each year while many pastors, churches and missionary organizations are desperately struggling to get more money to feed and clothe the poor and preach the gospel to the lost?

Whatever has happened that our young men no longer want to be in the ministry, but now they want to be a star in the sports world? What has happened that our young ladies are not happy to be meek, quiet, demure and shame faced? Many of these sports heroines have developed boldness and forwardness from their sports activities and now despise the traditional and Biblical role of women.

*[9] In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;*

*[10] But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.*

**1 Timothy 2:9-10**

*[3] The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;*

*[4] That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*

*[5] To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

**Titus 2:3-5**

*[1] Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;*

*[2] While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.*

*[3] Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;*

*[4] But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

*[5] For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:*

*[6] Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.*

**1 Peter 3:1-6**

If our great-grandmothers would attend some modern “Christian” school girls’ basketball games, they would recoil in horror and shame as they watched physically developed girls running around in brief outfits that expose their bodies to the lustful eyes of any man wishing to look. If you dare to protest you are told that it is alright as we are now living under grace.

*[3] Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

*[4] For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Jude 1:3-4**

Sports has become a religion in the U.S.A. and around the world according to some prominent sports figures, and authors writing about the New Age Movement. While many Holiness preachers have been preaching against television, worldly music, make-up and jewelry, immodest clothing, etc. (and properly so) we are about to lose a whole generation of our young people to idolatry as they worship their heroes of professional sports.

A few weeks ago more than 18 million people tuned into NBC television to watch the inaugural

game of America's newest sports league, the XFL. The new league is said to be the brainchild of Vince McMahon, the man who promoted professional wrestling. As in professional wrestling, sex is to be a big part of the XFL's sales pitch. We wonder, how far down will America go? And don't forget, the rest of the world is watching America, and in many cases doing their best to emulate us.

*For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.*

**2 Corinthians 10:12**

Edward Gibbons, the author of THE HISTORY OF THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE lists five basic reasons that the enormous Roman Empire was destroyed. I will greatly abbreviate these.

(1) The dramatic increase of divorce undermined the institution of the family.

(2) The imposition of higher taxes undermined the economic stability and vitality of the Empire. Why were the taxes raised to such ruinous levels? To pay for deficit government spending, to pay for food for all in society, and to pay for government-sponsored activities of diversion, such as circuses and sports. (Author's note: We may think that can never happen here, but tax money is being used to build multi-million dollar stadiums to keep sports franchises from leaving certain cities.)

(3) The drive for **personal pleasure** had become very intense, even to the point of **obsession**. Gibbons noted that at the very end, sports had become more **exciting** and **brutal**.

(4) People lost their faith, both religiously and in their government.

(5) Hidden conspirators were working within the government to secretly destroy it.

We are told that the modern Olympic Games are being mightily utilized to bring the world into the New World Order. This New World Order, we are told, is really a return to the Ancient Occultic Wisdom of Egypt and Babylon.

God utilized differing cultures to permanently prevent the world from coming together again to establish a One-World government following the event of The Tower of Babel.

*[1] And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.*

*[4] And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*

*[5] And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.*

*[6] And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.*

*[7] Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.*

*[8] So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.*

*[9] Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.*

**Genesis 11:1, 4, 5-9**

How then does Satan remove the differing cultures and languages? One of the most successful ways in which to unite the world's differing governments and cultures, and to condition the peoples of the world to the concept of a global society is through **global sporting programs**.

The Modern Olympics, the World Championships, and other world-wide sports are providing a common set of aspiration for individual athletes and a common set of national goals for their respective governments.

There is much more that could be said, for example, the symbols of the Modern Olympics—The Interlocking Rings, The Flame, and The Dove, and what they represent.

We as God's people do not need to know all the details of this present world's systems. We do need to look to JEHOVAH-NISSI, The Lord Our Banner, and divest ourselves of this world's symbols and banners.

*[17] Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the*

unclean thing; and I will receive you,

[18] *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

**2 Corinthians 6:17-18**

*Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

**2 Corinthians 7:1**

Whose banner are you marching under?

With Jehovah-Jesus, our banner, we may go from strength to strength, faith to faith, and victory to victory.

*They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.*

**Psalm 84:7**

*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*

**2 Corinthians 1:20**

Jehovah-Nissi, the Lord, our Banner.

Is God Jehovah-Nissi to you, or is your banner some sports team or individual?

### Chapter Eleven JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH

[7] *Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.*

[8] *And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you.* **Leviticus 20:7-8**

The theme of the Book of Leviticus is the detailed walk, worship, life and service of the redeemed people of God. The author, Moses, who is the lawgiver and leader of Israel is used by God to not only lead the Israelites out of Egypt's bondage, but to be the teacher and instructor in the life that will be pleasing to God.

We need to carefully search our hearts to guard against wanting deliverance but not holiness, righteousness and sanctification. Because of the extreme emphasis on grace in this present church era, many care only about being rescued, but not about discipleship. However, this is not in any way Biblical. Let me give a few examples.

[11] *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

[12] *Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

[13] *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

**Titus 2:11-13**

There are many who can eagerly testify of the grace that saved them but have no testimony about grace becoming their teacher. They joyfully testify about verses eleven and thirteen, but have no testimony about verse twelve that tells us that the same grace which rescues us becomes our teacher in how we should live.

As we study the names of God, we not only become aware of who and what God is, but who and what we should be. For example, if God is our master, we are to be His servant. If He is our sanctifier, then we are to be sanctified.

*For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

**1 Thessalonians 4:7**

[23] *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

[24] *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

**Ephesians 4:23-24**

If we were to continue reading in chapter four of Ephesians we would learn that God gives definite instructions on how we are to live. Again, unless grace becomes our teacher and sanctifier as well as our savior and justifier we are missing a major truth in God's Word.

Let's look at those verses.

[25] *Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

[26] *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

[27] *Neither give place to the devil.*

[28] *Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which*

is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

[29] *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

[30] *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

[31] *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

[32] *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

**Ephesians 4:25-32**

We take the time and space to emphasize that there are actions we must take after we have been born again by the Spirit of God. So many voices today are telling us that there is nothing we need to do after we have been justified by the grace of God.

Let me proclaim without fear of successful contradiction that those who claim we need do nothing after we are saved are either grossly mistaken or outright liars. Some have even said that to even try to better ourselves spiritually is to frustrate the grace of God in our lives.

Others claim that once a person has been saved they will go to Heaven even if they are still living in fornication, adultery or homosexuality. Their claim is that once saved, you can never be lost, that even if you curse God to His face and tell Him you do not want to go to Heaven, you must go anyway. This is ignorance or foolishness at its worst, and will cause many to be damned.

Let's go a little further with this thought. There are those who call themselves Bible teachers who because of the folly of the unconditional eternal security doctrine believe that Christians can be demon-possessed. Because they cannot be lost, according to **their** teaching, we now have demon-possessed people being raptured, with their demons, and going to Heaven. This is utterly absurd.

I urge you to read II Corinthians 6:14-18.

Recently a friend told me of a dream. In that dream the Rapture of the Church had not yet taken place, but demands were made that people receive the mark of the beast. Those who believed in unconditional eternal security said it would not matter if they took the mark because they could not be lost. Think about that!

[9] *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*

[10] *The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

[11] *And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

**Revelation 14:9-11**

[1] *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

[2] *God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

**Romans 6:1-2**

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

**Romans 8:1**

I have noticed that when you hear most well-known evangelists or pastors quote or read from Romans 8:1 you only hear, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." That's it! I wondered why they did not read the entire verse. I found the reason is that they are reading from other versions than the Authorized King James version of the Bible. Are these other translations versions, or perversions?

They have left out a vital part of that verse that says, "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." I urge you to cling to the Authorized King James version of the Bible and beware of other versions which may really be perversions.

Why are there so many new versions (perversions) of the Bible, and each one supposed to be the very best? Can it be because the King James Version is not copyrighted, and each of the new versions are copyrighted and have the potential of making millions of dollars for their translators and publishers?

Please note that for each new version to be copyrighted, changes in that version must take place.

*[18] For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:*

*[19] And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

**Revelation 22:18-19**

Although there are those who say the older English King James Version has archaic words hard to understand, how much intelligence does it take to figure out that ye means you, or thee and thou means you?

I would certainly rather put up with a few archaic renditions of a few words than to allow translators to completely delete portions of the Bible, and even change the meaning of others.

One survey taken by pollsters revealed that the King James Version is the most easily understood of all Bible versions.

To Moses, God reveals Himself as Jehovah-M'Kaddesh, the Lord who sanctifies. The word **sanctify** is used seventeen times in the book of Leviticus.

God, the Great Deliverer of Israel is not satisfied to only liberate, set free and redeem His people. He desires, even demands that His people be a sanctified people.

So, what does the word sanctify mean?

Sanctify: cleanse, consecrate, dedicate, hallow and make holy.

The dictionary definition of sanctify means: to make holy, to set apart **to** a sacred purpose, purify, to give moral or social sanction to, to make productive of holiness.

*[44] For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*[45] For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.*

**Leviticus 11:44-45**

Please notice that being sanctified, or being holy is not a **request**. This is a command. Holiness is one of the **great differences** between our God and false gods.

Please notice also that at least part of the sanctifying is to be done by us. This truth is found throughout the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. Those who chafe at this are not true students of the Word of God. Again, Holiness, Righteousness and Sanctification are some of the **great differences** between our God and false gods.

This difference is unmistakable! Paganism produced gods of impurity, sexual excess and perversion. Their small gods are cruel and ugly. Their gods are gods of torment and fear.

Our God is holy and He demands all of His followers to be like Him. This is not optional.

*[13] Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

*[14] As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:*

*[15] But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;*

*[16] Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

**1 Peter 1:13-16**

Notice the demand and command here. In fact, the **proof** that we are born again or redeemed is that we **are obedient** as Peter says in verse fourteen. Is that radical? It may seem to be to those who are interested only in **pleasing themselves**, but look at what God says.

*[21] He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

*[22] Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?*

*[23] Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

*[24] He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the*

Father's which sent me.

**John 14:21-24**

[3] And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

[4] He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

[5] But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

**1 John 2:3-5**

Praying a sinner's prayer is wonderful. Thank God for that opportunity. But we have failed miserably if we stop there. And again we need to ask ourselves if God is being unreasonable.

[1] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

[2] And be not 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 12:1-2**

Power without holiness would degenerate into cruelty. Justice without holiness would become revenge. It is the holiness of God which reveals His majesty.

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

**Isaiah 6:3**

Truly the holiness of God is the most important lesson about God in the Old Testament.

We worship a Holy God. We are filled with His Holy Spirit. We are headed for a Holy Heaven where there are Holy Angels. We learn of all this from the Holy Bible. We have been redeemed by the blood of a Holy Jesus.

For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

**Hebrews 7:26**

We will not be able to enter Heaven unless we are sanctified and holy. Again, let me warn, there are those who preach and practice **unconditional eternal security**. They teach that once you are saved you can never be lost no matter what you do. This is both false and dangerous.

[9] Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

[10] Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

[11] And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

When you ask those who believe in **unconditional eternal security** if an adulterer, drunkard or homosexual will go to heaven, some will answer that they can go to heaven if they are saved. They believe there are Christian adulterers, Christian drunkards, Christian homosexuals. Others will tell you these people were never saved.

[3] Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

[4] For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Jude 1:3-4**

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

**Revelation 20:6**

Jehovah-M'Kaddesh is Jehovah our Sanctifier.

## Chapter Twelve JEHOVAH-SHALOM

[22] And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

[23] And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

[24] Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

**Judges 6:22-24**

It had been more than 200 years since Jehovah had revealed Himself to His people as Jehovah-M'Kaddesh, or Jehovah who sanctifies.

Israel had corrupted their relationship with Jehovah. They had turned their backs upon Jehovah-nissi. They had forgotten their banner over and over again. Israel had forgotten the true God, and so here God reveals Himself to them again.

Israel could not even reap a good harvest from their crops because the Midianites would wait until the seed came up and would then steal their crops when they were ready to be harvested.

Even as Jehovah had sown spiritual seed in their hearts, and Israel would let the false God destroy the **spiritual** harvest, so would God let their enemies destroy their **physical** harvest.

Let's look at Judges 6:11-24.

So now Jehovah reveals Himself as Jehovah who brings peace. And there in faith Gideon builds an altar and called that altar Jehovah-Shalom.

How many times have we in this day noticed that where God's presence is, there is peace?

*[6] 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, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*[7] Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David...*

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

**Isaiah 26:3**

Jesus paid the price for us to have peace. So many are without real peace. Millions are taking drugs prescribed by their doctors because they are troubled, even tormented. How can this be? Someone has coined the phrase "Know God—Know Peace, No God—No Peace".

How can we who **know God** have **no peace**? What has happened that even much of the church world is without real peace? Eighty-two percent of people responding to a survey said they feared death **above** everything else.

Jesus conquered death at Calvary. To want to live is normal. It seems God put that into man when He created him. It has been said of people unconscious, or even in a coma, "He is fighting for life." How can this be? God put that into us when He made us. And yet, to be terrified of death is torment.

Can it be that we have not become acquainted with Jehovah-Shalom? Or could it be that in our hearts we know we are not really living for Him?

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

**Isaiah 53:5**

Jehovah-Jesus, the fullness and perfection of our peace tells us.

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

**John 14:27**

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:7**

It is no wonder that at the announcement of the birth of the Prince of Peace, a pronouncement of peace was made.

*[20] But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.*

*[21] There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*

**Isaiah 57:20-21**

*[13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*

*[14] Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

**Luke 2:13-14**

How many times in His ministry did He tell those who came to Him "Go in Peace!"?

*[38] And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?*

*[39] And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

**Mark 4:38-39**

We see in the Gospel of Luke the first words of Jesus as He appears to His disciples after His

resurrection.

*And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

**Luke 24:36**

In some of the last words of Paul in the book of Romans, and the book of II Corinthians peace is attributed to God.

*Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.*

**Romans 15:33**

*Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

**2 Corinthians 13:11**

*[20] Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*

*[21] Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

And how are we to live?

*Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:* **Hebrews 12:14**

Through Jesus we have peace with God. This is a priceless treasure for the righteous.

*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:* **Romans 5:1**

Jehovah-Shalom—Jehovah our peace.

### Chapter Thirteen JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU

*[5] 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.*

*[6] 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**

Jehovah-Tsidkenu—Je-ho'-vah tsid-kay'-noo—The Lord our Righteousness.

*[15] In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.*

*[16] In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.*

**Jeremiah 33:15-16**

Jeremiah gave this word of prophecy when the kingdom of Judah was heading toward a fall. Judah had lived under good kings and wicked kings, but it seemed the people wanted to do their own thing and live wickedly.

Conditions went from bad to worse as even the priests and princes polluted the temple with their wickedness. We must remember that no matter how evil and wicked people become, God is still a **God of Holiness** and He will not tolerate sin forever.

*[1] Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.*

*[4] And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.*

**Jeremiah 23:1,4**

God demands to be known as a holy and righteous God. He will never settle for anything less from His people.

We talked about Jehovah-M'Kaddesh, Jehovah who sanctifies. The word tsidkenu originally meant stiff or straight. It signifies God's dealings with men pertaining to righteousness and justification.

We learn from the names of God that He is not a God who will just accept anything because He is a God of grace. Many believe that because we live in the day of grace that we can live carelessly. It is in that false thinking that the thoughts of God's dealings with His people being stiff and straight can enlighten us.

Some think that grace is an excuse to live sloppy. They say it does not matter how we live because we are under or in the New Covenant. This is a tragic mistake made by some who want to excuse their sinful living. Let's look at scriptures from the New Testament to clarify this matter.

*[21] Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:*

[22] *But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

[27] *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:*

[28] *But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.* **Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28**

Living under grace is **stiffer** and **straighter**, in that grace requires more of us.

[30] *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:*

[31] *Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.* **Acts 17:30-31**

[1] *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

[2] *God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?* **Romans 6:1-2**

[1] *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

[2] *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

[3] *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:* **Romans 8:1-3**

Because of grace, we are enabled to do what we had no power to do under the law. Christ enables us. The Holy Spirit enables, also.

*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

**Acts 1:8**

[11] *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

[12] *Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

[13] *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;* **Titus 2:11-13**

*And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.* **1 John 3:3**

Jehovah is the perfectly righteous One. How can we hope to satisfy Him? The perfectly righteous One gave to us Jesus Christ, the perfectly righteous One.

[8] *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

[9] *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.* **Hebrews 1:8-9**

He, Jesus, becomes our Jehovah-Tsidkenu. He is made righteousness to us. His sinless life, death and resurrection makes it possible for us to be righteous.

[20] *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

[21] *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 5:20-21**

Let's look at Ephesians 2:1-10

The price has been paid. The way has been made. And now by faith we sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. How can we who have been made free from sin continue to live in sin? How can we even want to sin?

The wise man who wrote the Book of Proverbs gives us an amazing insight into righteousness and holiness. He lets us know that **true wisdom** is connected with **right living**.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

**Proverbs 9:10**

You may be thinking, “But he said the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,” and you are correct. But what is the fear of the Lord? Well, praise God, Solomon does not leave us in the dark about the fear of the Lord.

*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.* **Proverbs 8:13**

The **fear of the Lord** is not to go about terrified that God is eagerly waiting for an opportunity to punish us. That is a false concept of God.

Let us again look at Proverbs 8:13. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, sin and wickedness, to hate pride and arrogancy, the evil way and the froward (deceitful and rebellious) mouth.

Now then, let us reason together. I believe almost all of us hate what is mentioned in Proverbs 8:13. But herein lies the problem—we hate it in other people. That is a beginning, but we do not become really and truly wise until we hate it in ourselves.

So then, we begin to become wise when we begin to **hate** what God **hates** and **love** what God **loves**. Can you see it? When we begin to **feel** like God **feels**, we are on the road to **real righteousness** and to **real wisdom**. The wise man lets us know in Proverbs 9:10 “...and the **knowledge of the holy** is understanding.”

When we see those who teach against holiness and righteousness, and even mock, then we understand that they are not truly wise regardless of the education and degrees behind their names. They may be called Doctor, but they are not yet wise. They have not yet begun to understand.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.* **Psalms 111:10**

Jehovah-Tsidkenu is Jehovah our righteousness.

#### Chapter Fourteen JEHOVAH-ROHI

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

**Psalms 23:1**

The twenty-third Psalm is and has been one of the most precious chapters in the entire Bible to millions of people. It is a Psalm of David. Is it not fitting that Jehovah would choose the Shepherd King to write the Shepherd’s Psalm?

Before I go any further, I want to say if you are confused about the above verse, I want to put your mind at ease. For years when I was a youth I did not want to read or quote Psalm 23:1. Why? I thought it meant that I did not **want the Lord** as my shepherd. It may sound humorous to you but I was relieved when I learned that it meant I shall not want **because** He is my shepherd.

Nathan J. Stone in his book NAMES OF GOD writes: “Perhaps it was written in the latter years of Israel’s great Shepherd King, the forerunner and type of that Great Shepherd of the sheep, David’s greater Son. It has the ring of a full experience, of a faith sobered by trials, and a life mellowed by the passing years.”

David no doubt looked back at the many events in his life when he was hunted by King Saul. The times when he passed through the “valley of the shadow of death.” The times when no one else was available to calm and restore his soul. The times when God literally prepared a table for him among his enemies.

This man David is one of my great heroes of the Bible. I love to read about him in the Books of 1st and 2nd Samuel, 1st Kings, and 1st Chronicles.

And how many believers over the centuries have quoted, “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”?

Je-ho’-vah ro’-ee—The Lord my Shepherd. The word rohi means to feed, or lead to pasture.

*Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.*

**2 Samuel 5:2**

*[14] Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:*

*[15] And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and*

understanding.

**Jeremiah 3:14-15**

Jehovah condemns false shepherds:

*Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?*

**Ezekiel 34:2**

There are false shepherds even as there are false prophets, false Christs and false brethren.

*And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*

**Matthew 24:11**

*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

**Matthew 24:24**

Thank God, we have a true Christ. We have a true Shepherd. We have a chief Shepherd.

[2] *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*

[3] *Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*

[4] *And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

**1 Peter 5:2-4**

Each day in my prayer time I recite the twenty third Psalm and I remind the Lord that He is my Shepherd, He is the Good Shepherd, He is the Chief Shepherd, and He is the Bishop of my soul.

*For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.*

**1 Peter 2:25**

He is the One who restores my soul. He is the One who leads me in the paths of righteousness. He is the One who prepares a table before me. He is the One who anoints my head with oil, and it is in His house that I will dwell forever.

[2] *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

[3] *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

**John 14:2, 3**

We look forward to that heavenly home. And it is the Good Shepherd who will lead us there.

[10] *Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.*

[11] *He 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 40:10-1**

[7] *Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.*

[8] *All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.*

[9] *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

[10] *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

[11] *I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*

[12] *But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.*

[13] *The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.*

[14] *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.*

[15] *As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

**John 10:7-15**

The world has been convinced that to receive Christ as Savior and Lord is to give up their freedom. They are afraid to follow the **Great Shepherd**. Let me joyfully proclaim that although sin enslaves, Christ frees. He leads His sheep into green pastures, and ultimately into Heaven.

Jehovah-Rohi is the Lord our Shepherd.

## Chapter Fifteen JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH

*It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from th at day shall be, The LORD is there.* **Ezekiel 48:35**

Je-ho'-vah-Sham'-mah—Jehovah is There.

Ezekiel prophesied when the nation of Israel was in terrible shape spiritually and nationally. The people were devastated and broken.

God was speaking through His prophet words of hope and comfort about the city of Jerusalem. It is significant that this prophecy was given several years after Jerusalem had fallen. Jerusalem was vital to the lives of the people of Israel.

*[4] How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?*

*[5] If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.*

*[6] If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.*

**Psalms 137:4-6**

*At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.*

**Jeremiah 3:17**

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.*

**Psalms 122:6**

Jesus, Jehovah-Shammah, will truly be in Jerusalem to reign during the millennial kingdom.

*Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.*

**Isaiah 12:6**

*[1] Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.*

*[2] For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*

*[3] Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.*

*[4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.*

*[5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.*

*[6] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:*

*[7] But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.*

*[8] And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.*

*[9] And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

**Zechariah 14:1-9**

We believe this exciting development will take place at the end of the seven year tribulation period. The armies of the world will be mobilized and gather to attack the city of Jerusalem. During this battle, Jesus will make His appearance with His armies, and defeat the Antichrist and his armies in a very brief battle that is called The Battle of Armageddon.

*[11] And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

*[12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

*[13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

*[14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white*

and clean.

*[15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

**Revelation 19:11-15**

The preceding verses from the Book of Revelation give us an account of what seems to be the same battle mentioned in the fourteenth chapter of Zechariah. This will be a great day of victory for Christ and His armies. Jesus will set up His millennial kingdom along with His armies that follow Him from Heaven.

The presence of the Lord will certainly be in Jerusalem during the millennial kingdom. And then there will be the New Jerusalem. God Himself shall dwell with his people.

*[1] And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

*[2] And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*[3] And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

**Revelation 21:1-3**

Again, the promise of Jehovah-Shammah will be fulfilled in Revelation 21:3, this time in the New Jerusalem. And what a presence that will be.

*[4] And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

*[5] And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

*[6] And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

*[7] He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

**Revelation 21:4-7**

We know that Jesus, the Alpha and Omega, made Himself known at the beginning of the Book of Revelation. He makes it clear that He is eternal.

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

**Revelation 1:8**

*[17] And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*

*[18] I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

**Revelation 1:17-18**

We also read in chapter twenty-one where He revealed Himself. Now we see Him again in chapters twenty-one and twenty-two.

*And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

**Revelation 21:22**

*[12] And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

*[13] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

**Revelation 22:12-13**

Jesus, our Jehovah-Shammah will always be with us. Remember that when you feel like you have been abandoned by others.

*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

**Matthew 28:20**

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

**Hebrews 13:5**

Jehovah-Shammah will always be there, even throughout eternity.

## Chapter Sixteen JESUS-CHRIST

In no way could I feel right about this book without this chapter. The name Jesus is mentioned 969 times in the Bible. Actually, many more than the above number because He is mentioned many other times by the name, Christ Jesus.

This chapter may well be the most difficult in this book to bring to a close. And why is that?

*And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen. John 21:25*

Just how important is this name? Paul's letter to the saints at Philippi brings to us much light on this.

*[5] Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

*[6] Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

*[7] But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

*[8] And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:5-8*

Make no mistake about it, this one we now know as the Son of God was Himself equal with God. Someone needed to go to earth and become a human. He needed to live a perfect, sinless life. He needed to allow Himself to be tortured in crucifixion, to die and raise from the dead. The one we now know as Jesus offered Himself. Look again at verses seven and eight. And then look at the result.

*[9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

*[10] That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

*[11] And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Philippians 2:9-11**

And now when we pray, we pray in the name of Jesus. When the sick are healed and demons cast out, it is in the name of Jesus. Look again at verse nine.

Oh, what a Name!!! All of these names we have studied throughout the Old Testament are pointing to Him. Not to Mary! Not to Allah! Not to Buddha! Every knee shall bow, not to the leaders or gods of a thousand religions or cults, but to Jesus Christ.

*[8] Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

*[9] For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

*[10] And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

*[11] In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Colossians 2:8-11*

What better motivation could we have to win those who are following after Catholicism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc., than the knowledge that those also will worship and praise the name of Jesus? Remember, He, Jesus, was in the beginning.

*[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*[2] The same was in the beginning with God.*

*[3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:1-3*

*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, [2] 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;*

*[3] 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;*

*[10] And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: Hebrews 1:1-3, 10*

*[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

*[19] Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*

*[20] For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

**Romans 1:18-20**

The name of Jesus is the name above all other names, because it is the only name that leads men to God. There is only one name that makes principalities and powers tremble, and that name is Jesus.

### LET'S LOOK AT JESUS

In Genesis, He is the seed of the woman.

In Exodus, He is the Passover lamb.

In Leviticus, He is the law giver.

In Numbers, He is the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

In Deuteronomy, He is a leader like unto Moses.

In Joshua, He is the captain of the host.

In Judges, He is the deliverer.

In Ruth, He is the kinsman redeemer.

In 1st and 2nd Samuel, He is the trusted prophet.

In 1st and 2nd Kings, He is the mighty King.

In 1st and 2nd Chronicles, He is the eternal Monarch.

In Ezra, He is the faithful scribe.

In Nehemiah, He is the rebuilders of the wall.

In Esther, He is the escape from death.

In Job, He is the hope and resurrection.

In Psalms, He is the good shepherd.

In Proverbs, He is eternal wisdom, and the strong tower.

In Ecclesiastes, He is all time and eternity.

In Song of Solomon, He is the lover of our souls.

In Isaiah, He is the prince of peace.

In Jeremiah, He is the righteous branch.

In Lamentations, He is the one who weeps in our behalf.

In Ezekiel, He is the God of the four faces, the wheel in the middle of the wheel.

In Daniel, He is the fourth man in the fiery furnace.

In Hosea, He is the faithful husband.

In Joel, He is the restorer of wasted years.

In Amos, He is the burden bearer.

In Obadiah, He is the mighty to save.

In Jonah, He is the first great missionary.

In Micah, He is the one who will cast our sins in the depths of the sea.

In Nahum, He is the avenger of God's elect.

In Habakkuk, He is the one who fulfills our visions.

In Zephaniah, He is the one who gathers the nations.

In Haggai, He is the restorer of the lost inheritance.

In Zechariah, He is the one who brings light at the evening time.

In Malachi, He is the sun of righteousness with healing in his wings.

In Matthew, He is the Messiah.

In Mark, He is the miracle worker.

In Luke, He is the Son of man.

In John, He is the Son of God.

In Acts, He is the baptizer with the Holy Ghost.  
In Romans, He is the one who delivers from condemnation.  
In 1st and 2nd Corinthians, He is the fruit and the gifts of the Spirit.  
In Galatians, He is the redeemer from the curse of the law.  
In Ephesians, He is the one who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.  
In Philippians, He is the supplier of every need.  
In Colossians, He is the fullness of the Godhead.  
In 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, He is the soon coming king.  
In 1st and 2nd Timothy, He is the mediator between God and man.  
In Titus, He is the good pastor.  
In Philemon, He is the intercessor for the oppressed.  
In Hebrews, He is the one who is touched by the feeling of our infirmities.  
In James, He is the great physician.  
In 1st and 2nd Peter, He is the chief shepherd.  
In 1st, 2nd and 3rd John, He is everlasting love.  
In Jude, He is the Lord who comes back with ten thousands of His saints.  
In Revelation, He is the King of kings and Lord of lords who rules in the New Jerusalem.  
He is altogether lovely!

### **HALLELUJAH! JESUS IS AWESOME!!!**

He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End!  
He is the keeper of Creation and the Creator of all!  
He is the Architect of the universe and the Manager of all times.  
He always was, He always is, and He always will be...  
Unmoved, Unchanged, Undefeated, and never Undone!  
He was bruised and brought healing!  
He was pierced and eased pain!  
He was persecuted and brought freedom!  
He was dead and brought life!  
He is risen and brings power!  
He reigns and brings Peace!  
The world can't understand Him, the armies can't defeat Him,  
The schools can't explain Him, and the leaders can't ignore Him.  
Herod couldn't kill Him,  
The Pharisees couldn't confuse Him, and the people couldn't hold Him!  
Nero couldn't crush Him, Hitler couldn't silence Him.  
The New Age can't replace Him, and Donahue can't explain Him away!  
He is light, love, longevity, and Lord.  
He is goodness, kindness, gentleness, and God.  
He is holy, righteous, mighty, powerful, and pure.  
His ways are right, His word is eternal,  
His will is unchanging, and His mind is on me.  
He is my Redeemer, He is my Savior, He is my guide, and He is my peace!  
He is my joy, He is my comfort, He is my Lord, and He rules my life!  
I serve Him because His bond is love,  
His burden is light and His goal for me is abundant life.  
I follow Him because He is the wisdom of the wise, the power of the powerful,

The ancient of days, the ruler of rulers, the leader of leaders, the overseer of the overcomers, and  
The sovereign Lord of all that was and is and is to come.  
And if that seems impressive to you, try this for size—His goal is a relationship with me!  
He will never leave me, never forsake me, never mislead me, never forget me,  
Never overlook me, and never cancel my appointment in His appointment book!  
When I fall, He lifts me up! When I fail, He forgives!  
When I am weak, He is strong! When I am lost, He is the way!  
When I am afraid, He is my courage! When I stumble, He steadies me!  
When I am hurt, He heals me! When I am broken, He mends me! When I am blind, He leads me!  
When I am hungry, He feeds me! When I face trials, He is with me!  
When I face persecution, He shields me! When I face problems, He comforts me!  
When I face loss, He provides for me! When I face death, He carries me home!  
He is everything for everybody, everywhere, every time, and every way.  
He is God, He is faithful! I am His, and He is mine!  
My Father in heaven can whip the father of this world.  
So, if you're wondering why I feel so secure, understand this...  
He said it and that settles it.  
God is in control, I am on His side, and that means all is well with my soul.  
**Everyday is a blessing for GOD Is!**

*Author Unknown*

**HE IS...**

The Angel of Jehovah  
The Stone of Israel  
The Peace Offering  
The Sceptre  
The Rock of My Salvation  
The Captain of the Host  
The Daysman  
The Lifter Up of Mine Head  
My Rock and My Fortress  
The Restorer  
Jehovah, Mighty in Battle  
A Strong Tower  
The King of Glory  
My Strong Rock  
The First Born  
The Rose of Sharon  
The Rock that is Higher than I  
He Is Excellent  
The Lily of the Valley  
The Chiefest Among Ten Thousand  
He Is Altogether Lovely  
The Everlasting Father  
The Counsellor  
The Prince of Peace  
The Rock of Ages  
He is Strength to the Poor and Needy  
He is a Crown of Glory

He is a Sure Foundation  
 He is a Rock in a Weary Land  
 He is our Lawgiver  
 He is a Light to the Gentiles  
 The Holy One of Israel  
 A Root out of a Dry Ground  
 A Man of Sorrows  
 A Witness to the People  
 The Redeemer  
 The Balm of Gilead  
 The Hope of Israel  
 The Great Physician  
 The Stone Cut Out Without Hands  
 He is a Wall of fire  
 The Ancient of Days  
 The Messenger of the Covenant  
 He is the Son of Abraham  
 The Son of David  
 The Son of God  
 The Son of Man  
 The Son of Mary  
 Emmanuel  
 Friend of Sinners  
 The Prophet of Nazareth  
 Master  
 Bridegroom  
 The Holy One of God  
 The Carpenter  
 The King of the Jews  
 The Highest  
 The Word  
*He is Jesus!*

### Chapter Seventeen HOLY GHOST

*[18] And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

*[19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*[20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

**Matthew 28:18-20**

In this chapter I want to emphasize the reality and personality of the Holy Spirit. It matters not to me whether you call Him the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit. Notice that I did not say “call it” but rather said “call Him”, because the Holy Spirit is not an it, not just a force or influence, but a real person. In fact, He is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

Let us take the time here to give scriptural references to prove the Personality of the Holy Spirit. How can one be a consistent believer of the Bible and not believe in the doctrine of the tri-unity of the Godhead? This membership of the Holy Spirit in the Holy Trinity is itself proof of His personality.

*And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the **mind** of the Spirit, because **he** maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

**Romans 8:27**

*But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as **he** will.*

**1 Corinthians 12:11**

*And **grieve not** the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

**Ephesians 4:30**

*But they rebelled, and **vexed** his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.*

**Isaiah 63:10**

The words in bold print are my emphasis. This was done to show that the Holy Spirit is a real person with a mind, will, and emotions. Now I want us to look at some of His activities. I will emphasize them also by bold print.

*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach** you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

**John 14:26**

*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify** of me:*

**John 15:26**

*And when **he** is come, **he will reprove** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

**John 16:8**

*Howbeit when **he**, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he will guide** you into all truth: for **he shall not speak of himself**; but whatsoever **he shall hear**, that shall **he speak**: and **he will shew** you things to come.*

**John 16:13**

*For as many as are **led** by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

**Romans 8:14**

*Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the **fear** of the **Lord**, and in the **comfort** of the **Holy Ghost**, were multiplied.*

**Acts 9:31**

*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land?*

**Acts 5:3**

There are other examples that can be used but I believe the point has been sufficiently made. As we know Him, I believe we will honor Him as the One who glorifies our Lord.

*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that **he may abide** with you for ever;*

**John 14:16**

Notice the word **another**. Even as the Father is a person, and the Son is a person, so is the Comforter a real person. Also, it is interesting that we see the entire Trinity in this verse. Of course there are other passages which reveal the Trinity, or Godhead.

*[16] And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*

*[17] And lo a **voice from heaven**, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

**Matthew 3:16-17**

*The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the **love of God**, and the **communion of the Holy Ghost**, be with you all. Amen.*

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

*[32] This **Jesus** hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.*

*[33] Therefore being by the right hand of **God** exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the **Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*

**Acts 2:32-33**

*How **God** anointed **Jesus** of Nazareth with the **Holy Ghost** and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

**Acts 10:38**

Oh, Hallelujah! To think that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit wants to become involved in our lives. He does, you know. Watch this:

*[26] Likewise the **Spirit** also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

*[27] And **he that searcheth** the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, **because he maketh intercession** for the saints according to the **will of God**.*

**Romans 8:26-27**

Do you know Him? Have you been filled up with Him? It is not only God's will, it is God's command.

*[18] And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

*[19] Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in*

*your heart to the Lord;*

*[20] Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

*[21] Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

**Ephesians 5:18-21**

We have only begun to realize how important the Blessed Holy Spirit is to our lives. It would take many more lessons to describe His importance to us. We need only to consider the following words of Jesus to begin to comprehend. When Jesus tells us it is necessary, important, profitable, **expedient** that He would go away, it should cause us to take notice.

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is **expedient** for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

**John 16:7**

The Holy Ghost—our Comforter.

## CONCLUSION

I want to use the word **conclusion** in a different sense than is ordinarily implied when it appears at the close of a book.

Instead of using **conclusion** to call attention to **the end, final part, that's it**, etc., let us look at the word **conclusion** as it applies to a **reasoned judgement**, the necessary consequence, the **right answer**, or **proper goal**.

It has been emphasized in this book that knowing the **Names of God** does not only **inform** us of **who and what He is**, but also **points out** to us **who and what we should be**. This is extremely important in this day when it seems that **God's Grace** has been emphasized at the **expense** and to the **detriment** of **His Holiness**.

When Isaiah had his vision of God in Isaiah 6:1-8, he heard the seraphims crying one to another, "Holy, holy, holy" and not "Grace, grace, grace."

Somehow this generation seems to be encouraged to believe that Jesus Christ "Made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man he humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:7,8) so that we can live as carelessly as we like and still be assured of Heaven.

Think about it! Does it seem reasonable that Christ would be born, live a perfect life, suffer a horrible, torturous death by crucifixion so that we can claim salvation, and then live an insincere, haphazard Christian life, or even a life of outright sin and still go to Heaven?

Christ came to save us by His Blood and by His Spirit. He did not come to save us **in** our sins, but **from** them.

*[1] What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

*[2] God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

**Romans 6:1-2**

He did not die to enable us to sin without consequence. Today we hear ministers of the gospel proclaim that God will take sinners to Heaven because at some point in their lives they prayed a sinner's prayer.

It has become so ridiculous that people say that murderers and practicing homosexuals and adulterers will go to Heaven when the trumpet sounds because they once were saved. Can you even imagine, sinners going to a Holy Heaven where there are Holy Angels, and a Holy God?

*[9] Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*

*[10] Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

There will no doubt be those who will take the **Mark of the Beast** believing that God's Grace is more powerful than any little mark by the devil. But what does the Bible say?

*[9] And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*

*[10] The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

*[11] And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

**Revelation 14:9-11**

Is it my strong desire and encouragement that the effect of this book on you will not only reveal **God's Greatness** to you, but also point out **your responsibility** to Him.

*[3] For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

*[4] That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;*

*[5] Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:*

*[6] That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.*

*[7] For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

**1 Thessalonians 4:3-7**

*[11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

*[12] That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**

In a final word, let me remind you that the **True Grace of God** does not just lead us to salvation, it also **becomes our teacher**.

*[11] For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

*[12] Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

*[13] Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

*[14] Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

**Titus 2:11-14**

There is a disproportionate amount of time and effort spent in emphasizing **grace** and **faith** to the neglect of **holiness** and **righteousness**. Considering that the Bible mentions **holiness** and **righteousness** well over twice as many times as **grace** and **faith** are mentioned, shouldn't we consider that something is out of balance?

Why is it that "Bible Teachers" can only see scriptures that make us feel good, and neglect Bible verses that should govern how we are to live?

In my written **conclusion** I feel like the preacher who said in his sermon, "And now, **lastly**" and then continued to **last** for quite awhile.

I can only hope that this **conclusion** will help you make the **right conclusion**.

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