

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2-8-15 PM NOTES
"HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME" (PART 3)
VARIOUS SCRIPTURES
#5 in Series, "Learning to Pray From the Experts"

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—The J. B. Phillips Translation

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In preparation for looking at some of the actual prayers that were prayed by the saints (the “experts”) in the Scripture, we are laying a foundation by looking at the Lord’s Prayer or more accurately, “the Model Prayer”. The Model Prayer was given as a guideline for believers not to quote, but to help us know how to pray.

Every prayer that is pleasing to God could fit under one or more of the five parts of the Model Prayer. We've gotten hung up on the first part of the Model Prayer that deals with praise. We are specifically zeroing in on that part of the prayer that says, "Hallowed be Your name". The Greek word translated "hallow" means to treat as holy, to revere, or to set apart. The Phillips translation says, "May Your name be honored".

Let's talk about praise for a few minutes. Hallowing His name is a form of praise. **Psalms 48:10a (NKJV)** "According to Your name, O God, so *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth..." Does God seem far away from you today? After dealing with any unconfessed sin and unsundered areas in your life, begin praising God's names. His names reveal His perfections. As you begin to meditate on and praise God for who He is (His names), you will experience a closeness to God that is encouraging. When there is heaviness on us, praise His name and you will experience **Isaiah 61:3 (NKJV)** "To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." I'm not speaking of using prayer as a pragmatic technique to help us feel better; I am talking about setting our minds on His person, meditating on His perfections and beauty, and genuinely worshipping Him. The result is that you see every other circumstance, every other problem, every enemy in light of the one who has revealed Himself through His names in Scripture. "Praise His name(s)"! When you do, your problems and inadequacies will look different in light of His great names.

Let's review the five names that we have already looked at:

- I. Elohim – The God of infinite strength who always keeps His promises and covenants
- II. Jehovah – The self-existent One who was and is and is to come. He exists outside the time dimension that He created and therefore He is the great "I AM"
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El Elyon deals with God's right to do as He wills and El Shaddai deals with His power to carry out what He has willed.

In this message, I want us to look at 2 more of His names and thereby give you more material with which you can hallow and praise His Names!

VI. Jehovah Rapha or Rophi

The translation of this name is, "The LORD who heals". Almost every time God reveals another of His names, it is tied to some crisis, some intense human experience. That makes sense because most all of us can testify that we have discovered more truth about our Lord in times of trouble or at least at a time of intense human experience. When God revealed this name for Himself, it was at an intense time for the Israelites. Let's dig a little deeper into the meaning of the name itself before we look at the circumstances in which God revealed this name. There is a wide scope to that Hebrew word "Rapha". It includes physical, emotional, moral, and spiritual healing. Many times God is referred to as the healer in the Old Testament, especially the Psalms. **Psalms 30:2 (NKJV)** "O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me." **Psalms 103:3 (NKJV)** "Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases." **Psalms 107:20 (NKJV)** "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions." **Psalms 147:3 (NKJV)** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." While God at times chooses to sovereignly heal physically, the most prominent type of healing is spiritual. An example is **Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)** "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." The context of this verse makes it clear that the healing is a spiritual healing. Spiritual healing is the most important. Those who are physically healed only get sick again until the sickness unto death comes. Spiritual healing is for eternity. To be candid with you, I don't understand why God physically heals some and not others. I rest in the fact that Jehovah Rapha is also El Elyon, the God who is sovereign. While we may not understand His ways, we can trust His loving heart to always do what is best.

Let's look at the initial use of this name of God. We read in **Exodus 15:22-23 (NKJV)** ²² So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three

days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.” At the Red Sea, Israel had witnessed an amazing display of God’s power. As they left the bondage of Egypt they came to the Red Sea, only to discover that Pharaoh’s armies had been sent after them to bring them back. The Israelites found themselves with the dilemma of having the Red Sea in front of them, mountains on either side of them and Pharaoh’s army behind them. Most of us know about the amazing display of power that came next. First, God confused the army of Pharaoh and they couldn’t get to the Israelites. Second, God miraculously parted the Red Sea. Not only that, but a strong wind was sent to make the seabed dry so they walked right across on dry land. Next, God “un-confused” Pharaoh’s army and they drove into the parted red sea. It was then that the Lord allowed the waters to go back to normal and the whole army drowned. Surely the Israelites would never again doubt Jehovah God! They even sang a song of praise to the Lord after this miraculous deliverance. **Exodus 15:1 (NKJV)** “Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: ‘I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!’”

Immediately after this amazing and miraculous deliverance, the 2 million Israelites set out for the Promised Land. In about 3 day’s time, they ran out of water. The desert is not a good place to run out of water. **Exodus 15:22 (NKJV)** “So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.” Finally, they came upon some water, but when they started to drink it, they found that it was bitter and undrinkable. What would they do? Only three days earlier they had seen the greatest miracle anyone had ever seen when God parted the Red Sea. Drinking water wouldn’t be that big a deal for this powerful God, would it? **Exodus 15:24 (NKJV)** And the people complained [“murmured” KJV] against Moses, saying, ‘What shall we drink?’” Remember that God led them to this place of bitter waters. Why? David Wilkerson gives a good answer: “We see once more that our God comes to us in our crises and failures, binging us into a new discovery of who he is and giving us another revelation of His loving kindness.”[David Wilkerson, *Hallowed be Thy Names*, page 38]. It was at Marah (the place of bitterness) that we discover Jehovah Rapha – the LORD who heals. Listen to what happened. **Exodus 15:25-26 (NKJV)** “²⁵ So he cried out to the LORD, 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, ²⁶ 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.’” The LORD allows us in bitter places emotionally, spiritually, and even physically that we would come to know Him as the LORD who heals us, Jehovah Rapha. Oh how often we become bitter in our bitter circumstances and miss the healing that God has for us. I am reminded of another tree in the form of a cross that held God the Son who went through the most bitter circumstances one could go through that we might be healed of sin, spiritually healed and know the sweetness of being reconciled to God. Praise His name! His name is Jehovah Rapha.

VII. Jehovah Jireh

Even though this compound name of the Lord is one of the best known names, it is actually only used one time in Scripture. Allow me to show you where and how this name is used. Genesis 22 is one of the most important chapters in the Old Testament. God had promised Abraham and Sarah (his wife) a male child. There was a problem. Abraham and Sarah were long past child bearing age. However to give a child to a couple past child bearing years is no problem for one whose name is El Shaddai – God Almighty. Just as God promised, Isaac was born. **Genesis 21:1-3 (NKJV)** “¹ And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. ² For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³ And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him--whom Sarah bore to him--Isaac.” All of the promises of God for a Messiah, a deliverer were tied up in the “miracle child”, Isaac. When we get to Genesis 22, God gives Abraham a surprising command. **Genesis 22:1-2 (NKJV)** “¹ Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ ² Then He said, ‘Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering

on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” That had to be the hardest command that God ever gave to one of His servants! The Bible doesn’t tell us anything of the agony that Abraham must have experienced the night before he left for Moriah. **Genesis 22:3 (NKJV)** “So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.” Think of how conflicted Abraham was in his mind. This is the son of promise. How could the deliverer come through him if he was dead? All of the promises of God were tied up in this young man, Isaac, and now Abraham is told to take his life as a sacrifice. The New Testament tells us how Abraham finally reconciled this in his mind. **Hebrews 11:17-19 (NKJV)** “¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, ‘*In Isaac your seed shall be called,*’ ¹⁹ concluding that **God was able to raise him up, even from the dead**, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.” This is amazing since there was no record of God ever raising anyone from the dead before or during Abraham’s time. Abraham knew God; He knew Him as El Elyon and El Shaddai – the Most High God, sovereign over all and God Almighty. He trusted God to provide even though He didn’t how that provision would come.

Let’s pick back up with the story. Abraham left the other men behind and he and Isaac proceeded up the mountain. We don’t really know how old Isaac was at this time. The word used of Isaac in Genesis 22:5 (“lad”, “boy”, “young man”) doesn’t tell us his age. The artists typically depict him as about 10-12, but the Hebrew word can be used for a son up to age 30. Most of you know the story. When they got to the place of Sacrifice Abraham got the altar ready. Let’s pick up in **Genesis 22:9-14 (NKJV)** “⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ So he said, ‘Here I am.’ ¹² And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’ ¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, **The-LORD-Will-Provide** [Jehovah Jireh]; as it is said *to* this day, ‘In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided.’” We have just read some of the most important verses in the Old Testament. We have seen the clearest picture of the cross of Christ in the entire Bible. We could go deep into the symbolism here, but we have done that in other messages. I want to focus on the name of the Lord, Jehovah Jireh – The Lord Will Provide. What does He provide?

First the LORD will provide for our salvation. That is the context of Genesis 22:14. When God’s only begotten son was offered up, there was no ram, no substitute for Him; He was the substitute for us. Why did the Lord provide the sacrifice for us that the ram in Genesis depicted? The reason was His love for sinners such as I. As the hymn writer, Isaac Watts wrote in 1707:

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John 3:16 (NKJV) says, “For God **so loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” Read all of the theological books you want and you will never find a better answer to that “Why” question. The provision of our salvation is motivated by love and extended in grace and mercy. No one deserved the provision.

It is interesting that “Jireh” first meant “to see”. Later it came to mean “provide” when it referred to God. Here is how the word seems to have evolved. Because He is motivated by love, for God to **see** a genuine need in those He loves means that He **will provide** for the need. His **pre-vision** (seeing it even before we are even aware of it) leads to His **pro-vision**. Think with me. With God, which comes first – the need or the provision for that need? I want you to see that the God who reveals Himself as Jehovah Jireh has made provision for our need even before we become aware we have the need. For example, in

the creation, which came first – air or the lungs that needed the air? Which came first, the water or the fish that needed the water to dwell in? Which came first, food or the man and animals that needed the food to survive? I think that you see the pattern; God provides for the need before we even know of the need. Let's look at the most important provision. Which came first – sin or God's provision for sin? The Bible tells us that before the world was ever created, in the mind of our God, Jehovah Jireh, the provision for sin had already been given. **Revelation 13:8b (NKJV)** speaks of "... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." The NIV says "from the creation of the world". Before man was created and before he ever sinned, the provision for that sin – a perfect substitute to take our place – had already been provided in the mind and determined will of God. As the time for the provision drew near, God gave pictures of His provision. There was the Passover lamb whose blood was shed as God prepared His people to leave the slavery of Egypt. There was the elaborate sacrificial system outlined in the Mosaic Law that illustrated the principle given in **Hebrews 9:22b (ESV)** "...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." But one of the first pictures, the first types of God's true provision for mankind's sin was this incident with Abraham offering his son, the son of promise. All of the pictures of God's provision for our deepest need culminated when Jesus who was God in flesh walked on the shores of Galilee and the forerunner – John the Baptist – pointed to Him and said in **John 1:29b (NKJV)** "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" The ultimate provision of Jehovah Jireh was His only begotten Son – sacrificed for us.

Not only did He provide for our salvation, but secondly He has provided for our every genuine need. **Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)** "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Which comes first – our need or His supply? Before we even know we have a need, He has the supply. This is not just material needs. He is Jehovah Jireh for all of our needs – love, acceptance, affirmation, encouragement, security, and a thousand other genuine needs. Allow me to share something life changing that the Lord pressed deeply into my mind and heart years ago. I am still in process when it comes to perfectly working it out in my daily life. I am to look to the Lord to meet every need that I have. He may choose to use my spouse or other people to deliver the supply to my need, but I must see Him as the source. When I look primarily to any other source for my deepest genuine needs – love, acceptance, security, etc. that person or thing I am looking to is an idol that has taken God's place. Do you want to know the bottom line on why most all divorces happen and why so many marriages that may not end in divorce but are just plain miserable exist? It is because people are looking to their spouse to meet their need for acceptance, love, security, worth, etc. It may be that God may supply some of some of those through your spouse and each marriage partner should seek to be God's channel for their spouse's needs, BUT GOD IS THE SOURCE! He is Jehovah Jireh. So many single adults are miserable and tie their joy and peace and contentment to being married to Mr. or Mrs. Right. God is the source of your joy, peace, and contentment – not a potential spouse. When you have two married people looking to each other to get their needs met, you've got two takers trying to get something that isn't there. Look to Jehovah Jireh. He and He alone can provide. In fact He has already got the provision and is waiting for you to look to Him.

CONCLUSION

To whom are looking for healing? Are you depending on Medical people, counselors, self help books? Our God has revealed Himself as Jehovah Rapha – the God who heals. He may choose to use doctors or counselors as His channel to bring whatever kind of healing you need (physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual) but He is the source.

To whom are you looking for provision of your needs? Jehovah Jireh is our supply. Thank Him when He sends that supply through another person, but they are only the delivery boy or the delivery girl. He is the Lord our Provider. Worship Him alone.