

God's Promises Are in His Names

God is not distant or unknowable. He has revealed Himself to us through His names, and each name tells us something powerful about His nature, His promises, and His covenant commitment to us. Understanding who God is by name changes how we pray, how we trust, and how we live.

What Does the Name "Christian" Actually Mean?

The word "Christian" was not given to believers by God. It was coined by the people who watched the early church live. They saw something on those believers that reminded them of Jesus Himself, and so they called them Christians, which in Greek means "anointed ones."

Just as Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, the early church walked in that same anointing. People noticed. That is the kind of reputation worth having. Not just a title, but a testimony.

Why God Reveals Himself Through His Names

In Scripture, a person's name carries the fullness of who they are. That is especially true of God. When He entered into covenant with His people, He revealed Himself through His names. Each name is a window into His nature and a promise of what He will be for those who trust Him.

When Moses asked God who He should say sent Him, God answered simply: "I AM WHO I AM." He is the great I AM. He is not just the answer to your need. He is the answer itself. Whatever you need Him to be, He already is.

Jehovah Jireh: What Does It Mean That God Is Our Provider?

In Genesis 22, God revealed Himself to Abraham as Jehovah Jireh, which means "the Lord who sees ahead and provides." This is not just a name. It is a description of how God operates.

Before you ever knew you had a need, He already saw it. Jesus echoed this truth when He said your Heavenly Father knows what you need before you even ask. God is not scrambling to catch up with your problems. He has already gone ahead of you.

Consider the crossing of the Red Sea. Beneath the water, right where the Israelites crossed, there was a natural land bridge. That land bridge did not appear overnight. It took perhaps hundreds of years to form. God was preparing their provision long before they ever knew they needed it. He is doing the same for you.

When you are in covenant with God, provision is not just something He does. It is who He is. He would have to stop being Jehovah Jireh in order to fail to provide for you.

Jehovah Rapha: Is Healing Part of God's Nature?

In Exodus 15:26, God declares Himself to be Jehovah Rapha, the Lord who heals. Healing is not something God does occasionally. It is who He is.

Matthew records repeatedly that Jesus "healed them all." Not some. Not the ones who deserved it. All of them. Every kind of sickness, every kind of disease. That is consistent with a God whose very name is Healer.

You cannot say God sometimes heals and sometimes does not if you understand His name. He would have to change His name, change His nature, to withhold healing. That is not who He is. If you need healing, you can call on Jehovah Rapha with confidence, not because of who you are, but because of who He is.

Jehovah Nissi: What Does It Mean That God Is Our Banner?

In Exodus 17:15, God is revealed as Jehovah Nissi, the Lord our banner. A banner in battle was a symbol of victory, honor, and power. It inspired courage in those who carried it and struck fear into the enemy.

God does not promise to keep you from battles. He promises to be your banner in them. When you lift up the name of Jehovah Nissi, the enemy sees the armies of heaven standing with you. There are more with you than there are against you.

Jehovah Shalom: What Is the Peace That God Promises?

In Judges 6:24, God reveals Himself as Jehovah Shalom, the Lord our peace. But this peace is not simply the absence of conflict. The Hebrew word "shalom" means wholeness, completeness, well-being, and prosperity.

First Thessalonians 5:23 captures this beautifully: "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole Spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God wants to preserve your whole person. Spirit, soul, and body. That is shalom. And it is available to you now, in this life.

Most conflict and strife comes from fear and panic. When people lose their peace, they say the wrong things, make the wrong moves, and create bigger problems. But when you stand in Jehovah Shalom, you can do what Moses did at the Red Sea. You can tell everyone around you to stand still and watch what God is going to do.

Jehovah Roi: What Does It Mean That God Is Our Shepherd?

Psalms 23:1 opens with one of the most beloved declarations in all of Scripture: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." In Hebrew, this name is Jehovah Roi.

A good shepherd knows his sheep, tends to their needs, and leads them with care. Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of this name. He is the Good Shepherd who knows you by name and leads you into provision, rest, and safety.

Jehovah Tsidkenu: What Does It Mean That God Is Our Righteousness?

In Jeremiah 23:6, God is called Jehovah Tsidkenu, the Lord our righteousness. This is a name that should set you free from striving.

Righteousness is not something you earn. It is someone you receive. When you have God, you have righteousness, because it is who He is. You are clothed in His righteousness. You are right in His sight right now.

If you are righteous enough to go to heaven, you are righteous enough for God to answer your prayers, walk with you, and rescue you from whatever you are facing. Stop trying to earn what has already been given.

Jehovah Shammah: What Does It Mean That God Is Always Present?

Ezekiel 48:35 reveals God as Jehovah Shammah, which means "the Lord is there." Wherever you need Him, He is already present. Jesus fulfilled this name as Emmanuel, God with us.

Even Jonah, in full rebellion, could not escape the presence of God. God had already prepared the fish that would save Him. If God is that present for someone running in the opposite direction, how much more is He present for those who are walking in obedience?

El Shaddai: What Does It Mean That God Is More Than Enough?

In Genesis 17:1, God appears to Abraham and declares Himself as El Shaddai, God Almighty, the all-sufficient one. Another way to understand this name is that He is the God who is more than enough. Not just enough. More than enough.

He does not just bless you. He overwhelms you. He saturates you. He is not a God of barely getting by. He is a God of overflow.

El Elyon: What Does It Mean That God Is Most High?

Genesis 14:18-20 introduces God as El Elyon, God Most High. He is above every ruler, every kingdom, and every problem you will ever face. And because you are in Him, you are seated with Him in that high place.

Ephesians tells us we are seated together with Christ in heavenly places. That means you have a view from above. When you are thousands of feet in the air, the traffic jams below do not affect you. Stay in that high place. Do not let fear pull you down into the chaos when God has already positioned you above it.

Adonai: What Does It Mean That God Is Lord and Master?

Adonai means Lord and Master. It speaks of ownership. We belong to Him. He is not just a helper we call on when things get hard. He is our master, and we are His. That is not a burden. It is a blessing, because look at who He is.

Why the Name of Jesus Is Above Every Other Name

Philippians 2:9-10 says: "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth."

Every name we have explored is contained in the name of Jesus:

- Jehovah Jireh: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."
- Jehovah Rapha: He went about healing all who were oppressed.
- Jehovah Shalom: "My peace I give to you."
- Jehovah Roi: He is the Good Shepherd.
- Jehovah Tsidkenu: We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- Jehovah Shammah: He is Emmanuel, God with us.

You do not have to know every name perfectly. You just need to know the name. When you call on Jesus, you are calling on all of these names at once. His name is above every sickness, every fear, every demon, every mountain, every problem. Every problem has a name. But the name of Jesus is above every name.

Life Application

This week, choose one of God's names that speaks directly to something you are facing right now. If you are struggling with fear, meditate on Jehovah Shalom. If you are facing a health challenge, declare Jehovah Rapha over your body. If you are worried about finances or the future, remind yourself that Jehovah Jireh has already seen your need and is already at work.

Do not just know these names intellectually. Speak them. Pray them. Let them reshape how you see your situation.

Ask yourself:

- Which of God's names do I need to trust more deeply right now, and why?
- Am I approaching God based on who He is, or am I letting doubt and fear define what I believe He will do for me?
- When I say the name of Jesus, do I truly understand the fullness of what I am calling on?

God has not changed. His names have not changed. His nature has not changed. The same God who split the Red Sea, healed the sick, and provided for millions in the wilderness is the same God who is with you today. Know His name. Trust His nature. And walk in the covenant He has made with you.

Quotes

1. God reveals His covenant commitment by revealing Himself through His names.
2. The Great I AM is everything you'll ever need, exactly when you need Him.
3. Jehovah Jireh saw your need long before you ever did.
4. God doesn't just have the answer—He is the answer.
5. God would have to deny His own nature before He could fail to provide for His covenant people.
6. We never question God's willingness to heal because healing is who He is.
7. God heals as consistently as He remains Jehovah Rapha—which is forever.
8. Healing flows from God's nature, and Jesus proved it by healing them all.
9. God's peace is more than the absence of conflict; it is the presence of wholeness.
10. Righteousness isn't something we achieve—it's Someone we receive.
11. Stop striving for righteousness and start living in the righteousness you've been clothed with.
12. Every problem has a name, but the name of Jesus is above them all.
13. When you call on Jesus, you call upon the fullness of every name of God.
14. God isn't sometimes Healer—He is always Jehovah Rapha.
15. If God was faithful to Jonah in rebellion, how much more will He be faithful to you in covenant?

16. El Shaddai is not just enough—He is more than enough.

17. There is no higher place than with the Most High.

18. Knowing the names of God reveals the power that's in the name of Jesus.

19. Before Jonah ever needed a fish, God had already prepared one.

20. Peace keeps you from panicking so you can follow God's leading.

Verses

1. Exodus 3

2. Genesis 22

3. Exodus 15:26

4. Exodus 17:15

5. Judges 6:24

6. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

7. Psalm 23:1

8. Jeremiah 23:6

9. Ezekiel 48:35

10. Genesis 17:1

11. Genesis 14:18-20

12. Philippians 2:9

Summary

God is not distant or unknowable. He has revealed Himself through His names, and each name carries a promise about His nature and His covenant commitment to us. From

Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides, to Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals, every name is a window into who He is and what He has already made available to those who trust Him. Jehovah Shalom offers wholeness and peace, Jehovah Nissi stands as our banner in battle, and El Shaddai reminds us that He is not just enough but more than enough. All of these names find their fullness in the name of Jesus, the name above every other name. When you call on Jesus, you are calling on every one of these names at once. Know His name, trust His nature, and walk in the covenant He has made with you.