

Encounter Church
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Ancient Prayers
This is Our God

INTRODUCTION: One of the most popular and well known chapters in the Bible is Psalms 23. This one chapter tells us everything about God we need to know to confidently trust God and experience his peace.

It reveals to us WHO God is! But before we read Psalm 23 let's read about an encounter that Moses has with God as God is calling Moses to speak for Him and deliver God's Children out of Egyptian bondage.

Exodus 3:11-15 (NLT)- "But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" God answered, "I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain." But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you, 'they will ask me, 'What is his name? 'Then what should I tell them?" 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."

God is telling Moses "It's not about who you are, it's about WHO I AM!"

God is revealing His divine nature and attributes in His Name!

God is telling Moses to be rooted and grounded in who I AM!

Colossians 1:10 (NLT)- "So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better."

Knowing God in truth will dramatically impact your prayer life!

Hosea 6:3 (NLT)- "Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring."

WHAT WOULD PSALM 23 LOOK LIKE IF WHEN WE READ IT, WE READ IT AS A PRAYER AND NOT JUST READING ANOTHER CHAPTER IN BIBLE.

Psalms 23 (NKJV)- “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.”

What would it do for your prayer life if you believed God answered your prayers based on WHO He is and not on who you are!

It’s not about who you are but who He is!

1. He is my Shepherd

“The Lord is my shepherd;”

Hebrew Word- *Jehovah Rohi*

John 10:14 (NLT)- ““I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me,”

2. He is my Provider

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

Hebrew Word- *Jehovah Jireh*

Philippians 4:19 AMP)- “And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

3. He is my Peace

“He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.”

Hebrew Word- *Jehovah Shalom*

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)- “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Isaiah 26:3- “You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You,

Because he trusts in You.”

4. He is my Healer

“He restores my soul;”

Hebrew Word- *Jehovah Rophe*

1 Peter 2:24-25- “He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.”

5. He is my Righteousness

“He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.”

Hebrew Word- *Jehovah Tsidkenu*

Romans 3:25-26 (NLT)- “For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.”

1Peter 1:14-15 (NLT)- “So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.”

6. He is my Constant Companion

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”

Hebrew Word- *Jehovah Shammah*

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NLT)- “For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

7. He is my Sanctifier

“You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.”

Hebrew Word- *Jehovah M'kaddesh*

2 Timothy 2:21- “If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.”

1 Peter 2:9-10 (MSG)- “But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.”

8. He is my Victory

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;”

Hebrew Word- *Jehovah Nissi*

There's evil in our world!

Philippians 1:28 (NLT)- “Don’t be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself.”

Romans 8:37- “No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.”

CONCLUSION: What if God answers prayer based on WHO HE IS?

When I pray, I’m praying to my Shepherd, my Provider, my Peace, my Healer, my Righteousness, my Best Friend Forever, my Sanctifier and my Victory!

Friends this will charge your prayer life!

It's more about WHO GOD IS and not who you are!