



The NAMES of God

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INTRODUCTION

In this book, you will explore the profound meanings and transformative power of the different names of God. From Jesus to Yahweh, from Jehovah Rapha to El Shaddai, each name reveals a unique facet of God's character and shows how He works in our lives.

Through personal stories and biblical insights, I will share the hope that we can find in the names of God, in different times of need! Learn and pray with me in this short book!

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CHAPTER 01: JESUS

CHAPTER 01: THE NAME OF JESUS

In my job as a pastor, I sit with people who are making tough life decisions. One family was making decisions about the health of their aging mother as she lay in the Intensive Care Unit.

Another man was making decisions about confessing an addictive stronghold that has held him captive for far too long. Another was facing the stark reality of having to lay off staff at their company. Other people were facing decisions about wanting to revitalize their marriage. Others were making choices about infertility treatments, confronting an abuser, whether or not to foster a child, and choices about moving across the country to follow a dream.

These are BIG decisions, and I noticed something. As we talked and prayed and sought God about these tough decisions, I heard something come out of their mouth—the name of Jesus.

As we prayed together, these people who sincerely desired to say “YES” to God’s plan, would speak the name of Jesus over the problem. **When you speak the name of JESUS over any decision, choice or opportunity, you bring that decision under the power and authority of God’s name!**

How powerful is that name? The Bible says:

(Proverbs 18:10, NIV) *"The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."*

(Philippians 2:9-11, NIV) *"Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

(Acts 4:12, NIV) *"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

When we speak the names of our God:

Jesus, Yeshua, YAHWEH, Elohim, Jehovah-Jireh (God our Provider), Jehovah Rophe (God our Healer), Adonai (Lord and Master), El Roi (the God who sees me), El Shaddai (God Almighty)
supernatural power is unleashed that can transform any moment into a miracle!

There is power in the name of Jesus to break every chain, so pray that Name and be free!

It is important to try to hear and understand the power of God's name. Why? Because, once again, when the names of God are spoken aloud, it brings His power into that decision, choice, situation, burden or opportunity!

I don't know what you are facing personally, but I do know that His name is available to you.

Would you take a moment, right now, and speak the name of Jesus over whatever challenge you may be facing? Speak the name of Jesus over your family, your job, your calling, your health, your future and your life.

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Can you pray this prayer for just a moment? “Jesus, slow me down. Help me rest and trust that time with You is the most important investment of my time. Lord, help me to breathe in You.”

Before you continue reading, would you simply take a deep breath? Trust me. Just breathe in...and breathe out. In and out. Did you know that one of the Old Testament names of God was so holy that God’s chosen people would not say it aloud? It was too sacred. I love that they had so much respect for the Name of God! Truthfully, they would not say it, but they would BREATHE it.

Did you know that the consonants used in the spelling of the sacred name YAHWEH are in fact, the only consonants that, if correctly pronounced, do not allow you to use your tongue or close your lips? In fact, we know that the pronouncing of the SACRED NAME was an attempt to imitate breath.

It was a picture of inhalation and exhalation. Would you try it? Inhale the “YAH” and exhale the “WEH” (pronounced WAY). Again, inhale “YAH” and exhale the “WEH”. You can do all of this without moving your lips or using your tongue.

It’s all in your breath! Isn’t it amazing that Jesus is the breath of life?!

As you breathe, I want to remind you that you are not in charge of whether or not you are breathing...God is! **God is the giver of every breath, so breathing His name is a reminder to us of all that HE IS: all powerful, all holy, all knowing, and all present. He is the breath of life. YAHWEH.**

Think about this truth. Your first breath as a baby was you saying God's name, YAH – WEH, and your final breath as a dying man or woman will be you saying the name of God, YAH-WEH.

My friend, if you breathe the name of God at the beginning of your life, and you breathe the name of God at the end of your life, doesn't it seem fitting that you would say "YES" to the God of life, everywhere in between?

As you continue to breathe, reflect on Isaiah 52:6:
"Therefore, my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speaks; here I am." (Isaiah 52:6, NIV)

He is here. Breathe Him in and never forget.



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CHAPTER 03: EL SHADDAI

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(God Almighty)

There are times when we just need God to show up strong for us! There was a period of time where I was swamped by a wave of funerals. As a pastor, one of my roles is to walk with people in grief. On top of loss, and after loss, many of my closest friends were in crisis as their lives spiraled out of control. On top of that chaos, there were many challenges at work that seemed to magnify my exhaustion. On top of that, some health concerns in our immediate family were pulling our hearts in many directions. Oh, and it happened to be Christmas!

As I prepared to walk onto the stage to officiate another memorial service, I remember crying out to God from my overwhelmed state, "God, I need you to show up strong for me right now!" And do you know what? He did!

Abraham, David and John all needed God to show up strong for them. Abram (who later became Abraham) needed God to show up strong as he and Sarai faced childlessness, God's testing in the surrender of Isaac, and Abram's pivotal role as the father of God's chosen people. David needed God to show up strong as he faced the overwhelming obstacles of Goliath, the jealousy of Saul, and his future as a King. John needed God to show up strong in the face of the call of Jesus, the death of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus.

Listen to the Bible speak of El Shaddai through the words of these men:

(Genesis 17:1, NIV) “When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless...”

(John 1:3, NIV) “All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.”

(Psalm 91:1, NIV) “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.”

If you need God to show up strong for you today—He will!
El Shaddai, God Almighty, is with you, and He is mighty to save! His strength is available to you right now, so instead of trying to get through this day in your own strength, call on His powerful name and allow His Almighty power to infuse you with strength from Heaven.

I encourage you to pray this prayer for strength right now:

“El Shaddai, I call on your power and might in this moment.
Lord, I need your power to carry me through. I cannot do this on my own and I am grateful that I don’t have to! Jesus, be my strength.
When I face obstacles and challenges, help me to rely on You and Your powerful Name. Give me the strength I need to accomplish Your will for my life! Amen.”



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CHAPTER 04: ADONAI

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(Lord and Master)

I love history! A few years ago, I was reading a book about Abraham Lincoln. According to the story, Abraham Lincoln was traveling and came upon a heart-breaking scene—a slave auction. As he observed the sale of human beings, he noticed a young woman on the auction block. Moved with compassion, he purchased her life as there was no other way to save her. After he had paid for this young woman's life, he unshackled her hands and feet and said, "You are free to go." She was confused.

› She said, "I am free?"

› He replied, "Yes".

› She continued on with questions, "Am I free to go where I want to go?"

› He said, "Yes, you are free to go where you want to go."

› She queried, "Am I free to do what I want to do?"

› He again replied, "Yes, you are free to do what you want to do".

› She asked again, "Am I free to choose any path I want?"

Abraham Lincoln said, "Yes, any path you want."

› She then said, "If I can go wherever I want to go, and do whatever I want to do, and choose any path I want to walk, then I choose...to go with you."

Jesus purchased us with His own blood and now, we can choose to go with Him every day of our lives! This story reminds me of another powerful name of God— Adonai, our Lord and Master. Scripture speaks of our Lord and Master in this way:

(2 Samuel 7:22, NIV) “Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.”

(Exodus 15:11, NIV) “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

(Hebrews 1:3, NIV) “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...”

Our Master is powerful and strong, but He is also kind. He loves His own and adopts us into His family. He rules and reigns over all creation and yet, He made the opportunity for us to become His children. You have a choice. You can go wherever you want to go. You can do whatever you want to do. You can follow any path you want to walk. You have complete freedom, so, use that freedom to GO WITH GOD! Follow His path. Welcome His direction.

Be obedient to His call because He is a good Lord and Master, and He will never lead you wrong.

Choose to follow God now with this prayer:

"Adonai, thank You for buying me back. Thank You for setting me free from the slavery of sin. Thank You for allowing me to use this freedom to stay with You. Lord, I submit my life to You. Would You transform my surrender into a miracle? I love You and I want to go with You. Amen."

I encourage you to take a moment, and thank Adonai for the miracle of your freedom.



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(God our Healer)

I have been praying for the healing of my wife's eyes for more than 30 years. Laurel has Bietti's Crystalline Dystrophy and Cystoid Macular Edema, two degenerative eye diseases that have impaired much of her vision. On a recent doctor visit, they told us that Laurel has eight percent of her vision remaining in her right eye and eleven percent of the vision in her left eye.

This was hard news to hear, but do you know what we did with it? We took it to Jehovah Rapha—God our Healer! No matter what doctors may say, we have a miracle-working God who can make blind eyes see. We have a God who heals disease, sickness and depression. **Our God can do miracles!**

I know there are some people who wonder why we keep praying for a miracle. The truth is, we keep praying because we know God is more than able to do miracles, and we pray He will do this miracle! As well, to ask the same question that Peter did, "To whom should we go?" While I love medical science, when there are no answers to a medical condition, I love knowing there is Another to whom I can appeal, and His name is *Jehovah Rapha, God our Healer*.

I love the promises of God about healing because they give me the faith to keep believing and asking. Let these words wash over you and restore your hope in our God, who heals.

(Exodus 15:26, NIV) "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

(Isaiah 38:16-17, NIV) "You restored me to health and let me live. Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back."

(Psalms 103:2-4, NIV) "Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion."

Maybe you are in need of a physical miracle, or maybe you know someone who does. No matter how long you may have prayed, today is NOT the day to give up! Appeal again to *Jehovah Rapha*, *God our Healer*.

Would you pray this prayer?

"Jehovah Rapha, we come to You today for healing. Healing in our bodies. Healing in our minds. Healing in our hearts. We are grateful that You gave Yourself this name so we will never forget that You are our Healer. Lord, I thank You that You are more than able to give me this miracle. As I wait on YOU, teach me to trust more and believe more. Amen."



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CHAPTER 06: JEHOVAH JIREH

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(God Our Provider)

I can't imagine what Abraham must have been thinking as he walked up the mountain with his son, Isaac, knowing that God had asked him to sacrifice and surrender the son he loved so much. Before you judge God for making this request, I want to remind you that when it came down to a choice between sparing the life of His Son or sparing yours, God chose you!

I don't know what Abraham was thinking, but I do know the promise He was clinging to...God always provides. Listen to this confidence in answer to his son's question:

"Abraham said, 'God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together...Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is called to this day, 'In the mount of the LORD it will be provided.'" (Genesis 22:8,13-14, NIV)

God provided!

Listen to this testimony about a group of people who wandered away from God of their own will:

Deuteronomy 2:7, NIV) “For the LORD your God has blessed you in all that you have done; He has known your wanderings through this great wilderness these forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have not lacked a thing.”

God provided! And listen to this promise: “And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.” (Deuteronomy 11:12–15, NIV)

When I was in college, I went to work at a ministry in which I had to raise my own support and finances. This was a huge step of faith for me because I often struggle with the belief that God will provide. At the end of the summer, I was amazed to see this truth come to reality. God provided! In fact, He provided more than what I needed to return to school that fall.

I don't know what you currently need (and yes, “wants” and “needs” are different), but I do know that God has given Himself a name that should encourage you to live out this promise, “And my God shall supply ALL your needs according to His glorious riches that are in Christ Jesus.” (**Philippians 4:19 NKJV**)

Whatever you need, ASK! Believe that He will provide what you need. He is Jehovah Jireh, God, our provider.

I encourage you to pray the following prayer:

Jesus, You know every need that I have. I pray that You would provide in miraculous ways so there is no doubt that the provision came from You! I trust You with every need because You are Jehovah Jireh, God our Provider.



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CHAPTER 07: EL ROI

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(The God Who Sees Me)

One of the 10 commandments says: "You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain." I don't know about you, but it bothers me when I hear the name of God taken lightly. In a time when God's name is often seen as nothing more than a curse word, I am grateful that there are people like you, who hold the names of God as precious and important!

I once had the privilege of praying with a young man. He came to the front of the church for prayer and God placed him in my path. As he shared the broken story of his family and his own bad choices, tears streamed down his face. At one point, he made this comment, "I have felt invisible my whole life."

Prompted by the Holy Spirit, I stopped him and said, "Justin, He sees you. He sees you right now. He has been watching over you every day of your life. You are seen." I wish I could have recorded the look on Justin's face when I told him that one of the names God chose for Himself was *El Roi, the God who sees me*.

God not only sees you, but He also sees all of the miraculous potential He placed in you. Listen to a young lady, who in spite of a heart-breaking situation cried out to a God who heard, and Who responded to the cry of her heart:

"She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: 'You are the God who sees me,' for she said, 'I have now seen the One who sees me.'" **(Genesis 16:13, NIV)**

My prayer for every person who reads this book is that they will use each one of God's names to empower their prayer life. When you are faced with a need, cry out to the God who provides. When you are overwhelmed, breathe in the name that calms our fears, Yahweh. When you need God to be strong, make your appeal to El Shaddai, God Almighty. And when you feel like you are unseen, know that you are heard by El Roi, the God who sees YOU! Always remember:

"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love." (Psalm 33:18, NIV)

He sees you. He loves you. He knows you. He knows what you need and He will provide.





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