# WHAT'S INA MAME?



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### The Names Of God - Part 4

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# **INTRODUCTION NOTES** In this series called, "What's In a Name?" we are looking at the different names of God. We have already looked at 6 of the 12 names. Today, we will take another step and look at some more names that will help us gain a better understanding of God. If there was ever a time when we need to understand who God is, it is now. Our world is so unstable with all kinds of thoughts, ideas, and philosophies around who God is. So as His followers, we need to be rooted in the character of God and what God reveals about Himself through His names. **KEY POINTS** 1. JEHOVAH-NISSI "I am the LORD your banner" The first name of God that we want to talk about is "Jehovah-Nissi." It literally means, "I am the Lord your banner." In other words, we are under His orders, under His control, and we belong to Him. Even when things are going poorly in your life, do you feel like you are under God's protection? Nothing can come into your life as a child of God without God's permission. No matter what adversity you are experiencing, God is allowing it. God is using it to knock off the rough edges in your life that do not look like Jesus. This can pull you back under His banner. He might be using this circumstance to be a testimony of God's presence in your life to other people. When they see how you handle what is happening, it blows them away. God is using this in your life or in someone else's life. As a child of God, you need to trust that God uses the good things as well as the bad things in your life. 2. JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH "I am the LORD who makes you holy" God is telling His children that He is the One who makes them holy. They are not holy in their own ability. We can consecrate ourselves and decide we will live lives that we are set apart for Him. We can choose to position ourselves in the right direction for God's right purposes in our lives right now. It is God and God alone who chooses to make you holy.

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That being said, don't ever be afraid of the word, "holy." Instead, be afraid of the phrase, "holier than thou." Sadly, many people are "holier than thou." That is the number one reason why people don't go to church because they have been around a bunch of "holier than thou" people. You don't need to be mean. Rather, you must never build yourself up and think you are everything; you are living for Him.

### 3. JEHOVAH-SHALOM "I am the Lord your peace"

God wants you to live completely in His peace. If you look at the life of Jesus, He moved from peace to peace to peace. Never once was He anxious, even though He knew that His earthly ministry would not last long. The crowds began to diminish as He talked about what it really meant to follow Him. When they didn't get to see the miracles and watch the show, they lost interest. When His teachings became difficult, the crowds diminished.

Not once was Jesus full of anxiety. He knew where His next steps led and what God would do through His one sacrifice. We need to realize that our peace flows from Jesus. If Jesus is in you, He will flow out of you.

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## **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1.	How has God used tough	circumstances	in your	life to	make you	more like
	Jesus?					

2.	Have you ever	fallen i	into the	trap of	acting '	"holier t	han th	ou?" Wl	hat was	the
	outcome of tha	at insta	nce?							

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3.	. What is one area of your life in which you need peace?				

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