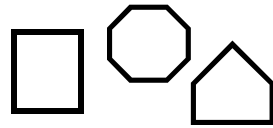


△ *A God Journey*



***DISCOVERING
GOD***



Lesson #1

References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Jeremiah 29:10-14**
- Deuteronomy 4:25-31**
- 1 Chronicles 28:1-10**
- 2 Chronicles 15:1-15**
- Isaiah 55:3-7**
- Psalms 27:4-9**
- Psalms 119:2**
- Psalms 34:9-10**
- 2 Chronicles 7:12-14**

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Seek The Lord”:** To desire and pursue earnestly the person and presence of God. In other words, to go after God!!!
- **“With All Your Heart”:** Pursuing God with a powerful, persistent, passion.
- **“I Will Be Found By You”:** Confirming our opportunity for intimacy in God’s Presence.
- **“While He May Be Found...While He Is Near”:** Emphasizing our need to press into His Presence while the opportunity is still available to us. In other words, the time is now!

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“Since I have been given this opportunity to intimately know God, how can I not choose to passionately pursue His Presence!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

The quest to know God has captivated the hearts and minds of people since the beginning of time. As in every relationship, the first identifier is to learn the name of the person you want to know better. When it comes to the God of the Bible, His names literally give us some of the most dynamic insights concerning who He is and what He will do. More than anything, don’t be surprised if you find yourself confronted by someone who passionately desires to become intimately involved in assisting you on a daily basis. It’s time to enter the discovery zone!

GOD’S PERSONAL INVITATION

1.) The most incredible discovery when reading through scripture is that unlike other gods of other religions, the God of the Bible invites anyone and everyone to intimately know and experience Him on a personal level. **Jeremiah 29:13** is a clear example of this personal invitation. Write this verse below.

2.) Is this the same invitation that was given individuals and groups of people as recorded in **Deuteronomy 4:29, 1 Chronicles 28:9, 2 Chronicles 15:2**, as well as **Isaiah 55:6**?

Yes___ No___

3.) According to **2 Chronicles 15:12**, what was the people’s response when the journey of going after God was presented to them?

4.) In **Psalms 27:8**, how did David respond to God’s personal invitation?

* Not interested! ___ * Too busy! ___ * I will go after you Lord! ___

5.) Oh, by the way! Are you aware there are some pretty incredible benefits to those who choose to embark on this personal, passionate journey of going after God? According to the following verses, write down your findings.

* **Psalms 119:2** _____

* **Psalms 34:10** _____

* **2 Chronicles 7:14** _____

6.) Now after returning back to **Jeremiah 29:13,14** and realizing that references to finding God have to do with the privilege of intimate encounters in God’s powerful presence, would you agree this is the greatest reason why someone should seriously consider going after God in this life?

Yes___ No___



Lesson #2

References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Acts 17:16-34**
- Hosea 4:1-6**
- Ephesians 4:17-19**
- Luke 13:22-30**

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Too Superstitious”:**
Extremely addicted to religious practices
- **“Ignorantly Worship”:**
Aimless worship, without any real knowledge or understanding. In the dark!!!
- **“Lack Of Knowledge... Rejected Knowledge”:**
Empty of God's Word because of choosing to ignore God's Word.
- **“Alienated From The Life Of God”:** A state of being separated or severed from the everlasting life that God has to offer.
- **“I Know You Not”:**
You are not one of mine because you have not entered into a personal, covenant relationship with me.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“To not know God in an intimate, personal way is to be void of truth, full of darkness, and separated from life eternal!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

It's interesting to note **wherever you go in this world, you will find that most people have at least some interest in the realm of the spirit.** In fact history has revealed that religion has played a critical role in the makeup of almost every society known to mankind. The problem is that though religion continues to have a pre-dominant impact on this planet, **most religions keep people in the dark when it comes to really finding God.** The bottom line is we know how to be religious, but we just don't know God!!!

DISCOVERING THE UNKNOWN GOD

- 1.) According to **Acts 17:16**, when Paul entered the city of Athens, he found the entire population was extremely religious. True___ False___

- 2.) In fact in **verse 23**, what did Paul say he had discovered while touring the city and noticing the many religious symbols which had been erected?

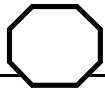
- 3.) Paul then declared he was going to open the eyes of their ignorance and reveal this **“UNKNOWN GOD”** to them. Ignorance of the one true God has always been man's downfall and Satan's design. In **Hosea 4:1 & 6** when the knowledge of God is not present, what is the end result? Write down the first phrase of **verse 6**.

- 4.) **Ephesians 4:17 & 18** gives us further insight into the terrible human condition of those who are ignorant of the God of the Bible.
 - * Those who do not know God live in darkness. True___ False___
 - * Those who do not know God are separated from God! True___ False___

- 5.) Being separated from God means we don't have a close, personal relationship with God. And if we don't know God, then the Bible says God doesn't know us. Notice the parable Christ presents in **Luke 13:23-30** illustrating God's response to those He does not know. Write **verse 27** below.

- 6.) So in **Acts 17:23**, Paul's announcement that he was going to give them the knowledge of the **“UNKNOWN GOD”** was actually *the beginning of their first real encounter with God himself.* How did Paul begin explaining who God is?
 ___ God existed before this world came to be. ___ God created this world.
 ___ God's kingdom only includes this planet. ___ God rules all the universe.

- 7.) **Verse 28** declares: **“In Him we _____ and have our being...”** Paul was introducing a living God not made with hands.



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Psalm 8:1-9
- Psalm 135:13
- Proverbs 18:10
- Psalm 124:1-8
- Psalm 9:1-10
- Joel 2:28-32
- Acts 2:16-21
- Romans 10:13
- Psalm 113:1-9

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Excellent Is Your Name”**: The name of the Lord is honored above all others.
- **“A Strong Tower”**: A fortress of safety.
- **“Shall Be Saved”**: The promise of God’s plan for our rescue. Delivered out of the deadly grip of sin, and into an eternal position of safety.
- **“From The Rising Of the Sun To The Going Down Of The Same”**: Anywhere and everywhere the sun shines on this earth.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“Just the mere mention of God’s name, honors His Presence, secures His assistance, and allows me the privilege of catching a glimpse of His divine nature and power!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

From a human perspective, when we want to get acquainted with an individual that we have not previously known, the first question asked is: **“What is your name?”**. You do this because knowing their name immediately gives you an identity you can relate too for future reference. Believe it or not, the same thing applies when beginning to build an intimate, personal relationship with God.

A NAME LIKE NO OTHER

- 1.) Notice how David begins and ends his song unto the Lord in **Psalm 8**. Now take the time to write down his words on the lines below.

- 2.) According to **Psalm 135:13**, the Bible declares that His name will endure throughout all eternity.

TRUE___ FALSE___

- 3.) In **Proverbs 18:10** we discover that His name opens the door to a place of safety. In this verse what is His name like?

- 4.) In fact the Bible has one clear statement for anyone at anytime who finds themselves in need of help. **Psalm 124:8** simply says:

“Our help is in _____, who made heaven and earth.”

- 5.) To those facing troubled times, **Psalm 9:9,10** announces that those who get to know God by name will have a strong assurance that God is aware of their need and has everything in control.

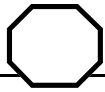
TRUE___ FALSE___

- 6.) And since **Romans 3:23** reveals that **“all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”**, and **Romans 6:23** announces the verdict that **“the wages of sin is death”**; man’s greatest need is to be rescued from this deadly bondage of sin itself. According to **Joel 2:32**, **Acts 2:21** and **Romans 10:13**, what is the remedy to this dilemma, and who has access to God’s salvation plan.

* _____ * _____

- 7.) It would appear just knowing God by name is the first step to an intimate relationship with God, as well as providing us access to what we really need in this life. No wonder **Psalm 113** encourages us to consider even His very name when entering into the worship and praise to the Lord. Match the following verses to the corresponding statements listed below.

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| Verse #1 | * Worship His name continually, at all times. |
| Verse #2 | * Worship His name everywhere, in all the earth. |
| Verse #3 | * All God’s people should worship His name. |



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Acts 17:22-24
- Genesis 1:1
- Exodus 20:1-17
- Nehemiah 9:1-6
- Job 26:7-14
- Psalms 33:1-8
- Isaiah 45:11-12
- Genesis 1:26-28
- John 10:22-38
- John 14:6-11

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“In The Beginning”**: Referring to the specific point when time as we know it began. Understanding that time is only a limited period within the greater framework of eternity. Time being marked with a beginning and an end .
- **“God Created”**: The Creator-God designed and produced that which had previously not been in existence, from material that was not yet in existence.
- **“Make Man In Our Image”**: Not made a god, but patterned in ways that clearly associates man with God.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“His name reveals that by divine design, all creation was intimately birthed out of the very Presence of God!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Now as you begin this lesson, you may find yourself wondering why in the world does the Bible place such an emphasis on knowing and declaring God’s name. The answer is: Since the God of the Bible is an invisible spirit being, He has chosen to present a portrait of Himself by using His name as a colorful reference point. **In the Bible God introduces himself by using several descriptive names.** A unique list, specifically designed to reveal the very nature and character of God is given to those who really desire to seek to know Him better.

GOD’S NAME.....ELOHIM

1.) Returning for a moment back to **Acts 17:22-24**. When the Apostle Paul began to reveal **“THE UNKNOWN GOD”** to the people of Athens. What were his opening comments as found in **verse 24**?

2.) Interesting to note that Paul’s introduction of God is exactly where the Bible begins it’s revelation of God. **Genesis 1:1** states:

“In the beginning _____ the heavens and the earth.”

3.) In the Hebrew language, of which most of the Old Testament was written, the word for God used in this passage is the Hebrew word **“ELOHIM”**. A name reflecting *the divine power and majesty* of God, revealing himself to be *the Creator-God*. Take the time to look up the following passages of scripture, then circle those which make direct reference to God the Creator.

Exodus 20:11 Nehemiah 9:6 Job 26:7 Psalm 33:6

4.) Now write down a quote from God himself as recorded in **Isaiah 45:12**.

5.) Even more interesting is the fact that the Hebrew name **“ELOHIM”** is actually a plural form for God. Notice **Genesis 1:26**.

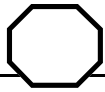
“And God said: _____ in our image...”

Since this Hebrew form for God is a compound unity, **“ELOHIM”** is in essence the first reference to who the Bible later reveals as **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit**, or in other words: three together as one.

6.) After reading **John 10:30,38** as well as **John 14:6-11**, would you agree Jesus was making direct reference to the reality of this revelation of God?

YES___ NO___

7.) Now explain how the name **“ELOHIM”** intimately relates to you in this life.



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

Genesis 14:1-24

Acts 16:16-18

Genesis 17:1-8

Genesis 21:33,34

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Possessor Of Heaven and Earth”:**
A clear revelation that all of the heavens and the earth are His creation.
- **“Be Thou Perfect”:**
To receive the benefits of God Almighty, Abram learned that walking in obedience to God was the condition required.
- **“My Covenant”:** An everlasting agreement made by God with man.
- **“The Everlasting God”:** A reference that the God of the Bible is an eternal being in relationship to the eternal past and the eternal future.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“It seems quite evident to me that the nearest competitor to the God of the Bible is at best inferior, incompetent and basically non-existent. I am interested in no other!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Throughout history people have bowed their knee to worship a variety of gods on this planet in an effort to connect to someone beyond themselves. The problem is that **those who have ended their search with any other god other than the God of the Bible, have shortchanged themselves** by choosing to believe in a god that could never fulfill their quest for real solutions to life’s problems. Why is the God revealed in scripture seemingly head and shoulders above all others?

GOD’S NAMES.....EL-ELYON / EL-SHADDAI / EL-OLAM

1.) When Abram (Abraham) victoriously returned from battle in **Genesis 14:17-24**, he comes across a king and priest who greets him and pronounces a powerful blessing upon him. Write **verse 19** on the lines below.

2.) One of the most dynamic Hebrew names for God, “**EI-Elyon**”, is presented in these verses. A descriptive name which is actually repeated four times.

“...the _____ God...”

3.) This name reveals to us that the God of the Bible is the highest ranking being in all of the universe. According to **Acts 16:16-18**, even demonic spirits recognize this fact.

YES___ NO___

4.) In **Genesis 17:1**, who does God say He is?

“...I am _____ God...”

5.) Here we find the descriptive Hebrew name “**EI-Shaddai**”, announcing that He is the all powerful God. With that in mind, which phrases below help to further explain what this name reveals.

___ God is able to do anything ___ He is unlimited in His power and might!

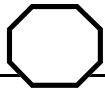
6.) Then in **Genesis 21:33**, notice the revelation Abraham gives us by using the Hebrew name “**EI-Olam**”.

“...the _____ God.”

7.) What does the term everlasting or eternal mean?

8.) Now that we have discovered He is *God most high, God almighty, and God eternal*. How does this impact your faith in the God of the Bible?

9.) We can conclude no other god even comes close! YES___ NO___



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Numbers 23:1-20
- Malachi 3:6
- Deuteronomy 2:1-7
- 1 Kings 17:1-16
- 1 Kings 19:1-8
- 2 Kings 4:1-7
- 2 Kings 6:24-7:16
- Philippians 4:15-19

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Jehovah-Jireh”**: The covenant name of God declaring his promise of divine provision to those who believe and obey his word.
- **“God Is Not A Man That He Should Lie”**: The Lord is not like men who say one thing and then do something else. God always keeps his word no matter what.
- **“I Change Not”**: The covenants of God are totally irreversible.
- **“Lacked Nothing”**: While in the wilderness for 40 years, the Lord provided the Children Of Israel with all they needed to live on.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“Because God has promised to provide for my every need, I can face the future with confidence, assurance, and peace of mind!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

What could be more exciting than to discover that the God you have chosen to follow is the one and only, great and mighty, everlasting God of all the universe? How about finding that **this very same God desires a personal, intimate relationship** with you, even to the point of providing for your every need? Well according to the Bible it's not just his desire. It's his promise!

GOD'S NAME...JEHOVAH-JIREH

- 1.) Notice the powerful true story of Abraham and God's wonderful provision in **Genesis 22:1-18**. Now draw a line connecting the following verses with the correct, corresponding statement.

verses 1 & 12	Abraham knew God would provide a lamb.
verse 2	Abraham willingly obeyed the Lord.
verse 8	Abraham was instructed to sacrifice his son.
verse 9	God was testing Abraham's faith and obedience.

- 2.) It's in **verse 14** we discover one of God's covenant names.

“And Abraham called the name of that place _____:”
Which in the Hebrew means *“the Lord will provide”*.

- 3.) How confident was Abraham in God's commitment to personally provide for his need in this situation? Read **verse 8**.

___ Not confident at all ___ Somewhat confident ___ Totally confident

- 4.) Since this is one of God's covenant names, how do we know his covenant to provide for his people is still in affect today? Notice **Numbers 23:19** and then write down the first half of **Malachi 3:6**.

- 5.) While wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, notice God's hand of provision for Israel as found in **Deuteronomy 2:7**. What is revealed in this passage?

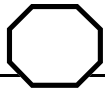
- 6.) To further illustrate God's personal covenant of providing for his people, read **1 Kings 17:1-16; 19:4-8, 2 Kings 4:1-7; 7:3-16**. In each case we find that the Lord did provide.

YES___ NO___

- 7.) Finally let's look at Paul's absolute confidence in *“Jehovah-Jireh”* as he writes to the church in **Philippians 4:19**.

“But my God _____ supply _____ your need...”

- 8.) Do you believe God is your provider? YES___ NO___



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

Exodus 15:22-27

Exodus 23:20-25

Deuteronomy 7:12-15

Psalms 103:1-5

James 5:14-16

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Jehovah-Rapha”:**
The covenant name of God revealing his promise to bring healing to those who suffer sickness and disease.
- **“I Will Take Sickness Away”:** God's promise to remove sickness that may come upon his people.
- **“Call For The Elders Of The Church”:** Not necessarily referring to the office of an Elder, but rather a mature believer who has gained absolute confidence in God.
- **“The Prayer Of Faith”:**
Approaching God in prayer with an expectation that God will do what he says he will do.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“How marvelous it is to know that I serve a God who has planned ahead and provides a healing touch, if and when I'm confronted with sickness and disease!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

In these next few lessons we are going to look at several more of the covenant names of God as presented in the Bible. Names that specifically reveal what the Lord has in store for those who seek to follow after him. Don't be surprised if you discover God has all the bases covered.

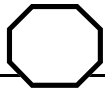
GOD'S NAME...JEHOVAH-RAPHA

- 1.) Almost immediately after Israel was miraculously delivered from the hand of Pharaoh, the Lord revealed even their health was his personal concern. In fact, in **Exodus 15:26** we find another of God's covenant names, making it clear that the Lord himself is the remedy for sickness and disease.

“...for I am _____.”
This is the literal translation for the Hebrew name: “*Jehovah-Rapha*”.

- 2.) In this passage, is healing a promise from God or just a possibility?
 A promise Just a possibility
- 3.) Now notice a clear confirmation of God's healing promise in **Exodus 23:25**. Write this verse on the lines below.

- 4.) In **Deuteronomy 7:15** we discover that this healing covenant that God presented to his people, included any and all types of sickness.
 YES___ NO___
- 5.) After reading a detailed list of God's wonderful benefits in **Psalms 103:1-5**; which verse specifically brings out the fact that God is a healing God?
 verse 2 verse 3 verse 4 verse 5
- 6.) And again in this passage we discover that...
 ...the Lord “**healeth _____ thy diseases**”.
- 7.) Now take some time to study the instructions given in **James 5:14-16**, then answer the following questions below.
 * Do these verses address those who are sick? YES___ NO___
 * To access God's healing power, a person should seek the Lord in prayer, enlist other believers to pray and be fully confident God will heal.
 YES___ NO___
- 8.) How confident are you that God still heals today? _____



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Exodus 17:8-16
- Exodus 14:1-14
- 2 Samuel 5:22-25
- 2 Chronicles 20:1-25
- Romans 8:31-39
- Psalms 118:5-14

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Jehovah-Nissi”**: The covenant name of God that promises to lead and fight for those who put their trust in him.
- **“The Battle Is Not Yours”**: We need to understand that the child of God does not stand alone in this life when it comes to facing trouble. God becomes personally involved!!!
- **“If God Be For Us”**: The importance of being on the Lord’s side cannot be overstated.
- **“Who Can Be Against Us”**: With God, our opposition is already history, and victory is already a reality.
- **“I Will Not Fear”**: Confidence in God will eliminate the torment of fear in this life.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“The troubles of this life should cause me to anticipate that God is about to step onto the scene!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Now you need to be aware that this **“God Journey”** is not without it’s **times of adversity and danger**. In fact, when you become a serious follower of God, your adversary the devil will begin to design strategies to attempt to stop you in your tracks. This is because he realizes that your passion for God is going to translate into his greatest nightmare.

GOD’S NAME...JEHOVAH-NISSI

1.) Confrontation was not unusual for the Children of Israel as they journeyed to the land God had promised them. As an example of this fact, notice the true account presented in **Exodus 17:8-16**. In your own words, what is the most unusual part of this story?

2.) Did this battle depend solely upon their own strength and abilities?

YES___ NO___

3.) In honor of the victory brought on by the Lord, what name did Moses use to identify the altar built at this location?

4.) **“Jehovah-Nissi”**: *“the Lord our banner”* boldly declares God to be personally out front, signaling He has already secured the victory needed. This is something Israel should have already known. In **Exodus 14:14**, God told his people...

“The Lord shall _____ for you...”

5.) On another occasion we find in **2 Samuel 5:22-25** that the armies of David were not to advance into battle until they heard God’s signal, letting them know that he had gone before them, fighting on their behalf.

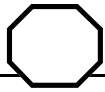
YES___ NO___

6.) In **2 Chronicles 20:15** we read:

“...for the battle is not yours, _____.”

7.) Some of the most powerful statements displaying the confidence we should have in **“Jehovah-Nissi”**, are found in **Romans 8:31-39**. Take the time to write **verses 31 & 37** on the lines below.

8.) **Psalm 118:6** With God there is no reason to _____.



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Judges 6:11– 7:22
- Isaiah 26:1-4
- Romans 15:33; 16:20
- Philippians 4:4-9

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Jehovah-Shalom”**: The covenant name of God that promises to bring peace to those who put their trust in him.
- **“Perfect Peace”**: An absolute, unshakeable peace which can only come from God.
- **“Be Careful For Nothing”**: We are to refuse to worry about the things that confront us on a daily basis.
- **“Shall Keep Your Hearts And Minds”**: Here we discover that the peace of God acts as a guard at the door of our hearts and minds, so that we are not overcome by the troubles we face in this life.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“In the midst of the struggles and turmoil of this life, I am confident that my God can be trusted, and that gives me a presence of peace that knows no boundaries!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

The tragedies and turmoil of this world continue to increase and intensify with every passing day. Just when you think it can't get any worse, it does. Even Christ prophesied in **Matthew 24:6-8** that the end times would be marked with increased worldwide calamities of every sort, while at the same time challenging his followers to **“be not troubled”**. How is this possible? How does a person stay sane in an insane world?

GOD'S NAME...JEHOVAH-SHALOM

1.) In **Judges 6** we find that an angel of the Lord appears to Gideon to announce peace in the middle of a very distressing time which had come upon the entire nation of Israel. What were the three key statements shared as found in **verse 23** of this chapter.

2.) In the very next verse, notice the name of the altar Gideon built in response to this unexpected visitation.

“...and called it _____.”
Which in the Hebrew means “*the Lord our peace*”.

3.) The prophet Isaiah knew of **“Jehovah-Shalom”** when he made the powerful statement found in **Isaiah 26:3**. Write this verse on the lines below.

4.) According to this passage, the Lord will provide an overwhelming peace to anyone who will put their complete trust in him.

YES___ NO___

5.) Let's see if the New Testament confirms that God is **“Jehovah-Shalom”**. After reading **Romans 15:33; 16:20** and **Philippians 4:9**, what common statement do you find in all three verses?

6.) What specifically can we do to secure peace in times of trouble? Take a close look at the words found in **Philippians 4:6-8** and then answer the following questions.

* Instead of worrying we are to take our troubles to the Lord in prayer and focus on things we should be thankful for.

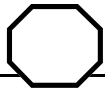
YES___ NO___

* We are also commanded to work at filling our minds with what kind of thoughts? List the 6 categories presented in **verse 8**.

Things that are _____ Things that are _____

Things that are _____ Things that are _____

Things that are _____ Things that are _____



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

Psalm 23:1-6

Psalm 95:1-7

Psalm 100:1-5

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Jehovah-Ra’ah”:**
The covenant name of God promising to lead, care for and protect those who will follow after him.
- **“I Shall Not Want”:**
Confident and content that God’s care will be complete in every way.
- **“Shadow Of Death”:**
Referring to times of extreme darkness and danger.
- **“The Sheep Of His Pasture”:** This word picture shows our total dependency on God, as well as God accepting total responsibility for our lives.
- **“The Lord Is Good”:**
Goodness is a divine characteristic of God, available to any and all people.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“When I think of how the God of heaven is personally involved in overseeing the care and safety of my daily life; it’s no surprise that millions have decided to put their complete confidence in the Lord!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Because of the pitfalls and dangers of this life, it soon becomes evident that walking alone is only an invitation for disaster. What do we do? Where do we turn, and who do we follow for the security and guidance that we so desperately need? It is in this setting we discover another aspect of God’s nature towards those who choose to get to know God in a personal, intimate way.

GOD’S NAME...JEHOVAH-RA’AH

- 1.) **Psalm 23** has always been a favorite passage to so many as they journey through this life. Let’s take an in-depth look at this chapter and find out why?

“The Lord is _____.”

Which is the literal translation for the Hebrew name: *Jehovah-Ra’ah*.

- 2.) Now as you read through this chapter, notice the specifics of God’s tender loving care to those who choose to place their life in his hands. Draw a line from the words found in **Psalm 23** to the phrase that best describes the meaning of those words.

“He makes me to lie down...”	His presence is always near.
“He leadeth me...”	He prods me when I need it.
“He restores my soul...”	He provides for my nourishment.
“Thou art with me...”	He blesses me every single day.
“Thy rod and thy staff...”	He sees that I find peace & rest.
“Thou preparest a table...”	He personally shows me the way.
“...All the days of my life”	He often refreshes me.

- 3.) On the lines below, write down the words found in **Psalm 95:7**.

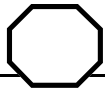
- 4.) According to this verse, the Lord clearly promises to be our shepherd if we will decide to follow after him.

YES___ NO___

- 5.) Does all of this give you any reason to rejoice and celebrate, knowing that you serve such a God as “**Jehovah-Ra’-ah**”? Well according to the writer of **Psalm 100**, you should be absolutely thrilled and thankful. In fact **verse 3** give us the reason why you and I should continually rejoice.

“...we are his _____, and the _____ of his pasture.”

- 6.) Can you imagine living this life without the Lord? YES___ NO___



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Psalm 14:1-3
- Romans 5:12
- Genesis 2:25-3:24
- Jeremiah 23:5-8
- Isaiah 51:4-6
- Habakkuk 3:17-19

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Jehovah-Tsidkenu”:**
The covenant name of God revealing God’s plan to deliver us from our sinful nature by transferring his righteousness upon us.
- **“All Have Sinned”:**
This passage refers to all people of every generation since Adam, except for Jesus Christ who the Bible declares became sin for all.
- **“By One Man Sin Entered”:** Because of Adam’s sin, the impact of sin gained entrance into the world from that point on.
- **“Death By Sin”:**
Since death was the penalty for sin; through Adam’s sin death entered into this world.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“Without God’s wonderful plan to rescue me from my sins, I would be hopelessly and helplessly lost for all eternity!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

Have you ever noticed that no matter how hard we try, **we continue to fall short of becoming the person we know we ought to be.** It’s almost as if we have some kind of a permanent defect causing us to continually stumble and fall. The truth is the Bible declares that *SIN* is the main source of our constant failures, and unless we find an answer to this dilemma, we will all self destruct at some point in time in this life.

GOD’S NAME...JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU

1.) One of the constant themes of the Bible has to do with the failure of humanity to live a life of godliness before the Lord. This is clearly seen in **Psalm 14:1-3.** Write down **verse 3** on the lines below.

2.) In fact, **Romans 3:23** says: **“For _____ have sinned...”**

3.) Not only does the Bible reveal the reality of our sinfulness, but God’s Word also reveals the consequences of our sins. According to **Romans 6:23**, all who sin have a death sentence to deal with.

YES___ NO___

4.) After reading **Romans 5:12** and **Genesis 2:25-3:24**, who is being referred to as the man who first allowed sin and death to enter into this world?

___ David ___ Judas ___ Cain ___ Samson ___ Adam

5.) Now the dilemma is that since **“all have sinned”**, all must die! Is there no solution to this problem? This leads us to a prophetic passage found in **Jeremiah 23:6.** Here we see another powerful, descriptive covenant name of God that unveils God’s rescue plan for our lives.

“...he shall be called _____.”

Which is the literal translation for the Hebrew name: *Jehovah-Tsidenu.*

6.) In other words, God is telling his people that he would become their righteousness, their savior, their deliverer from sin. Notice the statements made in **Isaiah 51:4-6**, then answer the following questions.

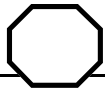
* According to **verse 5**, is God’s salvation within reach? YES___ NO___

* Which verse declares God’s salvation plan to be eternal? _____

* **Verse 6** also reveals that nothing will be able to cancel God’s plan of making his people righteous through his salvation plan.

YES___ NO___

7.) What was Habakkuk’s response to **“Jehovah-Tsidkenu”** in **Habakkuk 3:18**?



References.....

Consider these in-depth reference points as you begin your journey through this lesson.

- Genesis 3:1-8**
- Ezekiel 48:30-35**
- Exodus 33:1-16**
- Psalms 51:1-19**
- Genesis 6:5-9**
- Genesis 5:21-24**
- Psalms 16:8-11**

Guideposts.....

Information to help you gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of this lesson.

- **“Jehovah-Shammah”:**
The covenant name of God declaring that we can personally experience and enjoy his very presence.
- **“Hid Themselves”:**
The guilt of sin caused Adam & Eve to distance themselves from God.
- **“Holy Spirit”:** In the bible, references to the Holy Spirit refer specifically to the presence of God.
- **“Walked With God”:**
Noah and Enoch both were men who went after God, and experienced God’s presence on a daily basis.
- **“Fullness Of Joy”:** In God’s presence there is an ultimate level of joy which only comes from God himself.

Perspective.....

An application statement for this leg of the journey.

“Of all the things God provides, His presence is what I need and desire the most!”

Written By: James R. Palmer

So far this “God Journey” has provided you the opportunity to discover some pretty incredible things about the God of the Bible; but are you aware there is a name that reveals just how close and personal God desires to be? **It’s a dimension of the spirit which allows us the privilege of intimacy with the creator of the universe.**

GOD’S NAME...JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH

1.) Before the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden, it appears the presence of God literally walked with this first couple in very close fellowship. According to **Genesis 3:8**, did all of that change when Adam and Eve chose to sin against God?

YES___ NO___

2.) Whether you know it or not, the most terrible aspect about sin is that it works to separate us from God’s presence, but God has other ideas. In **Ezekiel 48:35**, what does the prophet declare would be the name of the place where God and his people would dwell together forever?

“...the name of the city from that day shall be _____.”
Which is the literal translation for the Hebrew name: “*Jehovah-Shammah*”.

3.) Here we have another name that shows the design and desire of God towards his people. Now in **Exodus 33:15**, God’s presence was so important to Moses that he did not want to go anywhere without it.

YES___ NO___

4.) Also we find in **Psalms 51:11** that God’s presence was so important to David, that after he had sinned, he was terrified he would now have to be separated permanently from God’s intimate presence. Write this verse below.

5.) When reading through the bible, it seems those closest to God were those who regularly experienced the nearness of the Lord. Notice these two examples.

Genesis 6:9 “...and Noah _____ with God.”

Genesis 5:22 “And Enoch _____ with God...”

6.) In fact Enoch’s relationship was so close that according to **Genesis 5:24**, what did God do?

7.) In **Psalms 16:11**, what is a major benefit of God’s presence?

8.) Do you have an interest in being able to not only experience God’s presence, but also to live in God’s presence?

YES___ NO___

