

Glimpses of God - part 1 – Eternal provider

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BIG IDEA – God has always provided and supplied our needs.

scripture focus - Isaiah 52:6 NLT “But I will **reveal my name** to my people, and they will come to **know its power**. Then at last they will **recognize that I am the one who speaks to them.**”

What’s in a name?

Names are significant. Names can often provide a prophetic sense of what a person will become. There are even times when changing your name becomes necessary to break from the past and head towards a new future. Do you know the meaning of your name? Check out this link - <https://www.names.org/>

The Bible is absolutely filled with names. These next few weeks we will look at God’s names and how that gives us glimpses of who He is - His character. We will also look at those characteristics of God as **displayed in the words, behaviors, or miracles of Jesus.**

The Old Testament uses three primary Hebrew names for God. These three names are Elohim, Yahweh (also transliterated Jehovah), and Adonai. Debi Pryde, Glimpses of God. (<https://a.co/d/7puY9ct>).

We are going to explore the 9 names (Yahweh) of God.

Let’s first look at the name God told Moses while standing on the side of a mountain.

Exodus 3:1-4 NLT

“One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and

came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There **the angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied."

We have here a [Christophany](#), Jesus in the Old Testament.

Interesting, that after Moses responds with, "who am I?" he asks the voice "who are you?" Who should I say is sending me? **Remember, Abram, later called Abraham, heard God's voice as well, but never asked God's name and God didn't give it at that time. (Genesis 12:1).**

God tells Moses, **tell them "I Am" (hayah) has sent you.** "I am who I am," "I am what I am," or "I will be what I will be." When you type the phrase, "I Am sent me," our modern auto-correction tries to fix it because it does not make sense in our language.

Then God gives Moses His name: Yahweh.

Exodus 3:14-15 NLT "God replied to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. Say this to the people of Israel: **I Am has sent me to you.**" God also said to Moses, "**Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh**, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations."

This primary name of God [Yahweh] is used [6220 times](#) in the Old Testament.

Is God's name, Yahweh, used in the New Testament? No, it is not. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, and even in the original Hebrew text, that the Jewish people still use today, the entirety of the word, Yahweh is not printed at all. They only have an abbreviated version that is missing the vowels, so it is written as YHWH.

Orthodox Jews believe that using God's name incorrectly or in a dishonorable way would mean immediate death.

Jesus referred to himself as being God by using the same phrase that God spoke to Moses himself.

In John 5, Jesus started laying down some serious language letting the religious leaders know exactly who he claimed to be. It all started by Jesus healing a man who had been crippled for 38 years. **However, Jesus purposely healed him on the Sabbath.**

The Sabbath was a particularly complicated day because the Pharisees, made it so rule bound that it lost most of its original meaning of rest, for one day a week.

In my notes you'll find a link to this:

The Mishnah lists 39 primary kinds of labor that were not allowed on that day.

The Pharisees were continually employing the letter of man-made laws to destroy the spirit of the law of God. This is what religion does! It can lie and steal the beauty of a relationship with the living God and turn it into a prison of complicated regulations and shame.

The religious leaders found Jesus and demanded that he answer for Him publicly, purposely breaking the law.

Jesus answered them in such a peculiar way! "But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I.'" **John 5:17 NLT**

It makes perfect sense that Jesus would then go even further, clearly stating that He was in fact God!

In John chapter 8, it gets even more heated. The people got in a huge argument with Jesus. Jesus ended up **calling them SOD's (sons of the devil)**, they retorted back with a racial slur," Oh yeah, well **you're a Samaritan Devil!**" (Vs 48).

The crowd became even more incensed, later asking, “Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. **Who do you think you are?**” (Vs 53).

They asked Jesus straight out, “who do **you think** you are?” Jesus didn’t think it, **He knows who He is.**

Jesus answers talking more about Abraham, the father of Judaism, saying, “Your father Abraham rejoiced as he looked forward to my coming. He saw it and was glad.” (vs. 56)

The people were truly puzzled by this so they asked Jesus, how it would even be possible that Abraham could “see” Jesus, sarcastically saying, “you’re not old enough.” (“The people said, “You aren’t even fifty years old. How can you say you have seen Abraham?” John 8:57)

Jesus had already been dropping the phrase, “**I Am he,**” several times in this long discussion inside the temple (John 8:24, 28, 58).

Jesus then makes the most radical, declarative statement of His entire time on earth.

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I Am!” John 8:58 NLT. In Greek, “**before Abraham was, I Am.**” Jesus used the **identical phrase that God spoke to Moses, five hundred years earlier when he asked, “Who should I say sent me?”**

The crowd wanted to stone Jesus on the spot for saying that. They called it blasphemy; Jesus called it truth! “**At that point they picked up stones to throw at him.** But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple.” **John 8:59 NLT**

What is important is that as the name, Yahweh, given by God himself represents the eternal – “I am who I am,” “I am what I am,” or “I will be what I will be” – can be seen in Jesus’ life through His words, but

even more so through His actions, **the miracles Jesus performed more than proves He is God.**

Every time we read about a miracle; we get a glimpse of God through the declaration of names God have in the Old Testament.

Like I said, there are 9 of these declarative characteristics connected with the name of God – Yahweh.

Let's briefly look at the first one: **Jehovah Jireh - The Lord Will Provide.**

yir.'eh(יִרְאֶה) – mentioned 45 times. The Lord sees, thus provides.

Genesis 22:14 “Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the Lord will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: **“On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”**”

I want us to remember that the original Hebrew word for Jireh (Yireh) is **raah: to see. God sees and provides.**

Isaac asked a chilling question on the hill, he said, “We have the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?”

Abraham answered (Gen 22:8), “God will provide (yir.'eh) a sheep for the burnt offering.”

Now let's look over into the New Testament to see that characteristic of God as displayed in one of the miracles of Jesus.

One of the **greatest examples of Jesus displaying Jehovah-Jireh takes place in an empty field, filled with thousands of spiritually and physically hungry people.**

It's known as the feeding of five thousand, but there were far more than that – possibly 15-20,000 men, women, and children.

This miracle is mentioned in all four of the gospels, each one having a unique perspective on how it happened and how the disciples felt about it.

Matthew writes...

“Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.” Matthew 14:14 NLT

Mark writes...

“Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.” Mark 6:34 NLT

Luke writes...

“Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, “Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place.” But Jesus said, “You feed them.””

Luke 9:12-13a NLT

John writes...

“Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?”” John 6:5 NLT

Oftentimes, we are overwhelmed by the circumstances we see around us - our kids, our family, our friends. And, when that happens, I can relate relate to the disciples’ response!

“Send them away,” three of the gospels’ records. John records Philip’s exasperated response, “Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!”” John 6:7 NLT

But Jesus, Jehovah-Jireh in human form not only saw them, but He also did a miracle proving that He is God and provided for them.

Jesus provided “as much as they wanted” (John 6:11), and “they all ate and were satisfied” (Matthew 14:20). Christ did not just meet the need; He lavished them with so much food that there were “twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish” left over (Mark 6:43).

The name of God reminds me that He is ABLE and the addition of the word Jireh, means He PROVIDES.

God is eternal and sees everything going on in our, our life, and our circumstances. He has compassion and mercy on us!

When we call out in Jesus’ name, we are calling out to the God of all creation.

I also want us to realize, that we are also agents and ambassadors of God.

When we come upon a friend or family member in crisis, we may want to keep our distance, stay quiet because we don’t know what to do or say. God even sees those situations.

Rather than saying to ourselves, “I can’t do anything about it, so I must send them away.” Or “I can’t afford to feed them or fix what is broken.” I want us to remember Jesus’ words, “You feed them.”

And instead of panicking like Philip, just begin to look around for God’s provision – even if it’s in a young boy’s sack lunch. Because God knows how to multiply to provide in abundance. He just wants us to step out in faith when the time comes!

God sees and is way bigger than we realize and wants us to believe that He will provide.

NOTES

Scriptures

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Daniel 9:4 NLT “I prayed to the **Lord** [Yahweh] my God and confessed: “O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! **You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unflinching love to those who love you and obey your commands.**”

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Questions

- Q: What does your name mean? Have you looked it up?
- Q: What do you think about the names of God being represented IN Jesus' life?
- Q: How would you explain the phrase, "I Am"?
- Q: How can we grasp God existing before time and forever?
- Q: Talk about a time you felt that you were seen by God?
- Q: How have you seen God provide at the perfect moment?
- Q: How can this idea of being "seen" by God be a comfort for someone who does not know God?

Diving Deeper into God's Word

God's Yahweh names

YHWH / YAHWEH / JEHOVAH [yah-way / ji-hoh-veh]: "LORD" (Deuteronomy 6:4; Daniel 9:14) – strictly speaking, the only proper name for God. Translated in English Bibles "LORD" (all capitals) to distinguish it from *Adonai*, "Lord." The revelation of the name is given to Moses "I Am who I Am" (Exodus 3:14). This name specifies an immediacy, a presence. **Yahweh is present, accessible, near to those who call on Him for deliverance (Psalm 107:13), forgiveness (Psalm 25:11) and guidance (Psalm 31:3).**

1. YAHWEH-JIREH [yah-way-ji-reh]: "The Lord Will Provide" (Genesis 22:14) – the name memorialized by Abraham when God provided the ram to be sacrificed in place of Isaac.

Benson Commentary

Exodus 3:2. The Angel of the Lord appeared to him — Not a created angel, but the Angel of the covenant, Christ, who then and ever was God, and was to be man, and a messenger from God to man. He, termed the Angel of God's presence, (Isaiah 63:9,) had wrestled with Jacob, (Genesis 32:24;) and had redeemed him from all evil, (Genesis 48:16;) and afterward conducted his posterity through the wilderness, 1 Corinthians 10:4.

Gil's Exposition of the Entire Bible

Isaiah 52:6: Therefore my people shall know my name,.... His nature and perfections; his faithfulness in fulfilling his promises to them; his power in delivering them out of their bondage; and his justice in punishing their enemies.

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary

Isaiah 52:6: shall know in that day—when Christ shall reveal Himself to Israel sensibly; the only means whereby their obstinate unbelief shall be overcome (Ps 102:16; Zec 12:10; 14:5).

Barnes' Notes on the Bible

Isaiah 52:6: Therefore my people shall know my name - The idea in this verse is, that his people should have **such exhibitions of his power as to furnish to them demonstration that he was God.**

Internet Links

[meaning of your name?](#)

[Glimpses of God, Debi Pryde](#)

[What can we learn from Jesus feeding of the 5,000?](#)