

## **Agape House of Worship Midweek Service & Bible Study**

**Topic: Names of God - Part 2 Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Text: Psalm 23  
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### **OVERVIEW OF PSALM 23**

Psalm 23 is one of the most quoted psalms, it is a powerful psalm that we should never outgrow reflecting on, praying and obeying in order to see it manifest in our lives. This is a psalm written by a shepherd boy who became a wealthy and powerful king; someone that we can all describe as a giant slayer. His description of God as he reflects over his life from childhood to adulthood is encapsulated in psalm 23. Last week we studied three names of God revealed in the writings of David in psalm 23, which are Jehovah Jireh, Jehovah Shalom and Jehovah Rapha. Today we will dive into four more names of God from revealed psalm 23.

#### **1. JEHOVAH TSIDKENU – The Lord my Righteousness**

**Psalm 23: 3b** “He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him not for my earning it, but] for His name’s sake.” (AMPC)

- God himself stands for us and provides us with His righteousness and justice when we don’t have any in ourselves. He is the one who provides victory and our prosperity.

The first reference to Jehovah Tsidkenu is found in the book of **Jeremiah 23:5-6**

**John 15:3** “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you (NIV)

**2 Corinthians 5:21** “He made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness]”. (AMPC)

**QUESTION – What steps do you need to take to walk in the path of Righteousness? Psalm 119:11.**

#### **2. JEHOVAH SHAMMAH – The Lord is there for me, or The Lord is present.**

**Psalm 23:4a** “**Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me;**” (AMPC)

Jehovah Shammah is the Hebrew name of God which means Yahweh is there, the first reference to this name was mentioned by prophet Ezekiel, it was used to describe the future name of the new Jerusalem. **Ezekiel 48:35** “The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits. “And the name of the city from that time on will be: the Lord is there.” (NIV)

- God revealed this name at a time when Israel was in rebellion and in captivity. God was letting the Jews know that he had not forsaken them and that he was still there, both in their present as well as in their future. Regardless of what you are going through, or what you are heading into, you can take comfort knowing that God is already there.

**Deuteronomy 31:8** “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” (NIV)

**Matthew 28:20** “and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (NIV)

**Discussion – Share a moment in life, when you felt alone, how did you feel God’s presence?**

### **3. JEHOVAH MAOOZ – The Lord my Fortress**

**Psalms 23:4b** “Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.” (AMPC)

- The Hebrew word Maoz is used to describe a place of safety, protection, fortress, refuge, stronghold. The word Jehovah Maoz is referenced in a few scriptures:

**Isaiah 25:4** “You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall and like the heat of the desert.” (NIV)

**Jeremiah 16:19a** “Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to you the nations will come”  
The Rod – For a shepherd it is a tool of protection from predators, symbolically it also represents God’s authority over demonic powers. Exodus 7:10. The Staff – a tool of rescue and guidance for the sheep

### **4. JEHOVAH NISSI – The Lord is my Banner**

**Psalms 23:5** “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.” (AMPC)

- The name means the LORD is our banner, defender mighty warrior, victory. Seating with God is a guaranteed place of protection, deliverance and empowerment. God himself is our banner and victory. He gives us hope and a focus and is the one who wins our battles.

**Exodus 17:15-16** “Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner.<sup>16</sup> He said, “Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation (NIV)

**Psalms 91:14-15**. “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.<sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. (NIV)

**Ephesians 2:6** “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus

## **CONCLUSION**

**Psalms 23:6** “Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

	<b>SHEPHERD</b>	<b>SHEEP</b>
<b>1</b>	A SHEPHERD PROVIDES	A SHEEP TRUSTS AND RECEIVES
<b>2</b>	A SHEPHERD GIVES REST	A SHEEP ABIDES

3	A SHEPEHRD RENEWS AND RESTORES	A SHEEP RESTS
4	A SHEPHERD GUIDES AND DIRECTS	A SHEEP LISTENS AND FOLLOWS
5	A SHEPHERD PROTECTS	A SHEEP TRUSTS AND HOPES
6	A SHEPHERD CORRECTS	A SHEEP OBEYS
7	A SHEPHERD COMFORTS	A SHEEP IS RESTORED AND HEALED
8	A SHEPHERD FEEDS AND ANOINTS	A SHEEP IS EMPOWERED