

“JEHOVAH–JIREH”
(Text: Genesis 22:1-14)

READ: Genesis 22:9-14

- God never allowed His people to draw, design, build or manufacture an image of any kind for Him.

When God gave what we know as the TEN COMMANDMENTS, here’s what He said:

“You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments”
(Exodus 20:2-6).

- No idol, image, or anything on earth could ever come close to picturing, describing or adequately representing God.

- In the Bible, GOD reveals Himself through His names.
- Since the beginning of time, man has tried to make God in his own image.
 - **TONY EVANS** says, “God isn’t necessarily who we want Him to be. He is who He is, not who you or I want Him to be or choose to define Him as. So if you’re going to know who God is, you’ll have to let Him define Himself simply because He is not ‘I am who you say I am.’ He is Jehovah, Yahweh, the Lord – I Am Who I Am.”

Dr. Evans continues: “God will often allow us to be in a situation with no possible solution. This is so we can discover that **HE** is our solution. He lets us hit rock bottom in order for us to learn that He is the **ROCK** at the bottom. He’ll put us between a rock and a hard place – a situation that seems confusing, incongruent, and chaotic. And He will often do this when He’s getting ready to reveal something new about Himself to us, just as He did with Moses . . .

“When God wants to show you a side of Him you’ve never seen before, He usually does it in the middle of a mess, a problem, a circumstance . . . a burning bush.

- In the Bible, the most commonly used designation for God is: **JEHOVAH**. (Used over **6,800** times.)
- There are **8 different JEHOVAH** names used to refer to God in the Bible.
 - Those 8 names reveal **WHO GOD IS** and **WHAT HE WILL DO** for His children.

NAMES ARE IMPORTANT . . .

- When a baby is about to be born – parents search for a name. (Baby Names – 171 Million)
- Psychologists say that what you call your child may psychologically affect your child’s behavior.
 - **DUMB-BELL** – your child may try to act dumb.
 - **BIG TEETH** – your child may not smile a lot.

Proverbs 22:1. “A good name is more desirable than great riches.”

BIBLE NAMES: Methuselah, Tiglath-pileser, Jehoshaphat, Nebuchadnezzar, Mephibosheth.

- If their mothers called them to supper and stuttered they could've starved to death.
- **Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego.** (Makes you appreciate names like Mike, Bill and John.)

What's in a name? ILL. Graduation ceremony at **YALE**.

- Speaker spoke for 30 minutes on each letter.
 - 30 minutes on **Y** for youth.
 - 30 minutes on **A** for ability.
 - 30 minutes on **L** for leadership.
 - 30 minutes on **E** for excellence.
- After 2 boring hours, two guys were talking and one said, "Can you believe that guy talked for two hours on the name YALE."
- "Yeah. Just be glad we didn't graduate from Massachusetts's Institute Of Technology."

What do you think about when someone says the name: JUDAS – traitor. THOMAS – doubter.

BILL GATES – wealth. BEETHOVEN – music. SHAKESPEARE – poetry (or the F you made in English).

What do you think about when you hear the name of GOD?

- **Matthew 6:9**, "When you pray, pray like this, 'Our father in heaven, hallowed be your NAME.'"

In the Bible, your name reflects your CHARACTER:

1. **Jacob – heel snatcher** (the late night TV salesman of the Old Testament)
 - When you dealt with Jacob you wanted two lawyers on either side.
 - God wrestled with him (**Genesis 32**) and changed his name to **Israel**.
(He struggled with God/God's fighter)
 - The nation of **ISRAEL** (God's fighter). Does the name fit?
2. **Abraham – father of many nations** (Jews & Arabs)
3. **Simon – John 1:42**, "You will be called Cephas/Peter . . ." which means Rock.
4. **Saul – the murderer** became **PAUL** the great missionary.
 - God changed his character and his name. (He wrote the majority of the **N.T.**)

Did you know if you're a Christian, you have a NEW name?

Revelation 2:17, "To him who overcomes . . . I will give a white stone with a new name written on it."

Revelation 3:12, "To him who overcomes . . . I will write on him my new name."

"There's a new name written down in glory, and it's mine. Oh yes, it's mine.
And the white robed angels sing the story; a sinner has come home."

So, what do you think about when you think about the name of GOD?

Tony Evans: "God's name is like a key that unlocks the treasure God has in store for you. Scripture tells us, 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe' (Proverbs 18:10). His name alone is a fortified place offering freedom, security, and peace. The psalmist tells us 'He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name' (Psalm 111:9) . . . One name by itself can't fully represent God's majesty and power. One name alone can't fully tell us all we need to know about this person we refer to as God."

This summer, we're going to be looking at the JEHOVAH NAMES OF GOD.

- It's important for us to know the names of God because then, we will know **WHO GOD IS** and we'll better understand **WHAT HE WANTS TO DO** for us as His children.

The EIGHT JEHOVAH NAMES of GOD:

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| 1. Jehovah–Jireh: | The Lord will Provide |
| 2. Jehovah–Shalom: | The Lord our Peace |
| 3. Jehovah–Rohi: | The Lord our Shepherd |
| 4. Jehovah–Nissi: | The Lord our Banner |
| 5. Jehovah–Rophe: | The Lord our Healer |
| 6. Jehovah–Shammah: | The Lord Who is There |
| 7. Jehovah–Tsidkenu: | The Lord our Righteousness |
| 8. Jehovah–M’Kaddesh: | The Lord Who Sanctifies |

- God started out as the “no-name” God.
 - **Exodus 6:3**, He appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as **God Almighty (El–Shaddai)** but not as **Jehovah**.
 - When the earth was created, God did not reveal Himself as **Jehovah**.
 - Yet, when the earth became corrupt, God chose a man (**ABRAHAM**) and a nation (**the JEWS**) through which He could preserve the purity of His name.
- God introduced Himself **first** as **EL SHADDAI – God Almighty**.
 - **Secondly**, He introduced Himself as **JEHOVAH**.
- God told **Moses** to go tell **Pharaoh**: “Let My people go!”
 - Moses said, “Who do I say sent me?” (**Exodus 3:13-14**) God says, “Say I AM sent me.”
 - Pharaoh was revered as a god among his people.
- God said, “You tell Pharaoh, ‘I AM’ sent me. He was God before you and after you’re gone He’ll still be God.”
 - “He’s **I AM**.” (Not **I WAS**, or **I MAY BE**, or **I WILL BE** . . . He’s **I AM!!**)
- We need to know **GOD**. We need to understand **WHO HE IS** so we can know **WHAT HE CAN Do**.
 - We need to know **GOD is JEHOVAH–JIREH**. The **GOD** Who **PROVIDES**.
 - The **GOD WHO SUPPLIES**.

Philippians 4:19, “And my God shall **SUPPLY** all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

- Some of you are having problems in your . . .
 - (a) **MARRIAGE**, (b) **HOME**, (c) **FAMILY**, (d) **FINANCES**, (e) **BUSINESS**,
 - (f) **HEALTH**.

Our GOD is EL–SHADDAI – the ALMIGHTY GOD.

- He has the ability to face **PHAROAH**.
- He has the ability to part the **RED SEA**.

- He has the ability to make the sun stand still for **JOSHUA**.
- He has the ability to close the mouths of the lions for **DANIEL**.
 - He has the ability to do whatever it is you need to have done.
- God didn't cease to be powerful at the end of the first century.
 - He's just as powerful today as He's ever been . . . **if you know Who HE is.**

When you say the name **BEETHOVEN**, it opens the doors of **MUSIC**.

When you say the name **BILL GATES**, it opens the doors of the **BANK**.

When you say the name **SHAKESPEARE**, it opens the doors of **LITERATURE**.

- But when you say the name **JEHOVAH–JIREH** – that opens the doors of Heaven and you can get your needs met.
 - Because that name opens the doors of supernatural power and supernatural provision so you can get your needs met according to His riches in glory.
- David said, "I will bless the name of the Lord at all times." (**Psalm 34:1**)

Psalm 20:7, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."

Psalm 29:2, "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness."

Psalm 34:3, "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together."

JEHOVAH–JIREH: The Lord Provides

- The Lord will provide what you can't.
 - God supplies worms for birds but He doesn't drop them down their throat.
- You can sit on your back porch strumming your banjo and thumping your Bible saying, "The Lord will provide."
 - But God's not going to do what you **CAN** do and **OUGHT** to do.
 - God will provide what you can't.
- You do all you can do, and all you ought to do. Then God will do what He alone can do.

God provided for your needs before you even knew you had them.

- Before you were ever hungry, God provided animals and plants that produce food for you.
- Before you were ever thirsty, God provided more water than you could ever drink.
- Before you ever dreamed of having transportation, God placed oil and other minerals in the earth.
- Before you were ever cold, God put wool on the backs of sheep and cotton plants in the fields.
- Before you were ever sick, God provided medicines and cures.
- Before you ever sinned, God provided redemption through the cross of Jesus Christ.
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Genesis 13. God gave Abraham the land of Israel and promised that His seed would be as numerous as dust.

- How could that happen when Abraham didn't have a son?

Genesis 15. God told Abraham he was going to have a son.

Genesis 16. Abraham (99) and Sarah (90) decided to help God out.

- Sarah told Abraham the only way he was going to have an “heir” was through her handmaiden.
 - Sarah gave her handmaiden, Hagar, to Abraham and they conceived a child.
- There they were trying to help **JEHOVAH–JIREH** out.
 - **Jehovah–Jireh** doesn’t need our help. We need His!
 - Friend, we need to know who God is. He’s **JEHOVAH–JIREH!!**

ILL. Hagar gave birth to ISHMAEL. Sarah became jealous and had Abraham kick them both out.

- Some **6,000 years later**, the descendants of **Isaac** and **Ishmael** are still at each other’s throats.
- God doesn’t need our help. What we can’t do **JEHOVAH–JIREH** can!!
 - **Jehovah–Jireh** has **no boundaries**.
 - **Jehovah–Jireh** has **no limits**.
 - **Jehovah–Jireh** has **no restrictions**.

Genesis 22:1-2. God told Abraham, “Take your son to Mt. Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice.”

Tony Evans: “Abraham suddenly finds himself in a **mess of contradictions**. He’s in a **theological contradiction** because God’s instruction goes against the promise of a future nation and the mandate not to kill. He’s in an **emotional contradiction** as his faith now collides with his affections. He’s facing a **social contradiction** because he will never become a ‘great name’ in his community if he kills his son. And he’s also in a **relational contradiction** because sacrificing Isaac would create great conflict in his marriage.”

WHAT WAS ABRAHAM’S RESPONSE? (Genesis 22)

Verse 3. Abraham rose early and obeyed. He didn’t gripe, complain or question.

Verse 8. He told Isaac, “God himself will provide the lamb.”

Verse 9. 25-year-old Isaac is bound on the altar by his aged father.

Verse 10. They say their good-byes and share a final embrace.

Verse 11. But “the angel of the Lord” stopped Abraham. (The pre-incarnate manifestation of Jesus.)

THERE IS TREMENDOUS TYPOLOGY HERE:

- It was **Abraham’s** only son. They went to the mountain. The Son carried the wood on his own back. God provided the lamb. **Isaac** went willingly. **Jesus** went willingly.
- Abraham called the place: **JEHOVAH–JIREH: the Lord will provide (Genesis 22:14)**
- Sometimes God puts us in situations that only He can solve, so we’ll have to acknowledge our need for Him.
 - GOD will supply ALL your needs this morning.
 - He ALREADY HAS the **solutions** to your problems, the **answers** to your questions and the **supplies** for all your needs.
- We just need to know **WHO HE IS** and then, when we go to Him in humble obedience, we’ll find out **WHAT HE CAN DO**.