

THE CHARACTER OF OUR GOD REVEALED

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Introduction: Today we will take a journey into the character of God revealed as **Jehovah Tsidkenu and Jehovah Jireh**.

We all face life with its many challenges and twists and turns. As Christians many times we look to God to rectify and provide what ever will bring about His promised results. But today we will look to “**His Names as our source or the origin.**”

1. Jehovah Tsidkenu

- The phrase "The Lord our Righteousness" is one of the most profound compound names of God found in Scripture. It serves as both a prophetic promise and a theological cornerstone for understanding how our Holy God relates to a sinful humanity.

When Jeremiah gave this prophecy, Judah was failing under corrupt "shepherds" (kings). By calling the coming Messiah *Yahweh Tsidkenu*, Jeremiah was declaring that righteousness would no longer be a failed human effort to keep the Law, but a quality derived directly from the character of God Himself. It shifts righteousness from a **verb** (something we do, “**Sin Consciousness**”) to a **Proper Noun** (someone who is, “**Righteousness Consciousness**”).

Jeremiah 23:4 *And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. ⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. ⁶ In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*

- **Yahweh (יהוה):** The self-existent, covenant-keeping name of God. It implies “I Am who I Am,” emphasizing His unchangeable nature.
- **Tsedek (צדק):** The root of *Tsidkenu*, means “straightness,” “justice,” or “that which is right.” In a legal sense, it refers to being “in the right” or meeting a standard.
- **-nu (נו):** The pronoun suffix means “our.”

The transition from the Hebrew Old Testament, *Tsidkenu* to the Greek New Testament, *Dikaiosynē* represents the move from a **Promise** to a **Person**. **In the Hebrew, we see the Standard (The Lord is Righteous); In the Greek, we see the Substitution (The Lord is our Righteousness).** This study reveals that “Righteousness” is not a ladder we climb to reach God, but a gift that God lowered himself down to reach us.

- **Right standing with God is imputed to you**

Here, the Greek moves from the *prophecy* of a righteous branch to the *reality* of **Imputed Righteousness**. God doesn’t just help us be good; He “reckons” or “credits” the righteousness of Christ to our account.

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

- **Kyrios (κύριος):** The Greek equivalent of *Yahweh* or “Lord,” denoting supreme authority and ownership.
- **Dikaiosynē (δικαιοσύνη):** The Greek term for righteousness. It carries the weight of “judicial acquittal.” In a Greek-Roman legal context, it meant a state of being acceptable to a judge.
- **Hēmōn (ἡμῶν):** The genitive plural pronoun “of us” or “our.”

1 Corinthians 1:30 *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*

- **Receive the Gift of Righteousness**

Romans 5:17 NKJV *For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)*

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

Romans 10:9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

If you feel weighed down by your mistakes or the pressure to “be better,” or “become the best version of yourself,” remember that your identity is not built on your performance.

- **Jehovah Tsidkenu** means that when God looks at you, He doesn't see your flaws; **He sees the perfect righteousness of His Son.**
- You are upheld by God who fulfills His own requirements on your behalf through Jesus Christ.

Romans 4:25 YLT *who was delivered up because of our offences, and was raised up because of our being declared righteous.*

Rest in the truth that you are fully accepted, already “right,” and absolutely loved. Let that peace guide every step you take!

- **DECLARE BOLDLY! Jesus, You were made sin nature with my sin nature and fully paid for it by death. Today I acknowledge that sin nature “you” are dead in me once and for all time through Jesus’ Death!**
- **DECLARE BOLDLY! Jesus, Your Resurrection was my resurrection! Now I receive abundance of GRACE and the GIFT of RIGHTEOUSNESS to reign in this life through JESUS CHRIST!**

2. Jehovah Jireh

The name **Jehovah Jireh** (properly transliterated as *Yahweh Yir’eh*) is another one of the most profound compound names of God found in the Hebrew Bible. It isn’t just a label for “God the Provider”; it is a theological declaration born out of a moment of extreme crisis and ultimate surrender.

Genesis 22:1-19 {turn in your Bible}

The Hebrew: Yahweh Yir’eh

The name appears in **Genesis 22:14** after God provides a ram for Abraham to sacrifice in place of his son, Isaac.

Genesis 22:14 *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.”*

- **Yahweh (Jehovah):** The covenant name of God, derived from the verb *hayah* (“to be”). It implies His self-existence and faithfulness to His promises.
- **Jireh (Yir’eh):** This is the future tense of the Hebrew verb *ra’ah*.
 - **Primary Meaning: To see, to look at, or to inspect.**
 - **Root Meaning: In the context of “provision,” the Hebrew mindset links seeing with attending to.**

****KEY! To God, “to see” a need is “to provide” for it. He sees the need before it manifests, and because He sees it, He acts!**

- New Testament concepts of "Providence" use the word *pronoia*.

Pro: Before. **Noia/Noos:** Mind or thought. **Connection:** This mirrors the Latin *pro-videre* (to see beforehand).

****KEY! In Greek thought, God’s “provision” is His “forethought” in action.**

The Mountain of the Lord - The text says, *"On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided"* (Genesis 22:14). This creates a geographical and prophetic link to **Moriah** which is the future site of the Temple in Jerusalem and, ultimately, the vicinity of Golgotha

I. The Shift from "Outcome" to "Source" (Hebrew Focus)

In the Hebrew context of *Ra’ah*, we often focus on the "ram in the thicket" (the provision). However, Abraham named the *Place*, not the *Object*.

- **New focus in prayer: Don't worship the provision; worship the Provider.** When you face a financial or emotional deficit, your prayer shouldn't just be “God, give me X,” but “Lord, you see this moment from above know what need is ahead and **Your Provision Shall be Seen!**”
- **Meditate on God’s Word:** Practice “God-sight, as it is in Heaven” **Instead of looking at the mountain of your problem, look at the God who is already standing on the peak looking down at the solution.**

II. The New Testament Revelation!

“Provision via Substitution” In the New Testament, the ultimate expression of *Yahweh Yir’eh* is:

Romans 8:32 *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?*

- **Application:** Use the logic of the "Greater to the Lesser." Since God provided the ultimate sacrifice (the Lamb/Jesus) to solve your greatest problem (sin/death), He is fully committed to providing for your smaller needs (bread/direction).
- **Action:** When anxiety rises, remind yourself: “The hard part (the Cross) is over; the rest is just logistics.”

III. The Requirement of "Moriah" (Obedience)

God did not reveal Himself as *Jireh* while Abraham was sitting in his tent. **The revelation came at the point of total surrender on the mountain.**

- **Application:** Provision is found on the path of obedience. We frequently want the “ram” before we start the “climb.”
- **Action:** Identify your “Isaac” — the thing you are afraid to let go of. Realize that *Yahweh Yir’eh* is waiting at the top of the mountain of your obedience, not at the bottom of your hesitation.

Sacrifice is the lens through which we see God. We don't sacrifice to *bribe* God into giving us things. **We sacrifice because it clears the clutter from our vision so we can finally see that He has already gone before us!**

Isaiah 46:10 *Declaring the end from the beginning; and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

1 Peter 2:5 (NKJV) *you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Jehovah Jireh means "The Lord will see to it." It is a name that invites us to trade our nearsighted anxiety for His eternal foresight and action!

WORSHIP TODAY WITH YOUR SACRIFICE! That which is precious to you is your sacrifice to God!