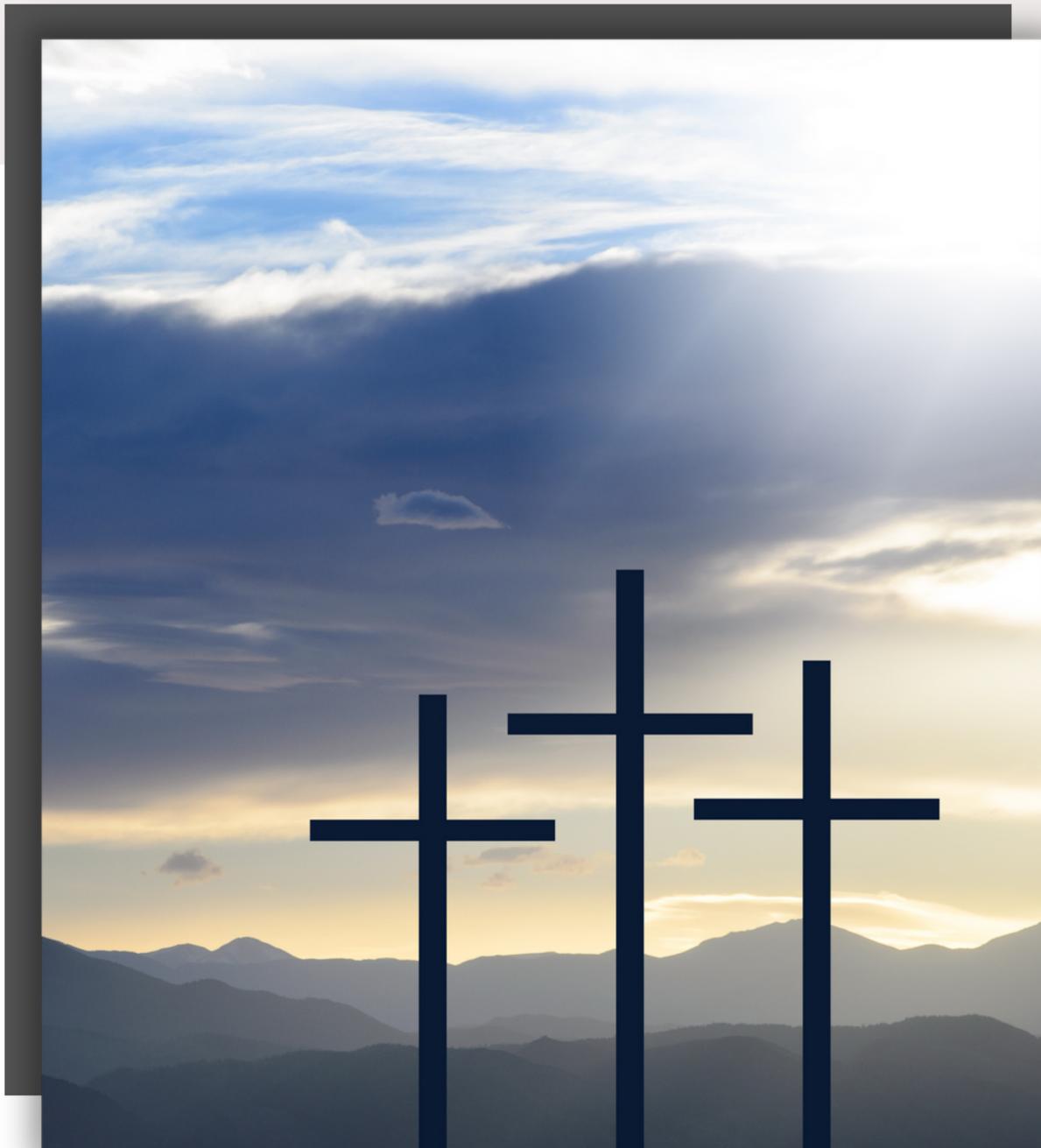


The
REDEEMPTIVE NAMES
of our
REDEEMING GOD



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To be known and called by name is the first step in developing a friendship. In Bible times a name was meant to reveal a person's character giving you a glimpse into their soul. Likewise, the names of God, given to us on the pages of Holy Scripture, reveal various aspects of His beautiful, incomparable character. These names help us to become more intimately acquainted with the Lover of our soul. Knowing Him through His Redemptive Names will bring a greater kinship to His redeeming nature and intentions for our lives.

To say someone has a "good name" is to say they have a good reputation. When God is rightly known by His Name, the result is, His reputation is exalted among men. This is the primary reason for the command given, "you shall not take the name of the LORD Your God in vain" (Exodus 20:7). Make no mistake He wants to be rightly represented, so that He can be rightly known and trusted. Anything else results in idol worship or at the very least mistrust.

As you meditate on the 'Redemptive Names' of God, given in the Old Testament, keep in mind they are ALL descriptions, on display, in full living color in Jesus Christ. Every descriptive name is an enlightening glimpse of God made flesh, crucified, risen and ascended! As you take time to meditate on these names, I pray the Holy Spirit will do what He does best and open the eyes of your heart to see a greater glimpse of Jesus and His redeeming grace for your life.

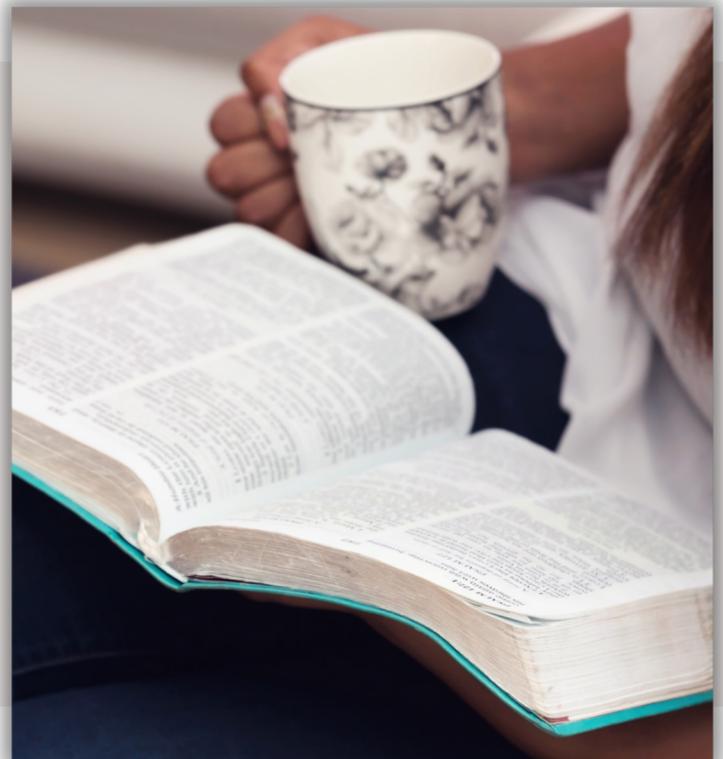
HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Learn it! This portion gives you some context of where that particular Redemptive Name for God first appears in the Scriptures. This is far from comprehensive so to develop a fuller understanding I encourage you to visit the text in your bible and read about it more fully.

Apply It! This is where we link His name with ourselves. We want to see His redemptive fingers at work in our life and by faith stand in ALL He has provided. Of course this is just a starting point, a springboard into understanding fuller dimensions of His redemptive work. I strongly encourage you to read the scriptures listed "for further meditation". These will help tie it together bringing additional clarity.

Pray It! This section is left open for you to write out a prayerful response. You can print-out this guide to write on or just write in your personal prayer journal. I encourage to write either way! This allows the Holy Spirit to engage you at a deeper level and expand on the truths you have learned.

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Jehovah (translated as LORD)

Jehovah means: The Self-Existent One

LEARN IT!

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Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

(Exodus 3:13-14)

His name Jehovah communicates a constant. He is unchanging and unyielding in who He is. He does not increase nor does He decrease. He is immovable, unshakable and unalterable. Everything that exists came from Him, and everything that He is and does is tied to His unchanging nature. He is perfectly, perfect and cannot be coerced or manipulated. Be assured He will NEVER break a promise! *Jehovah is the One who invites men into a covenant relationship with Himself. The implications are glorious!

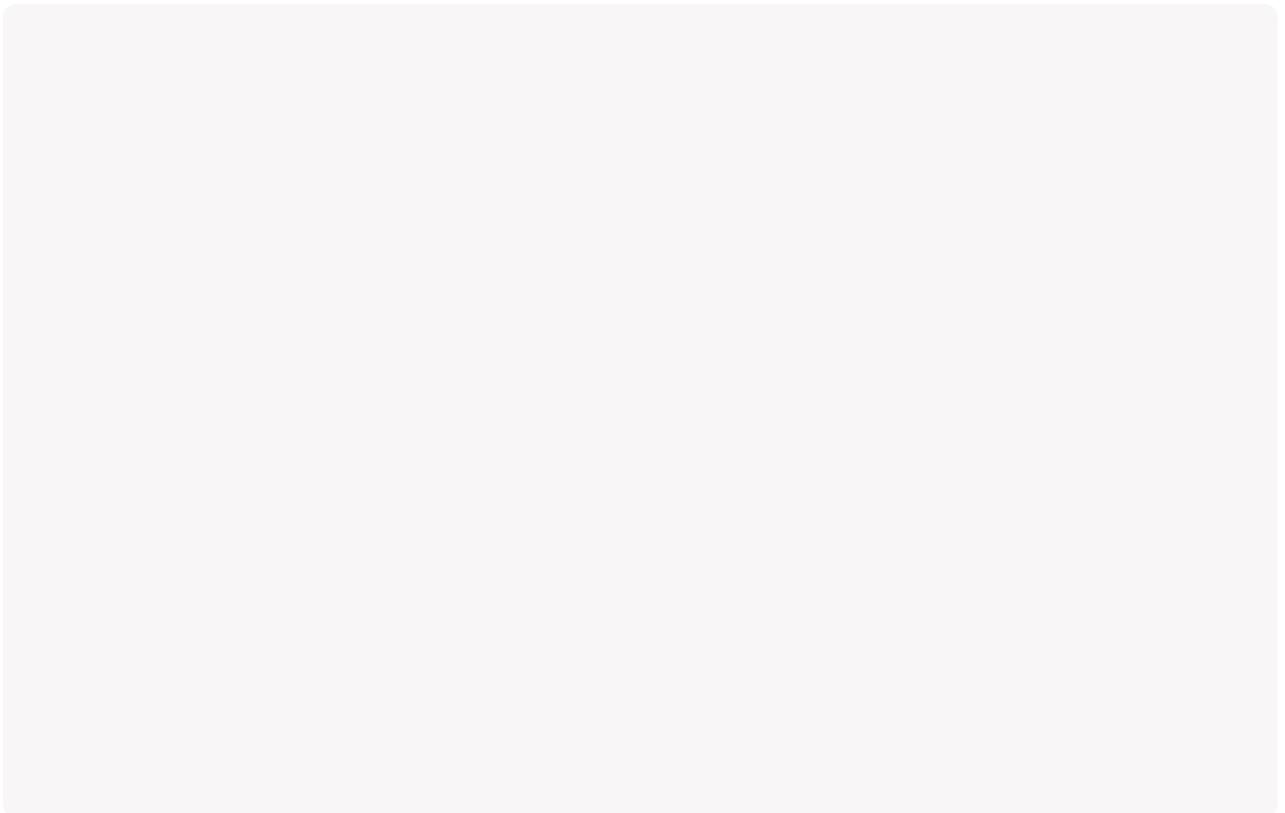
"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him." Colossians 1:15-16

APPLY IT

God's Redemptive names are *always* paired with His essential name Jehovah. By this, we can be certain of His unbreakable commitment to redeem and restore what has been lost! In a world that is unstable and always shifting we can rest knowing that our life is hidden in Christ and secure in His unchanging nature. His covenant with man is fulfilled in Christ.

For further meditation: Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 6:13-18 & Hebrews 13:8

PRAY IT





Jehovah-Shammah (translated The LORD is there)
Redemptions gift: God's Presence!

LEARN IT!

The Israelites were in captivity for seventy years, enslaved to a foreign people. The glory of the Lord, the Presence of God, had departed from the Temple and along with it their hope for a glorious future. But there in that seemingly "God forsaken land" Ezekiel received a vision of things to come. He saw Jerusalem rebuilt, the Temple restored and a promise was given...

"...and the name of the city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE." (Ezekiel 38:35)

Jehovah-Shammah is God's promise to abide. One day Jesus will return in all His glory to reign from the city of the King. But first He has come to reign in our hearts.

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.
(Ezekiel 36:26-27)*

We who were held captive by sin have been delivered, restored and filled with the very Presence of God through the infilling of Holy Spirit. We were far-off, but now we have been brought near through the precious blood of Jesus.



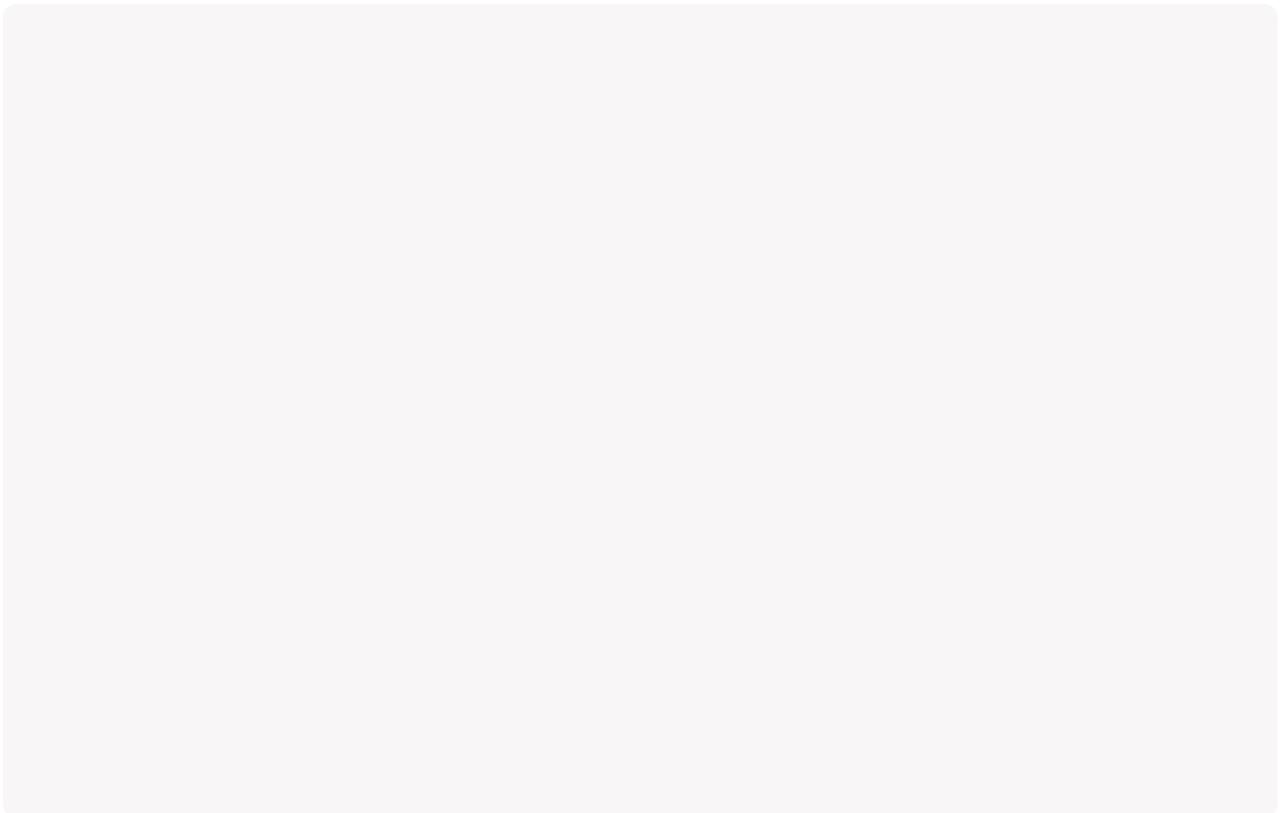
Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor. 3:16)

APPLY IT

"The Lord is there" is a permanent description of every born again child of God! Sealed by the Holy Spirit for the day of Redemption. We NEVER have to fear being abandoned or forsaken because He remains with us. He is present with you right NOW, this very moment, every moment! His Presence is precious and in it there is fullness of joy. So be alive to His abiding Presence, talk with Him, awaken to His nearness, and enjoy Him!

For further meditation: Psalm 132:13-15, John 14:23, Col 1:27

PRAY IT





Jehovah-Tsidkenu (translated The LORD our Righteousness)

Redemptions gift: God's Righteousness!

LEARN IT!

Corruption had spread throughout Judah. From priest to prophet to common people, they had all turned away from the One true God. They had become corrupt by pursuing other gods, idols of their own making. It was then that Jeremiah spoke these words...

"For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone is greedy for gain, And from the prophet even to the priest Everyone deals falsely.

*"They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace.
Jeremiah 6:13-14 (NASB)*

This was no superficial problem this was a problem of the heart...

"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Jeremiah 17:9

Try as we might no one can heal themselves but here God promises to provide a remedy...

*"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord,
"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS"
Jeremiah 23:5-6*

Jehovah-Tsidkenu is the righteous Branch from the line of David. Jesus is the LORD our Righteousness. Through Him we are given a new heart and clothed in the very righteousness of God.

*"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2
Corinthians 5:21*

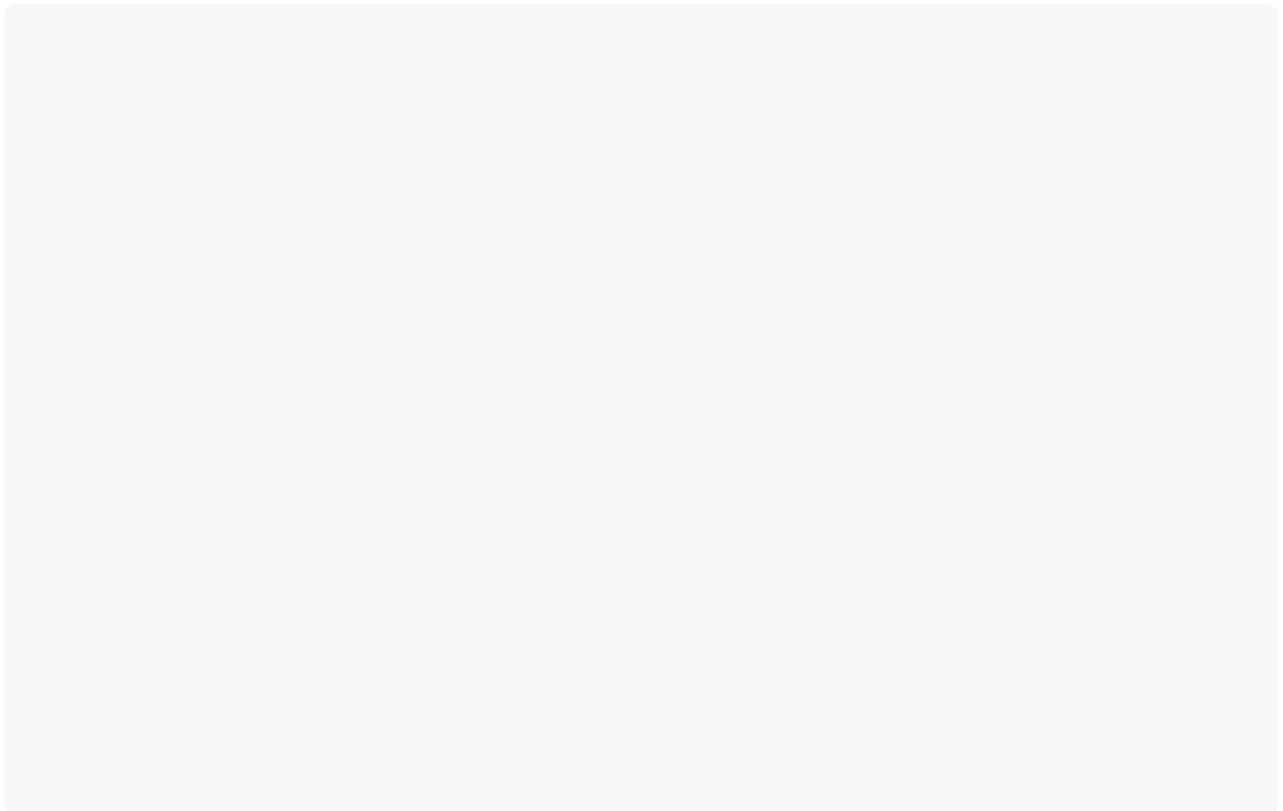
Notice we are not given a lesser righteousness than God's, it isn't a substandard version of His righteousness. It is His own perfect righteousness! And remember this gift is tied to His unchanging nature.

APPLY IT

When you and I come to God for anything, we come to Him based on the righteousness we have been given in Christ. "As He is, so are we, in this world." We don't look at what we have done or not done for acceptance, but rather we look to the perfection of Jesus. You can't do any better than His righteousness. Your prayers can and should be bold and audacious because the LORD is your righteousness!

For further meditation: Ezekiel 36:26-27, Jeremiah 31:33-34, Romans 3:21-22

PRAY IT





Jehovah-Shalom (translated "The LORD our Peace")
Redemptions gift: God's Peace

LEARN IT!

The Israelites were being oppressed by the Midianites because they had not obeyed the voice of the Lord. When they found themselves in great poverty, they began to cry out to Him. The Lord responded to their plea for help by choosing Gideon and declaring him to be a mighty man of valor. When Gideon realized he had been in the presence of God and had looked upon, "the Angel of the Lord face to face" he was overcome with fear. The first time Jehovah-Shalom is spoken of in the Scriptures is when Gideon's fear is dissolved with a revelation of God's peace.

"Then the Lord said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die." So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites." Judges 6:23-24

Try as we might no one can heal themselves but here God promises to provide a remedy...

The very nature of God is peace. His nature destroys chaos and restores peace. The word shalom means peace but its implications are much greater than our English word can communicate. It is peace that is meant for the wellbeing of the entire person including wellness, prosperity, health, wholeness, and joy. It is a common greeting used by Jewish people to this day in Israel because it is the best of blessings! When Isaiah prophesied about Jesus, he called Him the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6) Then when Jesus came and was about to complete His work on the earth He spoke this promise to His disciples...

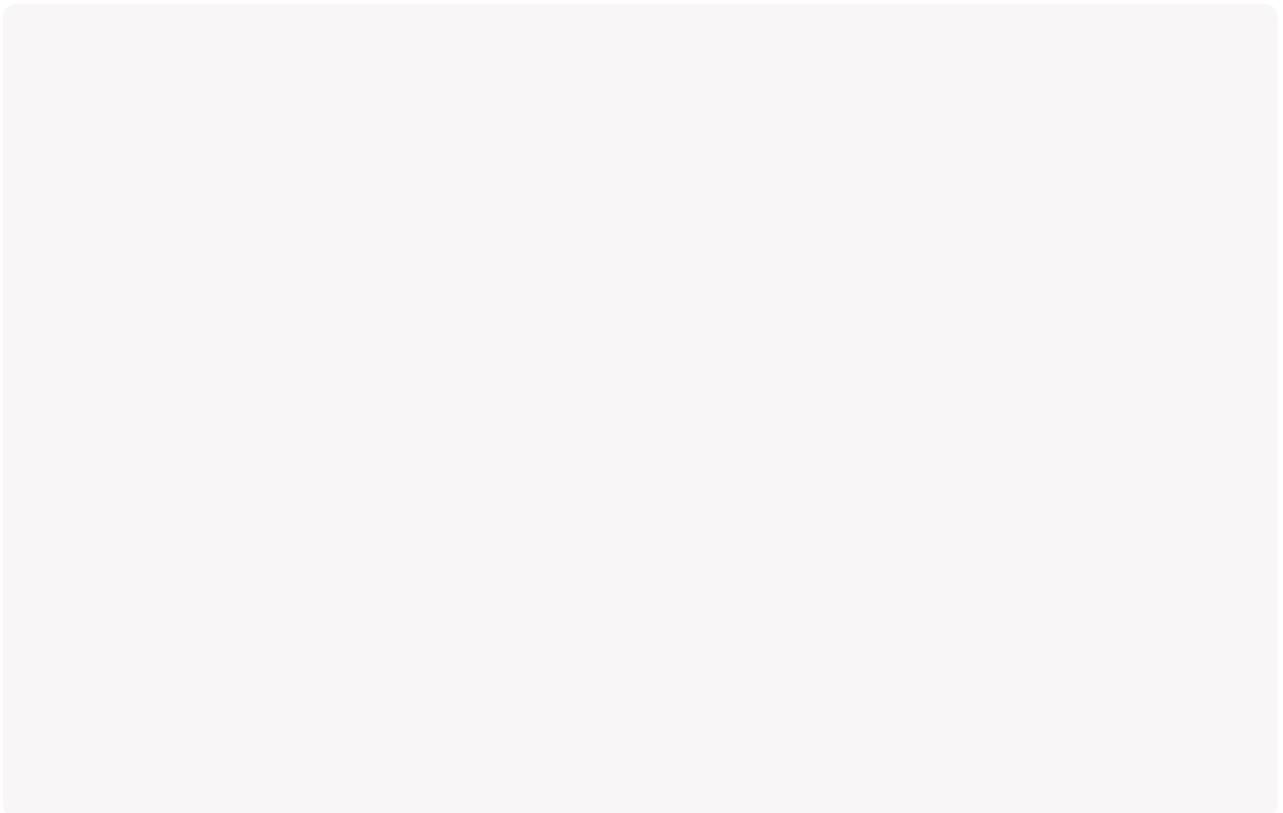
"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

APPLY IT

In Christ, we have been given the very peace of God. His peace abides in us through the Holy Spirit. Drawing near to Him with our whole heart brings us into His peace-filled nature. His peace is both ours to enjoy by faith as well as impart to others through faith. When we keep our minds and hearts fixed on Him, we can be kept wholly in perfect peace!

For further meditation: Isaiah 26:3, 1 Cor 1:3, Galatians 5:22

PRAY IT



Jehovah-Raah (translated "The LORD is my Shepherd)

Redemptions gift: God my Shepherd

LEARN IT!

The first time God is revealed as a Shepherd comes through a Psalm of David. David had walked intimately with God through the good, the bad and the ugly. His personal testimony recorded in Psalms 23 was born out of his own experiences of "Jehovah-Raah" leading Him. I have Psalm 23 written below in its entirety from the Amplified version. I encourage you to read this one out-loud, allowing God to speak tenderly to your heart about the nature of His intentions towards you.

The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me], I shall not want. He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and quiet waters. He refreshes and restores my soul (life); He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the [sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort and console me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed and refreshed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell forever [throughout all my days] in the house and in the presence of the Lord.

Psalms 23

In ancient Israel, shepherds cared for sheep like children. Leading them lovingly with meticulous, constant care and protection. Sheep cannot thrive and often fail to even survive without the conscientious oversight of a shepherd. A good shepherd walked with them, talked with them, sang to them and protectively slept with them! The bond between a shepherd and his sheep was so strong and trusting they would recognize and follow his voice in the midst of many other voices.

God desires to Shepherd, His people! He longs to gently lead them not drive them like cattle. As your Shepherd, His rod is an instrument of protection not punishment and His staff is to guide and/or rescue you. He is ever watchful, tender, loving, and painstakingly precise.

Jesus is our Great Shepherd ...

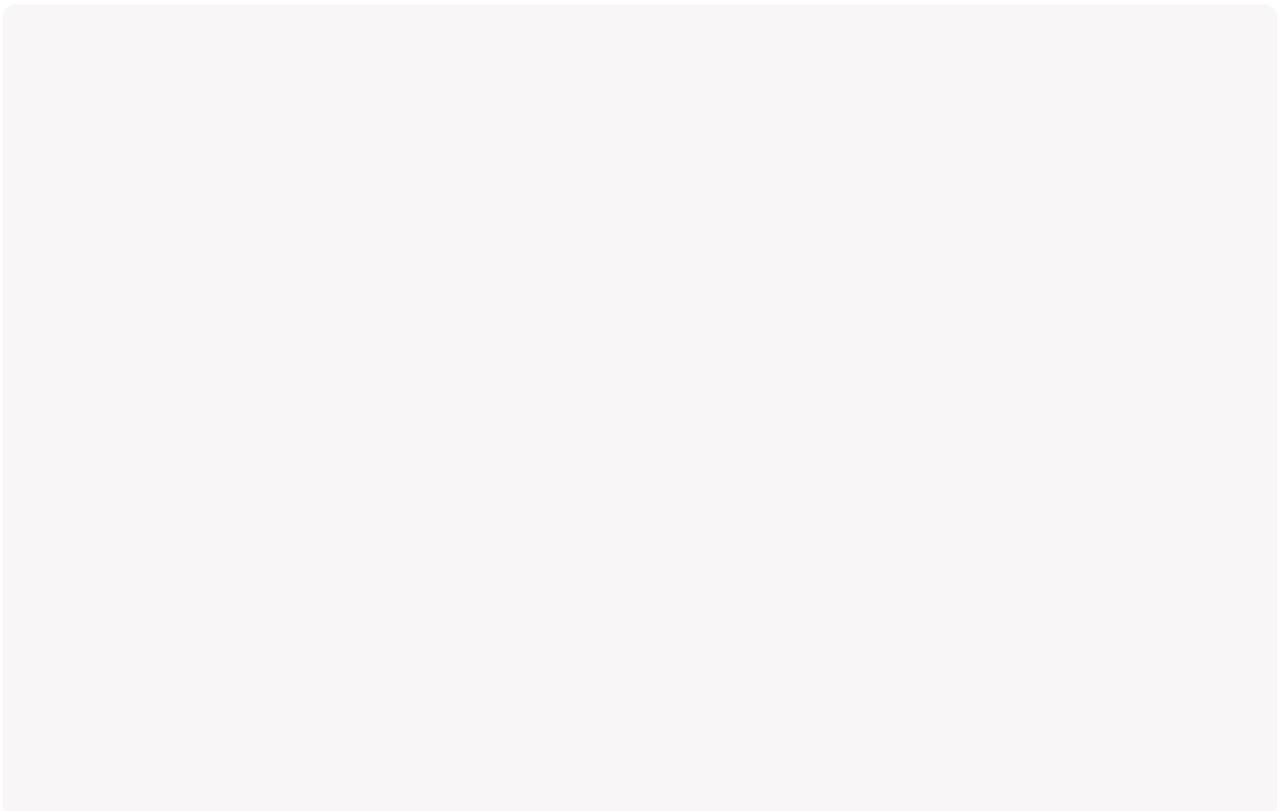
I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

APPLY IT

In Christ, we have a Good Shepherd! He is meticulously watchful over the affairs of our life and over the concerns of our hearts. In Him, we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Jesus knows us intimately and has promised to lead us by going before us. He has made certain that we can hear and recognize His voice. Even when, at times, we struggle with doubts and are unsure we can rest knowing He will never neglect us, abandon us, or leave us behind. The Good Shepherd has come to give us life abundantly!

For further meditation: Isaiah 40:10-11, Hebrews 13:20-21, Rev 7:16-17

PRAY IT



Jehovah-Jireh (translated "The LORD will provide")
Redemptions gift: God's Provision

LEARN IT!

Abraham took Isaac his only son, the child of promise, to the top of Mount Moriah. There with an unwavering obedience to the command of God, to offer the son he loved as a burnt offering, he bound Isaac and laid him on the altar he had built. Having taken up the knife, he stretched out his hand to slay his cherished son when suddenly halted by the voice of God calling out his name.

*Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
And He said "Do not stretch out your hand against
the lad, and do nothing to him...
(Genesis 22: 11,12)*

The very next moment when Abraham raised his eyes he saw a ram caught by his horns in a thicket.

*So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered
it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And
Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-
Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the
Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.
(Genesis 22:13-14)*

Literally it reads "Abraham called the name of the place, Jehovah-Jireh" or (the LORD sees) What did the LORD see? Abraham's need and faith! Earlier in the chapter Abraham is recorded as saying something very insightful. In V8 he says. "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering". This passage literally reads "God will provide Himself the lamb...". A prophetic word spoken by Abraham pointing to Jesus Christ!

o put it simply, God is the Provision to our need!
Jesus, God made flesh, gave Himself as the ALL sufficient sacrifice so that through faith in Him we would be provided with all that we need!



"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"
Romans 8:32

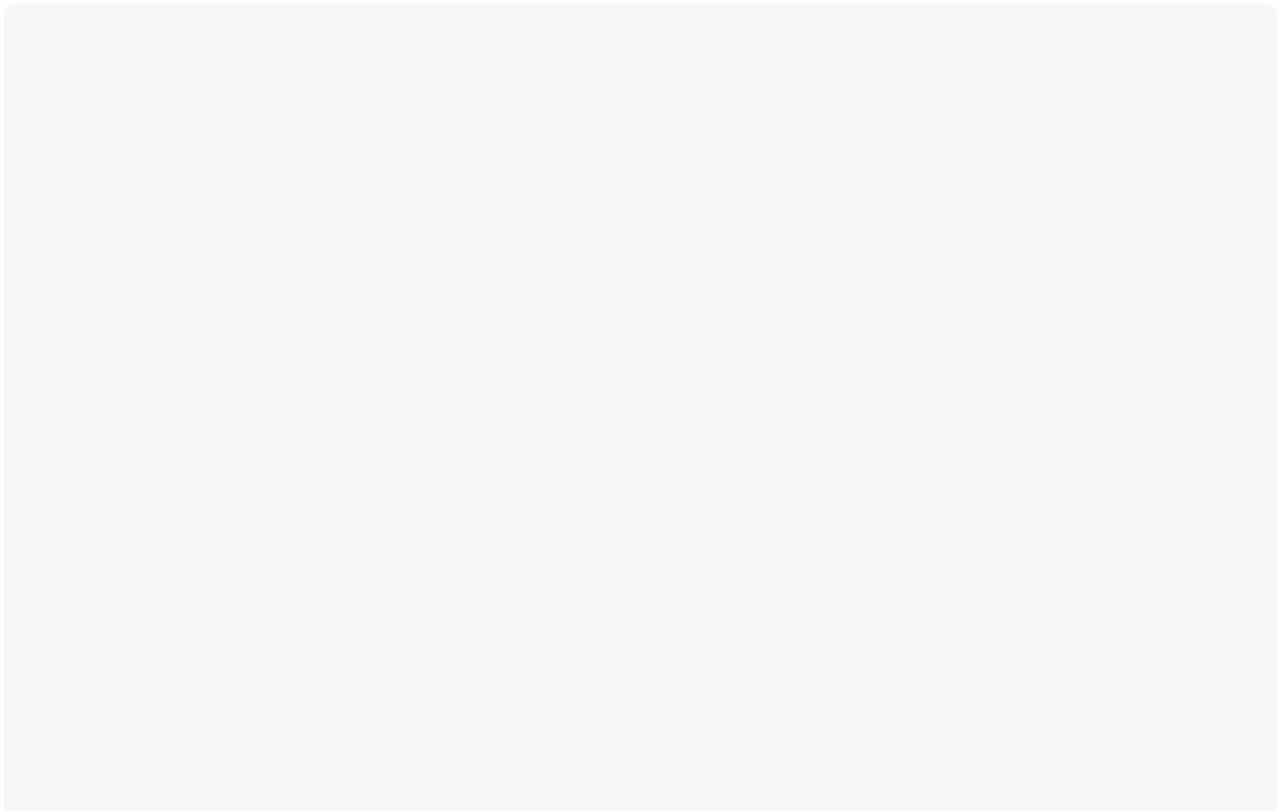
APPLY IT

EVERYTHING we need for life and godliness are in Christ Jesus! God knows our need long before we do. Jesus promised that whatever we ask in His name, believing we shall receive. So, what are you in need of today? Ask in His All-Sufficient name!

Then trust in His All-Sufficient Provision (Jesus)!

For further meditation: Isaiah 25:4, Matt 6:25-33, Phil 4:19

PRAY IT



Jehovah-Rapha (translated "The LORD who Heals")

Redemptions gift: God my Physician

LEARN IT!

The very first attribute revealed and spoken by God Himself to the newly formed nation of Israel is found right on the heels of the mighty crossing of the Red Sea. After celebrating their miraculous rescue by God, they traveled three days into the wilderness looking for water without success. When they arrived at Marah, they discovered the water was bitter (literally poisonous) and undrinkable. They cried out to Moses and Moses cried out to God.

"and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you. ." (Exodus 15:25-26)

The word "rapha" means to cure, heal, repair, mend, thoroughly make whole (Strong's #H7495). God would be their Physician because it is His nature to heal and restore. The Israelites had just come out of serious demeaning bondage where their lives mattered very little to those who had enslaved them. They had spent over 400 years in severe oppression under the Egyptians, being treated as worthless. Here God begins this newly formed relationship by making His desire for their well-being absolutely clear. He would not oppress them like the Egyptians did! As their God, He would heal, restore and make them whole. He is the Giver of life, not a taker!

However, this promise to heal was conditioned upon their obedience. Within the span of three months, they would turn their back on God and worship a golden calf. But what was impossible for man was made possible in Christ. He not only died for our sin but bore the stripes for our healing.

"When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon- possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses." (Matthew 8:17)

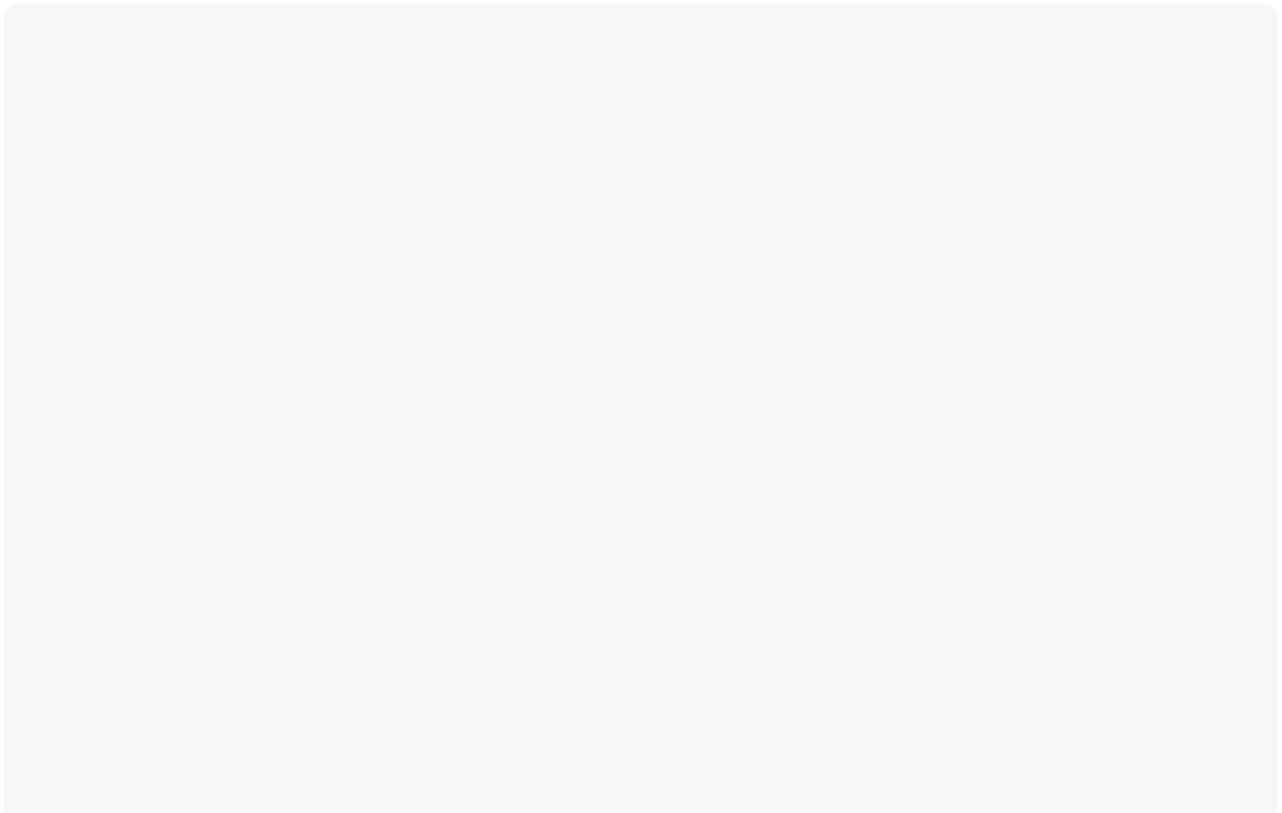
*But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5*

APPLY IT

God is our Great Physician! He has committed His healing to us as a pure gift of grace based on the finished work of Christ. When we take the Lord's Supper, we are to remember what Christ has done for us to be made whole and rejoice in this new covenant provision! Like the early disciples, we too can speak His victorious name over afflictions, pain, sickness, and disease. So SPEAK! Because all things are yours in Christ!

For further meditation: Psalms 103:1-5, 1 Peter 2:24-25, Luke 9:1-2

PRAY IT



Jehovah-Nissi (translated "The LORD is our Banner")

Redemptions gift: God's Victory

LEARN IT!

The first battle the Israelites engaged in after being delivered from Egypt was with the Amalekites. Moses had instructed Joshua to choose some men and go out onto the battlefield to face the enemy. Meanwhile, Moses took the "rod of God" symbolizing God's presence and power, climbed to the top of a nearby hill with Aaron and Hur, and there he held it up as an ensign.

"And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner; for he said, "Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."(Exodus 17:11-16)

Banners were raised as rallying points and were most often used to claim possession of a space or territory. (see Dictionary of Biblical Imagery pg.70) As Moses raised his staff over the people, he was declaring Israel to be God's possession. In this context, it was about people, not property because they had not yet entered into the promised land.

The victory came because in faith Moses raised the staff as a Banner indicating God's presence with and for His covenant people! Later this staff (rod of God) would be replaced with the Ark of the Covenant as a key representation of God's presence with His people.

***Now in the New Covenant Jesus Christ
is our Champion and our Victory-
present in the lives of His people!***

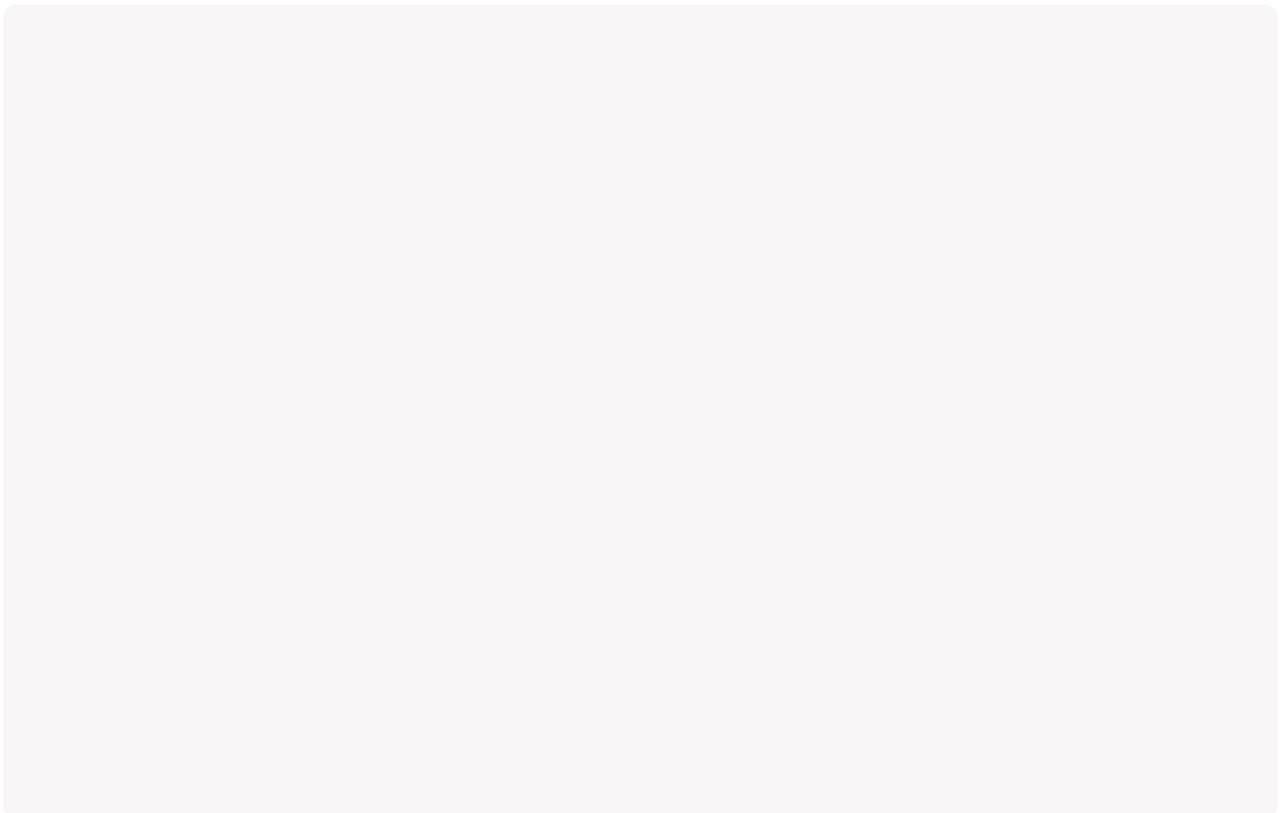
"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 15:57)

APPLY IT

Under the Old Covenant Moses was a type of Intercessor. Under the New Covenant Jesus is our great High Priest who ever lives to make intercession for us. He does not tire nor do his arms grow weary! Having triumphed over all principalities and powers on our behalf He is now seated at the right hand of the Father as a constant reminder that we belong to God. Jesus is our Jehovah-Nissi, the Lord our Banner! His presence and power are with us continually, available without limit through faith in Christ. When we abide in His strength we will have victory over the world, the flesh and the devil!

For further meditation: Psalms 60:4, Psalms 20:1-5, John 16:33

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