

JESUS CHRIST: The Fulfillment of the Promises of God

Part 1: Jehovah Titles Intro

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There are various titles for God in Old Testament Hebrew. While *Elohim* is God as the Creator of all things, *Jehovah* is the same God in covenant relation to those whom He has created. We can say "My God," but not *My Jehovah*," for Jehovah means "My God."

God made a covenant with Abraham a long time ago. This same covenant is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. God is now in covenant relation with all who have believed on His Son, Jesus Christ. These Jehovah titles are one way we can clearly see what God is toward His people. As God was *Jehovah* to the nation of Israel, so He is *Jehovah* to us, His covenant people today, through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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All of the ancient prophecies and promises from Jehovah find their fulfillment in the Christ. We are blessed recipients of these prophecies and promises:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ:" (Eph 1:3 ASV)

"For of his (Christ's) fulness we all received, and grace for grace." (Joh 1:16 ASV)

These prophecies and promises have two general categories – 1) all nations being blessed through Abraham, and 2) the glory to come with Christ ruling over all.

THE GLORY TO COME:

1. "then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom over Israel for ever, according as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel." (1Ki 9:5 ASV)
2. "1 ¶ And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of Jehovah; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears; 4 but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. 6 And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea. 10 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse, that standeth for an ensign of the peoples, unto him shall the nations seek; and his resting-place shall be glorious." (Isa 11:1-10 ASV)
3. "6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of

Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.” (Isa 9:6-7 ASV)

4. “And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Re 19:16 AV)
5. “¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For they that say such things make it manifest that they are seeking after a country of their own. ¹⁵ And if indeed they had been mindful of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.” (Heb 11:13-16 ASV)
6. “²⁶ His voice shook the earth at that time, but now He has promised, Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven. ²⁷ Now this expression, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what is not shaken might remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us hold on to grace. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe;” (Heb 12:26-28 HCSB)

ALL NATIONS BLESSED THROUGH ABRAHAM:

1. “²⁵ Ye are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ²⁶ Unto you first God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.” (Ac 3:25-26 ASV)
2. “Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.” (Ga 3:16 ASV)
3. “For not through the law was the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he should be heir of the world, but through the righteousness of faith.” (Ro 4:13 ASV)
4. “in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before times eternal;” (Tit 1:2 ASV)
5. “But now hath he obtained a ministry the more excellent, by so much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant, which hath been enacted upon better promises.” (Heb 8:6 ASV)
6. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (Joh 3:16 ASV)
7. “¹⁶ The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: ¹⁷ ¶ and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ” (Ro 8:16-17a ASV)
8. “Blessed be Jehovah, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by Moses his servant.” (1Ki 8:56 ASV)

“according to [the] purpose of the ages, which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord,” (Eph 3:11 Darby)

“¹⁶ because by Him all things were created, those in the heavens and those on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things are held together.” (Col 1:16-17 EMTV)

All the promises of God find their “yes” and “amen” in Jesus Christ. He is the purpose of all the ages. Without him everything falls apart. We will be seeing in this series that God is the same powerful and delivering God that we read about in the Old Testament. He is the same Jehovah to us. We are in covenant relation to JEHOVAH through the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, all those promises of God are fulfilled in Christ and we are in him.

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Part 2: Jehovah Sees or Provides

“¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not “Yes and no,” but in Him was “Yes.” ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are “Yes,” and in Him “Amen,” to the glory of God through us.” (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

As God was in covenant relation to the nation of Israel so He is in covenant relation to all who have believed on His Son, Jesus Christ. The Jehovah titles disclose what God is toward His people, His characteristics as *Jehovah*. As God was *Jehovah* to the nation of Israel, so He is *Jehovah* to us, His covenant people today, through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first in a series of the Jehovah titles found in scripture is Jehovah-Jireh: Jehovah will see, or provide. Gen. 22:14 God provides a lamb for the burnt offering in the stead of Abraham’s son. The lamb was a substitute as Jesus Christ became THE substitute in the stead of all of mankind. Abraham didn’t ask for, neither did he recognize the need for, the substitute lamb. How about you? Did you know to ask for these abundant blessings we have been given in Christ our substitute lamb?

Because God was in covenant relation to the nation of Israel He delivered them from the bondage of Egypt into the promised land (Ex. 3:7-10). They asked Him for deliverance from the bondage of Egypt, but didn’t ask for the Promised Land. He provided for them as He saw fit. Psalm 78 declares this covenant relation God had with Israel:

“¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light. ¹⁵ He cleft rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. ¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.” (Ps 78:13-16 RSV)

“²² because they had no faith in God, and did not trust his saving power. ²³ Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; ²⁴ and he rained down upon them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven. ²⁵ Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. ²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind; ²⁷ he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; ²⁸ he let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their habitations. ²⁹ And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.” (Ps 78:22-29 RSV)

“⁵² Then he led forth his people like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. ⁵³ He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid; but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. ⁵⁴ And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. ⁵⁵ He drove out nations before them; he apportioned them for a possession and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.” (Ps 78:52-55 RSV)

As Jehovah delivered Israel from the bondage of Egypt into the Promised Land, so he delivered us from the bondage of sin into the promised land of the Kingdom of God THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. Jehovah saw the need of the Children of Israel and delivered them. Jehovah saw our need and delivered us. He is Jehovah-Jireh to us through Christ.

“³ ¶ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ: ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love: ⁵ having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved: ⁷ in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he made to abound toward us...” (Eph 1:3-8a ASV)

“¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ ¶ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.” (Ro 8:16-17a AV)

“¹³ in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ which is an earnest (down payment, deposit) of our inheritance, unto the redemption of *God’s* own possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Eph 1:13-14 ASV)

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” (Eph 3:20 ASV)

Not only has God seen our need and provided it through Christ Jesus, He continues to do so:

“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:19, also Rom. 8:32

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,” (Heb 13:20 RSV)

What God was to His covenant people throughout the Old Testament, he is to His covenant people today through the redemptive work of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We are a special people who are in covenant relation to JEHOVAH through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ – the blood of the eternal covenant. All the promises of God toward us find their “yes” and “amen” in Jesus Christ forever.

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Part 3: Jehovah our Healer

“¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not "Yes and no," but in Him was "Yes." ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are "Yes," and in Him "Amen," to the glory of God through us.” (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

Remember, the title *Jehovah* refers to God in covenant relation to his people. God is *Jehovah* to us through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In our study of the Jehovah titles we are on the second as they appear in scripture. *Jehovah-Rapha* is Jehovah our healer. As is the case with the first of the Jehovah titles this one only occurs once in scripture. Also as with the first of these titles this one appears throughout the scriptures displayed as God’s character and his desire to bring his people into oneness with wholeness. In other words, as God is shown to see or provide for his people (1st Jehovah Title) throughout the scriptures, so he is shown to heal his people throughout the scriptures.

Exodus 15:26b AV *“for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”* *Jehovah-Rapha*. This literally reads *“I am the Lord your healing.”* This verb, as used here, means unbroken continuity of action. God is trying to tell us that he is Jehovah our continuous healing. This is very similar to 1 Peter 2:24 *“by his wound we are healed.”* This is in a timeless verb tense and emphasizes, not when something occurs, but that it occurs. This would then read; *“by his wound you have healing.”* Some other translations of the end of this verse are *“For, I, am Yahweh, thy physician.”* ROTHERHAM. Also, *“for I, Jehovah, am healing thee.”* YOUNG’S LITERAL.

This word “heal” means to stitch together, mend, repair. This refers to, not just physical wholeness, but wholeness in every way.

1. *“And ye shall serve Jehovah your God, and he will bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.”* (Ex 23:25 ASV)
2. *“And Jehovah will take away from thee all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, will he put upon thee...”* (De 7:15a ASV)
3. *“So the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people.”* (2 Chron. 30:20)

The following verses show us that sins and ill-health are related.

1. Psm. 103: 3: *“Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;”* (AV)
2. John 5:5-15, esp. v. 14: *“Behold, thou art made whole (of a 38 year long infirmity wherein he was impotent to walk); sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.”*
3. Mark 2:1-12: (vs 10-11) *“But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house.”*
4. Psm. 31:10 *“For my life is spent with sorrow And my years with sighing; My strength has failed because of my iniquity, And my body has wasted away.”*
5. Psm. 38:3 *“There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; There is no health in my bones because of my sin ⁴ For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. ⁵ My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. ⁶ I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. ⁷ For my loins are filled with*

a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh. 8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.”

6. Psm. 41:4 *“As for me, I said, ‘O LORD, be gracious to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”*
7. Isa 33:24 ASV *“And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.”*
8. Jer. 14:19-20 *“Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 20 We acknowledge, O Jehovah, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against thee.”*
9. Jer 30:12-15 ASV *“For thus saith Jehovah, Thy hurt is incurable, and thy wound grievous. 13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. 14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not: for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased. 15 Why criest thou for thy hurt? thy pain is incurable: for the greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.”*
10. II Chr. 7:14: (WEBSTER) *“If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”*
11. Ex. 12:13 *“The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and a plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”*
12. Deut. 28
13. Rom. 8:20-22 The whole creation groans and suffers until now.

Sins and their consequences of every kind were put upon the Lord Jesus Christ. He became the bearer of our sins and their due punishment. See Isa. 53. We are placed in Christ Jesus 1 Cor. 1:30. In him is no sin or consequences thereof:

“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.” (1Jo 3:5 AV)

There is no record of ill-health or sin related to Christ, other than that he bore our sins and their due punishment in our behalf. There is no record of ill-health in the Garden of Eden before sin entered into the world. Sin and ill-health are as related as righteousness and wholeness. Jesus Christ’s redemptive work produced our wholeness because it made us righteous. See 2 Cor. 5:21. In the end there will be no ill-health when God restores all things:

“20 and He may send Jesus, who has been appointed Messiah for you. 21 Heaven must welcome Him until the times of the restoration of all things, which God spoke about by the mouth of His holy prophets from the beginning.” (Ac 3:20-21 HCSB)

Psm. 107:20: *“He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from all their destructions.”* So many healings have resulted from God’s people hearing His Word. The Word enters and you know that the wholeness of God is yours; *“...the word of the cross...is to us... the power of God.”* 1 Cor. 1:18. Take the time to consider deeply that Christ’s work on the cross provided YOUR deliverance from sin and its consequences. The power of the truth makes us whole. *“For all the promises of God in Him (Jesus Christ) are “Yes,” and in Him “Amen,” to the glory of God through us.”* (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

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Part 4: Jehovah our Banner or Signal

“19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not “Yes and no,” but in Him was “Yes.” 20 For all the promises of God in Him are “Yes,” and in Him “Amen,” to the glory of God through us.” (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

Remember, the title *Jehovah* refers to God in covenant relation to his people: God’s characteristics toward his people. God is *Jehovah* to us through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps the title *Jehovah* or YHWH (Hebrew) is best understood as given in Gen. 21:33 *“the everlasting God.”* Jehovah is the same forever toward his people. Mal. 3:6a reads, *“For I am the LORD (Jehovah), I change not;”*

God is Jehovah toward his people. He never changes in who he is toward his people. These Jehovah titles describe who God is toward his people.

Jehovah-Nissi is the third of the Jehovah titles used in the scriptures. It means Jehovah our banner, signal or sign, declaring victory over the enemy. It is used only once – Ex. 17:15. See verses 8-16. Amalek came and fought against God’s covenant people. In other words Amalek came against Jehovah God. Jehovah promised to wipe out the enemies of his people. While the Old Covenant writings communicate physical enemies, the New Covenant writings teach us that our enemies are spiritual – Eph. 6:12. Jehovah is our banner or sign ensuring victory over our enemies.

“4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. [[Selah]] 5 That thy beloved may be delivered, save with thy right hand, and answer us.” (Ps 60:4-5 ERV)

See also Isa. 11, verses 10 & 12 in their context. These two verses show us that the Christ was promised to stand as a signal or banner, in whom his people will have rest from their enemies and all disharmony. This *“rest”* follows Christ’s judgment over all the earth when *“the nations will resort to the root of Jesse”* referring to the promised Christ and the glory he would bring. *Jehovah-Nissi* refers further to our hope in the fulfillment of Jehovah’s promise to ultimately eliminate the enemies of his people.

Mankind’s complete deliverance from all our enemies is promised to be manifested through the Messiah, the Christ. This has been the ultimate promise through the Christ as given in the very first promise in the Bible, Gen. 3:15 – the enemy will be destroyed.

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” (Ge 3:15 AV)

See also; Mt. 25:31-46, 2 Thess. 1:4-10, 2:7-8, Rev. 20:7-15

“And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.” (Ro 16:20 EMTV)

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” (Re 20:10 ASV)

"Jehovah-Nissi" also teaches us that Satan and his cohorts will never again cause us affliction and suffering:

“3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them. 4 And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying out; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are faithful and true.'” (Re 21:3-5 EMTV)

What about during this age? Jesus Christ has already defeated the Adversary and his cohorts:

“To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” (1Jo 3:8b ASV)

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil,” (Heb 2:14 RSV)

v. 15 *“And the hostile princes and rulers He shook off from Himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests, when by the Cross He triumphed over them.” WEYMOUTH*

“And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against (overcome) it.” (Mt 16:18 ASV)

“and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church,” (Eph 1:22 ASV)

What are we to do with this information? Trust it to be true. Keep putting it on. It is our shield against all the fiery darts, attacks, of the evil one:

“withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil [one].” (Eph 6:16 ASV)

“12 The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk becomingly, as in the day; not in revelling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof].” (Ro 13:12-14 ASV)

In the end Satan will be crushed under our feet. Yet, Jesus Christ already defeated the Devil by the cross, having paid for every sin which could otherwise be held against us. Now the Devil has no leverage against us. His only tactic left is to keep us from realizing his defeat. This can only be accomplished by a lack of knowledge or by overwhelming us with contrary information to what is true in Christ. Truth still stands. The Devil is a defeated foe.

God is Jehovah-Nissi to us through Christ's redemptive work: our victory over our spiritual enemies.

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Part 5: Jehovah our Sanctifier

"¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not "Yes and no," but in Him was "Yes." ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are "Yes," and in Him "Amen," to the glory of God through us." (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

The title *Jehovah* refers to God in covenant relation to his people in that who he is to his people never changes. Mal. 3:6a reads, *"For I am the LORD (Jehovah), I change not;"*

This is the fourth of the Jehovah titles used. It is first used in Ex. 31:13 *"...I am the LORD (Jehovah) who sanctifies you."* This Jehovah title is used in several places in the Old Testament. To sanctify is to cleanse, to purify, to make holy; then, to separate, set apart or appoint for a holy use or divine service; acceptable to God as His minister. A sanctified one is special, both to God and for God toward God's people.

THE OLD COVENANT:

1. "And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office." Ex 28:41
2. "And this *is* the thing that thou shalt do unto them to sanctify them, to minister unto me in the priest's office. Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish," Ex 29:1
3. "And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office." Ex 29:44
4. "²⁰ But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. ²¹ And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace—offerings unto Jehovah to accomplish a vow, or for a freewill—offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein." (Le 22:20-21 ASV)
5. "So Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD meant when He said: I will show My holiness to those who are near Me, and I will reveal My glory before all the people." But Aaron remained silent." (Le 10:3 HCSB)
6. "⁴⁴ For I am Jehovah your God: sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am holy; neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that moveth upon the earth. ⁴⁵ For I am Jehovah that brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. ⁴⁶ This is the law of the beast, and of the bird, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth; ⁴⁷ to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten." (Le 11:44-47 ASV)
7. "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am Jehovah your God. ⁸ And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am Jehovah who sanctifieth you." (Le 20:4-8 ASV)

THE NEW COVENANT:

Our position in Christ – we are holy (sanctified):

1. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate." (Heb 13:12 ASV)
2. "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and (even) righteousness and sanctification, and redemption:" (1Co 1:30 ASV)

3. “And such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.” (1Co 6:11 ASV)
4. “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, for that God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:” (2Th 2:13 ASV)
5. “that I should be a minister of Christ Jesus unto the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.” (Ro 15:16 ASV)
6. “For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” (Heb 10:14 ASV)

Our lifestyle in Christ – live as holy ones (sanctified ones):

1. “¹⁵ but like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; ¹⁶ because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy.” (1Pe 1:15-16 ASV)

To “sanctify yourselves” is simply to accept that God made us holy and to live accordingly. If we accept the reality that God made us holy then we will live accordingly and will feel challenged when our lifestyle isn’t as a holy one. (1 Pet. 1:15-16)

2. “¹ ¶ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service. ² And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Ro 12:1-2 ASV)
3. “I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye presented your members *as* servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members *as* servants to righteousness unto sanctification. (holiness)” (Ro 6:19 ASV)
4. “But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification (holiness), and the end eternal life.” (Ro 6:22 ASV)
5. “Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth.” (Joh 17:17 ASV)
6. “²⁶ that he might sanctify it (the church), having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that he might present the church to himself a glorious *church*, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Eph 5:26-27 ASV)

“For both he that sanctifieth and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,” (Heb 2:11 ASV)

“but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: *being* ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear:” (1Pe 3:15 ASV)

The promise of God being our sanctifier was realized through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Had Jesus Christ not sanctified us we couldn’t be sanctified and Jehovah wouldn’t be our sanctifier. But because we are sanctified we are one with our Lord Jesus Christ. Our position in Christ includes our sanctification. We continue to be transformed by the power of the truth into a pure manifestation of Christ here upon earth, so that, what we say, what we do and what we evidence - is Christ. This is the Lord’s work and it is thorough. So, let’s sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts that he may further purify our souls into his image.

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Part 6: Jehovah our Peace

"¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not "Yes and no," but in Him was "Yes." ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are "Yes," and in Him "Amen," to the glory of God through us." (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

The title, *Jehovah-Shalom*, is used only in Judges 6:24 *"Then Gideon built an altar there unto Jehovah, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."*

1914 **Jehovah Shalom** "Jehovah is/our peace."

#07965 שָׁלוֹם shalom {shaw-lome'}

Meaning: 1) completeness, soundness, welfare, health, prosperity, tranquility, quiet, contentment, peace, friendship, peace from war. It communicates oneness, and therefore, a state of untroubled, undisturbed well-being.

OLD TESTAMENT uses: (#07965 Word Study) See here how this word is translated and used. Look for what God is teaching you about having peace.

1. Ge 43:27-28 And he asked them of *their* welfare <07965>, and said, *Is* your father well <07965>, the old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive? And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health <07965>, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.
2. Ex 18:7 And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of *their* welfare <07965>; and they came into the tent.
3. 1Sa 25:6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace <07965> *be* both to thee, and peace <07965> *be* to thine house, and peace <07965> *be* unto all that thou hast.
4. "And when Urijah had come to him, David asked how Joab prospered <07965>, and how the people prospered <07965>, and how the war prospered <07965>." (2Sa 11:7 Darby)
5. 2Sa 20:9 And Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in health <07965>, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.
6. 1Kg 4:24-25 For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side the river, from Tiphshah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace <07965> on all sides round about him.²⁵ And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.
7. 1Ch 22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace <07965> and quietness unto Israel in his days.
8. 2Ch 15:5 And in those times *there was* no peace <07965> to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries.
9. Job 15:21 A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: in prosperity <07965> the destroyer shall come upon him.
10. Job 21:9 Their houses *are* safe <07965> from fear, neither *is* the rod of God upon them.
11. Ps 4:8 I will both lay me down in peace <07965>, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.
12. Ps 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity <07965> of his servant.
13. Ps 38:3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any rest* <07965> in my bones because of my sin.
14. Ps 41:9 Yea, mine own familiar <07965> friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.
15. Ps 119:165 Great peace <07965> have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

16. Ps 120:7 I *am* for peace <07965>: but when I speak, they *are* for war.
17. Ps 122:7 Peace <07965> be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.
18. Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace <07965>. Of the increase of *his* government and peace <07965> *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
19. Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect <07965> peace <07965>, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.
20. Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace <07965>; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
21. Isa 41:3 He pursued them, *and* passed safely <07965>; *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet.
22. Isa 48:22 *There is* no peace <07965>, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.
23. Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace <07965>; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
24. Isa 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement (punishment) which achieved our peace <07965> *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
25. Isa 54:13 And all thy children *shall be* taught of the LORD; and great *shall be* the peace <07965> of thy children.
26. Isa 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace <07965>: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
27. Isa 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace <07965>, peace <07965> to *him that is* far off, and to *him that is* near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.
28. Jer 8:15 We looked for peace <07965>, but no good *came*; *and* for a time of health, and behold trouble!
29. Jer 33:6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace <07965> and truth.
30. Jer 38:4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare <07965> of this people, but the hurt.
31. La 3:17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace <07965>: I forgot prosperity.
32. Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace <07965>, saith the LORD of hosts.
33. Zec 8:12 For the seed *shall be* prosperous <07965>; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.

NEW TESTAMENT: Peace refers to a state of tranquility, i.e. harmony, concord, oneness; resulting in security, safety, prosperity, felicity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous). The New Testament word for peace is “*eirene*” which is understood to come from a root word meaning “*to join*.” See 2 Chr. 18:1-3

Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary: Tranquil: Quiet; calm; undisturbed; peaceful; not agitated. Opp: strife, division, conflict, tribulation, being troubled or fearful.

Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

What kind of peace is this?

Ro 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

We have peace with God because of the blood of the cross (Eph. 2:13-14). “*For he himself (Christ Jesus) is our peace...*” This is the doctrine out from which comes the practice of manifesting peace with God because we live as ones who have peace with God. Jesus Christ’s blood was shed to pay for every error of mankind (1 Jn. 2:2). Because all of our errors have been cleansed by his blood we have been justified. This is why we have peace with God – we have been justified.

- Rom. 4:25-5:1 who (Jesus our Lord) was delivered up for our offenses and raised for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Rom. 5:10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life; 11 and not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
 - Eph. 2:13-14 But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made near in (by) the blood of Christ. For he is our peace,
1. Mr 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace <1515>, and be whole of thy plague.
 2. Lu 7:50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace <1515>.
 3. Lu 8:48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace <1515>.
 4. Lu 24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace <1515> be unto you.
 5. Mt. 10:13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace <1515> come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace <1515> return to you.
 6. Lu 10:5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace <1515> be to this house. Lu 10:6 And if the son (follower) of peace <1515> be there, your peace <1515> shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.
 7. Ro 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace <1515> with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
 8. Ga 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace <1515>, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
 9. Php 4:6-7 “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace <1515> of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
 10. Col 3:15 And let the peace <1515> of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
 11. 2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace <1515> be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

We were enemies of God (Rom. 5:10), having no hope and without God in this world (Eph. 2:12b). But Jesus Christ died to pay for everything that stood between us and God. Now we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God had promised to achieve our peace by the promised Christ bearing our due punishment. All of the promises of God find their “yea” and “amen” in Christ. Therefore, in Christ we have safety, security, prosperity, felicity. Jehovah is all these promises to us through Christ. Since God is now for us, who or what could be against us? (Rom. 8:31) We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Part 7: Jehovah our Righteousness

“¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not "Yes and no," but in Him was "Yes." ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are "Yes," and in Him "Amen," to the glory of God through us.” (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

Not forgetting that the title *Jehovah* refers to God in covenant relation to his people, God's characteristics toward his people, we will now study *Jehovah-Tsidkenu: God our righteousness*. God is *Jehovah* to us through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Apart from Jesus Christ we would be left void of EVERY promise of God, being *“excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”* (Eph. 2:12) We are now in covenant relation to God through Christ.

“⁵ Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called: Jehovah our righteousness.” (Jer 23:5-6 ASV)

Righteousness is doing or being right by God's standards. Apart from righteousness by faith man must do rightly to be righteous. By believing regarding Jesus Christ we receive God's righteousness by faith, the state of being without error or mistake (sin) by way of faith. For us, God is the means for righteousness. We are NOT the means for righteousness. We accept that God provided His righteousness to us through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Adherence to this truth produces right living.

The blessings of the righteous:

1. Ps 5:12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.
2. Ps 37:16 A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.
3. Ps 37:17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
4. Ps 37:25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
5. Ps 34:19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
6. Pr 11:5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
7. Pr 11:6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.
8. Pr 12:28 In the way of righteousness is life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.
9. Pr 14:9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.
10. Pr 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

For Israel, under the Old Covenant of the Law *doing rightly* was required:

1. De 12:25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.
2. De 12:28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

3. De 13:18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.
4. De 6:25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

Apart from Christ we also might ask, as in Job 25:4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?

First use of the word "righteousness" in the Old Testament:

Ge 15:6 And he (Abram/Abraham) believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Through Jesus Christ is righteousness (justification) by faith:

Ro 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Ro 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

2Co 5:21 HCSB "He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us (who believe), so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Ro 8:33 RSV "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies;"

Our own works won't produce righteousness, even the best of them:

"All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment; all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind." (Isa 64:6 HCSB)

Adherence to being righteous through Jesus Christ produces fruit:

2Co 6:7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Php 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Heb 8:10-12 RSV "10 This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 11 And they shall not teach every one his fellow or every one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.""

Ro 8:10b AV "but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness."

This is the fruit of righteousness: righteousness is life, life with God. This is the boiled down purpose of being made righteous. God holds no sin against us so that we would all "Know the Lord." God is looking for partnership in all of life. He has found it in us, his people, whom he holds nothing against.

How is Jehovah our righteousness? Jehovah is our righteousness through Jesus Christ. This is how we became "the righteousness of God... in Him." This is how we continue in righteousness. We accept the truth that we are made the righteousness of God in Christ and live accordingly. When we are aware that our thoughts have drifted to guilt and condemnation, shame or inferiority and such like, we bring our thoughts back to the truth of Christ's death in our behalf. Our own works didn't achieve our state of being made the righteousness of God in any way. The best of our righteous works won't maintain this state either. Our lives purely rest on the accomplished works of the Lord Jesus Christ. In him all the promises of God find their yes and amen, even the righteousness of God.

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Part 8: Jehovah is There, or Present

“¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not “Yes and no,” but in Him was “Yes.” ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are “Yes,” and in Him “Amen,” to the glory of God through us.” (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

God is in covenant relation to us, his people. His title used in the scriptures which shows this covenant relation is *Jehovah*. God is *Jehovah* to us through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Gen. 21:33 declares Jehovah as “*the everlasting God.*” Jehovah is the same forever toward his people. Mal. 3:6a reads, “*For I am the LORD (Jehovah), I change not;*”

Jehovah-Shammah is the seventh of the Jehovah titles used in the scriptures. It means Jehovah is present, or there. It is used only once – Ezek. 48:35, where the Lord God says that it shall be the name of the city Jerusalem.

“The circumference of the city shall be 18,000 cubits. And the name of the city from that time on shall be, The LORD is there.”” (Eze 48:35 ESV)

God, as Jehovah, chooses where he is present. For the Children of Israel, Jehovah was present in the city of Jerusalem.

Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary

Presence; PRES'ENCE, n. s as z. [L. proesentia; proe, before, and esse, to be.] The existence of a person or thing in a certain place; opposed to absence. “*This event happened during the king’s presence at the theater.*”

God is present for us, not absent when needed:

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (Heb 4:16 AV)

“for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” (Heb 13:5 AV)

OLD TESTAMENT RECORDS OF GOD’S PRESENCE:

1. Ex 33:12-17 ASV “12 ¶ And Moses said unto Jehovah, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found favor in my sight. 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thy sight, show me now thy ways, that I may know thee, to the end that I may find favor in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. 14 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. 15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence. 16 For wherein now shall it be known that I have found favor in thy sight, I and thy people? is it not in that thou goest with us, so that we are separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth? 17 And Jehovah said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken; for thou hast found favor in my sight, and I know thee by name.”
2. 1Ch 16:27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place.

3. Ps 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.
4. Ps 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
5. Ps 140:13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

Other insights on the presence of God would be found in studying the Ark of the Covenant and the Holy of Holies in the Old Testament and the book of Hebrews.

NEW TESTAMENT:

1. Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
2. “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” (Ac 10:38 AV)
3. “The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.” (Joh 3:2 AV)
4. “Believe me that I [am] in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works’ sake. 12 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” (Joh 14:11-17 AV)
5. Eph 2:19-22 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone]; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (1 Co. 3:16, 2 Cor. 6:16)

In the Old Testament God had told the Children of Israel that He was present in Jerusalem. He told Moses that He would be present with Moses and cause Moses to have rest. God’s presence represents today what it represented throughout the Old Testament; His mercy, His grace, His goodness, His provision, His power and authority, and therefore, His victory, etc. Today, it is through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ that God is present with us, even IN us, by way of the gift of holy spirit. God is working to unleash His very nature through us so that He would be known for who He is. Collectively, we are His habitation.

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Part 9: Jehovah our Shepherd

“¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not “Yes and no,” but in Him was “Yes.” ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are “Yes,” and in Him “Amen,” to the glory of God through us.” (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)

What God as Jehovah was to the nation of Israel, He is to us today through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“¹ ¶ A Psalm of David. Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters.” (Ps 23:1-2 ASV)

To shepherd literally means to feed, or to pasture. The most basic need of sheep is to be fed. A shepherd tends to the needs of his sheep which develops intimacy between them. He does this by leading his sheep. The shepherd’s responsibilities are twofold. 1. To feed, and 2. to protect. He feeds his sheep the best quality food he can find. He protects the sheep from bad weather and attackers, either of men or beasts. These two responsibilities are represented by the shepherd’s staff. On one end is a sickle for cutting down tender leaves from trees. The other end is a club for beating off attackers. In summary, a shepherd takes care of his sheep. He also retrieves the strays (Mt. 18:12-13):

“¹¹ For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture; and upon the mountains of the height of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold; and on fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁶ I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.” (Eze 34:11-16a ASV)

VARIOUS OTHER RECORDS REGARDING “SHEPHERDS”:

1. “² But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴ When he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.” (Joh 10:2-4 ASV)
2. “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep.” (Joh 10:11 ASV)
See also 1 Sam. 17:32-36.
3. “He (the Lord God) will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and will gently lead those that have their young.” (Isa 40:11 ASV)
4. “¹ ¶ Therefore, as a fellow elder and witness to the sufferings of the Messiah, and also a participant in the glory about to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you: ² shepherd God’s flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but freely, according to God’s /will/; not for the money but eagerly; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.” (1Pe 5:1-4 HCSB)

5. “and I will give you shepherds according to my (the Lord God’s) heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jer 3:15 ASV)
6. “In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you (David) that led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over my people Israel.’” (1Ch 11:2 RSV)
7. “Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, *even* our Lord Jesus,” (Heb 13:20 ASV)
8. “For you were like sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.” (1Pe 2:25 HCSB)

Jehovah my Shepherd means that I will be supplied with whatever I need – *"Jehovah is my shepherd. I shall not want."* You can now proclaim, *"God tends to my needs. He leads me. He guides me according to His perspective. I know His voice, the voice of truth. He feeds me with His knowledge and understanding. He protects my life so that nothing shall by any means hurt me. Because Jesus Christ's death reconciled me to God Jehovah is my shepherd. I shall not lack anything."*

We are a special people, in covenant relation to JEHOVAH through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ – the blood of the eternal covenant (Heb. 13:20). As a result, JEHOVAH is eternally toward us all that he is. These Jehovah titles give us insight as to what this means. These sessions have been as follows:

1. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all the promises of God, including all that God is to His covenant people; 2 Cor. 1:19-20 (our theme verses).
2. Jehovah sees or provides; Gen. 22:14
3. Jehovah our health, or physician; Ex. 15:26
4. Jehovah our banner or sign ensuring victory over our enemies; Ex. 17:15-16
5. Jehovah our sanctification. He purified us for divine service; Ex. 31:13
6. Jehovah our peace (completeness, soundness, welfare); Judges 6:24
7. Jehovah our righteousness (our source for being right, without flaw); Jer. 23:6
8. Jehovah is there, or present. He is attending, residing, not absent; Ezek. 48:35
9. Jehovah our shepherd. He feeds us and protects us; Psalms. 23:1

“For I say that Christ hath been made a minister to the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises [given] unto the fathers,” (Ro 15:8 ASV)

“19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not "Yes and no," but in Him was "Yes." 20 For all the promises of God in Him are "Yes," and in Him "Amen," to the glory of God through us.” (2Co 1:19-20 EMTV)