

God's seven redemptive names, do you know Him by each?

There are in the scriptures seven compound names of Jehovah each of which represents a major area of need for every human being. Each name reflects both God's desire to be the great "I AM" or supplier of each of these basic human needs, and the provision that He has already made to do it as part of His plan to fully redeem the human race through Jesus Christ. The seven names, in the order they appear in the scriptures, are these:

1. Jehovah-Jireh – The Lord will provide

Gen 22:8-14 **And Abraham said, my son, God will provide himself a lamb...And Abraham called the name of that place "The LORD Will Provide".**

In this first redemptive name God says of Himself "I AM your Provider". His provision here was of a sacrificial lamb. His first provision for me, because it's my greatest need, is the sacrificial Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, to be my substitute and to be judged and die for my sins. By this provision He purchased my life back from the dominion and fate of the god who reigns over sin, Satan. This change in my ownership becomes real when I believe it:

1 Cor 6:19-20 **Or do you not know...you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**

God bought me back from the Devil in order to become my "all provider". He can only do this as I submit fully to His ownership and control. He will continue to supply all of my needs as I devote myself to the "good work" of the increase of His Kingdom here on earth:

2 Cor 9:8 **And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:** KJV

2. Jehovah-rapha – I am the Lord who heals you

Ex 15:26 **"If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight...For I am the LORD who heals you."**

The second redemptive name reflects God's desire to provide healing and health to my body. Again, God's offer to provide freedom from sickness, as with sin, is based solely on the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, bearing my sicknesses for me so that I shouldn't have to:

Matt 8:16-17 **...And (Jesus) healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled ..."He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."**

As with every other part of God's complete provision for my salvation, spirit, soul and body, this part of saving me from physical sickness can only become real to me when:

(a) I believe with my heart the truth of these words (b) I believe the truth that my body belongs to the Lord and its priority use is for spreading His gospel. Then, its healing and continued health can be entirely His responsibility, since I keep it always in His hands:

1 Cor 6:13 **...Now the body is...for the Lord, and the Lord (now can be) for the body.**

3. Jehovah-Nissi – The Lord is my banner (my protection, and in particular from my flesh)

Ex 17:13-16 **Joshua (a type of Jesus) defeated Amalek (Amalek represents the flesh) ...Moses built an altar and called its name, "The LORD Is My Banner"...**

Another of my basic needs is protection from my enemies, which are; my own sinful human nature or flesh, the world and the devil. Again, God's offer to protect me is based entirely on what Jesus Christ did. Jesus died on the cross to sinful flesh, on my behalf; He also died to the world, and conquered the devil, on my behalf. All of these victories over my enemies are mine when I believe God's words that say so, and, I continue to live "in Christ" the only place that exists where God can keep me safe from my enemies:

Rom 6:6 **Knowing this, that our old man (our flesh – Amalek) was crucified with Him.**

Gal 6:14 **...Our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me...**

Heb 2:14 **...That through death He (Jesus) might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil** (this victory is ours as we let God get sin out of our life)

1 Jo 5:18 **No one who has become part of God's family makes a practice of sinning, for Christ, God's Son, holds him securely, and the devil cannot get his hands on him.** TLB (Satan is the god of sin, Christ is the God of righteousness)

4. Jehovah-shalom – The Lord my peace (He makes me safe, that is, He's my Salvation)

Judg 6:23-24 **The Lord said to him, Peace (Shalom) be to you...Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it "The LORD Is Peace" (is Shalom)...**

Strong's concordance says the Old Testament word "Shalom" is from a root word which means to make safe, or well, happy, friendly, healthy, prosperous and at peace. In the New Testament the corresponding word is "Sozo" meaning to save. Strong's says it's from a root word which also means to make safe, or to deliver, protect, heal, preserve, to make well or whole. The words "savior" and "salvation" come directly from this word.

Every human being has a need to be made totally safe. Safe from: lack, sickness, harm from our enemies, fear, ignorance and deception, the penalty and power of sin, the rule of self and eternal hell. God longs to so make us safe, it happens when we make Him our home, that is, we live "in Christ" for He is both our peace (Shalom) and our salvation. He bore God's chastening for our sin so we could have His peace; it's ours when we're in Him.

Isa 53:5 **The judgment of sin needed for our peace (Shalom) was upon Him (Jesus)**

2 Tim 2:10 **...Salvation (being made safe) which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory,**

5. Jehovah-raah – The Lord is my Shepherd:

Psa. 23:1 **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want...He leads me...**

To be kept safe as one of God's sheep living among wolves, so I can grow up spiritually and bear much fruit, I need to be under the constant supervision of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. He says His sheep hear His voice, not with my natural ears nor understood with my natural mind, but heard with the ear of my heart and understood with the mind of my spirit. For this to happen I must remain full of His Holy Spirit, meaning I stay under the continual influence and control of the Holy Spirit. That is when I am living "in Christ" and I therefore currently belong to Him, because my spirit is being led by the Shepherd's Spirit.

Rom 8:1 **...Those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

Rom 8:9 **But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if...the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**

Rom 8:14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.**

6. Jehovah-tsidkenu – The Lord is my righteousness

Jer 33:16 **In those days...Jerusalem (new Jerusalem is the Church) will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: The Lord is our righteousness.**

Because of our sins none of us are righteous. And yet only the righteous are saved. What a desperate need we have therefore to be made and kept righteous. When we consent to sin we are no longer righteous. God made Jesus Christ both to bear our sins and to die to our sin nature, so that He could make us His righteousness; when we remain “in Christ”.

2 Cor 5:21 **For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.** (but we must remain “in Him”)

Phil 3:9 **And be found in Him (with) the righteousness which is from God by faith.**

Matt 13:43 **The righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.**

7. Jehovah-shammah – The Lord is there or present (so that we can live in His presence)

Ezek 48:35 **...The name of the city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE.**

We have seen from the first six redemptive names of God that: my provision, my health, my protection, my salvation, my guidance, and my righteousness all depend on my living in a secret spiritual place called “in Christ”. It is a place that is available to all. It requires my will, my soul, to be in continual submission to God and for my heart to actively believe:

- (i) The words He speaks to me daily by which He conforms me to Himself - continually fed;
- (ii) That His Spirit continually communicates with and guides my spirit – continually led;
- (iii) That I am crucified with Christ to my sinful human nature or flesh – continually dead.

In this way I live in God’s presence and have unbroken fellowship with Him all through the day, and I have true fellowship with every other disciple that also is living “in Christ”.

1 Jo 1:3-7 **...That you also may have fellowship with us; truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. If we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**

But if we are living in the light of God's presence...we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus (The Spirit of) His Son removes us from and keeps us clean from every sin. NKJV/TLB

This is a full and complete Salvation, where God is my provider, my health, my protector, my savior, my shepherd, my righteousness, as I continue to live in the joy of His presence. If you haven’t already fallen in love with Jesus Christ surely you will now, as your heart takes in the enormity of what He, out of love, has done for you and offers to you right now:

John 1:12 **But as many as received Him (by believing His words), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (and specifically, who believe in each one of His seven redemptive names).**