

Jesus Has a Name

Episode 7

Call upon His Name – Part 3

We have been systematically working through what it means to call upon His name. We have been using **Romans 10:8-13** as our primary text. We are in the final section of this passage in verses **12-13**.

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same is **Yahweh** of all, abounding in riches for **all who call on Him**; for "**WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF YAHWEH WILL BE SAVED**."

Yahweh of All

Yahweh makes no distinction amongst the races and tongues of mankind. **Yahweh** is well, **Yahweh** of all (remember, since the underline Hebrew text utilizes **Yahweh** and not **Adonai**, I substituted **Yahweh** for the translation Lord—it makes more contextual sense).

And He is abounding in riches for all who call on Him. Gotta love those riches. Ha. Sorry, that is a mistranslation. The preposition “in” is not in the text and “riches” is a verb in the *present* tense and it is a *participle*. It is also not talking about silver and gold, but to have increase (which is why it was translated as riches) However, we should understand this to mean that He is **now** and **continually** increasing unto all who dig down deep in their soul and choose to now be calling on His name.¹

Yahweh wants to now be increasing in our lives (possessing more and more of our being); accordingly, we are encouraged to dig down deep in our soul and choose to be continually calling upon His name “He increases to all who call upon Him.”

To “call upon Him” is rendered in the *present middle participle*. We are to now call upon His name (*present* tense). We are to dig down deep in our soul and choose to call upon His name

¹ “call upon” is rendered in the *present middle participle*

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(the *middle* voice). And we are to continually call upon His name, it is to be our ongoing experience (the *participle*).

This makes sense. Our God is **Yahweh**, the **I AM**, and He wants us to know Him fully and experience Him in an increasing degree, but He never forces Himself upon us; He always respects our personal sovereignty. After all, it is a mutual relationship that He wants to have with us; therefore, He wants us to want Him like He wants us, as reciprocity is at the center of every healthy relationship. And remember, He is manically obsessed with us; after all, we are His own personal possession. And He wants us to become similarly manically obsessed with Him.

Therefore, He wants us to call upon Him for every part of our life. This is to be how we live and survive our time upon this earth, it is how we will find the strength to continue to walk down the narrow path of tribulation (or squeezing), and it is how we will find life, His life, the famed “abundant life”. However, for us to be willing to dig down deep in our soul and choose to be calling upon His name, we must first get to know Him by name and decide that He is safe, His name is safe, He is trustworthy, and despite the process, there is no safer place to be.

And this brings us to the grand finale, the 4th of July firework explosion. **“For whoever will call on the name of Yahweh will be saved.”**²

To Call Upon His Name

What a powerful and glorious reality. Salvation is experienced, or it is acquired, as we choose to call on His name. Which, by the way, is what the whole transformation process is all about. As we choose to walk down that road of trouble (or squeezing), He wants us to learn to call out to Him (and to no other) and come to know Him intimately by name, such that we come to trust Him implicitly.

In this instance “will call” is rendered in the *aorist middle subjunctive*. Hence, this is not a one-time crying out or appeal to **Yahweh** (as in saying the “sinner’s prayer or some other prayer of salvation that has been marketed throughout Christianity). In addition, it is not something you must do over-and-over again. But being in the *aorist* tense and *middle* voice, it signifies how we

² **Romans 10:13 and Acts 2:21 quoting Joel 2:32**

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must choose to dig down deep into our soul and live as a matter of lifestyle.

To call out to **Yahweh** must be the way of life that we have chosen. Being in the *subjunctive* mood, just means that it is not guaranteed that everyone will reach out to **Yahweh** in this manner. There is a lot of useless salt out there. In other words, we are not talking about an emotional response to an appeal at an altar call that tends to fade once the emotions fade. We are talking about an enduring choice that becomes or defines a way of life.

Second “will be saved” is in the *future passive indicative*. This is a critical distinction. As we have discussed, this “**salvation**” is not speaking of eternal life or a golden ticket to heaven.

Therefore, with “saved” being in the *future passive indicative*, we can be confident that **if we call on His name, He will deliver us (or save us) from everything about which we need to be saved**. He will save us from our *flesh*, our fear, our shame, our pride, from legalism and condemnation, from our goodness, and from all the dysfunctional ways we choose things and people (other than God) to seek satisfaction and to find our hope. He will also save us from the power of the enemy to rule over our lives with lies about **Yahweh’s** personhood and lies which distort His name.

Hence, those who call on **Yahweh** will be *saved*. And their salvation will come as a result of the Spirit causing them to confess Jesus as their **I AM**, and it will be acquired through crucifixion—through the death of all that is within us that even now refuses to confess that Jesus is our **I AM**.

By the way, this promise of salvation is the responsibility of **Yahweh Yasha**—our **I AM** who frees us. This is one of the names of God that we will study.

Moreover, with “saved” being rendered in the *passive indicative*, it is a promise, a guarantee, that if we call on **Yahweh**, He will get it done. He will do the work (hence, the use of the *passive* voice), and that is a statement of fact (indicated by the *indicative* mood).

This is so comforting. We simply have no power to transform our own lives into His image, just like we have no power to be good. **The Source Matters, the Source is Everything!** He must do the transformation, He must bring forth our salvation, and we must simply choose to cooperate with Him—to be **willing**. In other words, we must be willing to present our bodies to Him as a

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living sacrifice such that He can put to death all that refuses to believe that He is **I AM**.³

Our willingness to call upon His name becomes evident when we stop trying to change for God—when we stop trying to do it right, to not sin, to better our lives, and so on. The ironic thing is that since **Only God is Good**, every time we try so hard to stop sinning, the trying itself is sin. Get over it! It is such an unproductive waste of time and energy.

If we are willing, **Yahweh** will ensure that we will know His salvation: again, a deliverance from our *flesh*, a deliverance from fear, and a deliverance from the power of the enemy. He will answer our prayers to know Him as He will be increasing towards us; and He will do whatever it takes to transform us into the image of the Son. We just need to call upon Him. Calling upon Him is to define our life.

While that sounds wonderful, believe me, it is absolutely, unequivocally, terrifying. He will literally do whatever it takes to accomplish His goal, with the exception that He will not violate our personal sovereignty. What this means is that nothing in our lives is safe, nothing is sacred to God, and no relationship is secure. He will use whatever it takes to circumcise us away from holding to all that opposes Him (this is the reason why the 3rd thing we must believe is that we are aliens and strangers in this world, and we do not belong here; He must detach us from this place).

The great news, however, is that since He died for sin, He is not worried about our sin (in fact, He expects it). He just wants to convince us that it is a good thing to let Him invade and conquer our lives and to remove all that stands in opposition to His being both our King and our favorite lover.

However, most of us are not aware of the depth and magnitude of the fear and wickedness that resides in our soul, the fear that causes us to hold to our wrong beliefs about God and to our obstinate and defiant unbelief in Him. After all, it is extremely difficult to understand and accept that our heart is desperately sick and more deceitful than all else,⁴ as we have all been deceived

³ See **Romans 12:1-2**, where “transformed” is rendered in the *present passive imperative*. We are commanded to let God transform us in our now.

⁴ **Jeremiah 17:9**

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into believing it is not really all that bad.

Therefore, **Yahweh** must break, shock, dig, crack, explode even, and tear out all manner of wickedness to get us to freely release to Him what He wants out of us. Again, nothing is sacred; and for those who find salvation, little in their life escapes this process, all are affected, and everything is impacted.

As I said, it is absolutely, unequivocally, terrifying. This is the reason there are so few who are found to now be walking down that road of squeezing that is now leading to life.⁵

Salvation is the promise, unrestrained freedom is the guarantee, righteousness is the reward. He just wants us to want it like He wants it for us. If so, we will be saved! This understanding captures our need to be found believing and calling upon His name.

The Name Yahweh

Let us now begin to tie this all together. The Bible often utilizes the name **Yahweh** as a compound term, as it is associated with many extensions which help us understand who **Yahweh** is and how He practically functions in our lives as our **I AM**.

A few examples which we have already touched on are the compound names, **Yahweh Yasha** (**Yahweh** who sets us free), **Yahweh Adonai** (**Yahweh** the sovereign), and **Yahweh Raah** (**Yahweh** our Shepherd). These compound names give to us a practical and tangible means of understanding the name **Yahweh**: who He is and who He wants to be in our lives.

He is the one who will deliver, or free, us (**Yasha**); He is the one who will orchestrate every detail of our lives towards that purpose (**Adonai**); and He will lead our every step and guide us to each pasture in which He determines we need to dwell to bring forth our freedom (**Raah**).

The beauty of it all is that these compound names clearly define for us what we need to believe about our God – in other words, they give our invisible God substance and tangibility such that we are calling on extremely specific names for extremely specific reasons. These names make **Yahweh** even more relational, as they give us understanding of the tangible places within our lives that He wants to possess. Hence, these compound names are associated with the areas of

⁵ *Matthew 7:14*

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our life that He must conquer. In a strange way, they set forth the antithesis of our life without Him as we attempt to be our own god.

The good news is that **Yahweh** never changes, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.⁶ Thus, these are His names forever; the names we must know and come to bet our lives upon. And unless we are willing to bet our lives upon His name, we simply will not come to know Him by name. Remember, everything with God is personal; He wants us to know Him as He is, by His name.

Therefore, to know our God, we must personally and intimately experience each of His names. In fact, the transforming work He does in our lives is to teach us **WHY** it is always, in each-and-every circumstance, better to believe in His name with our heart, mind, soul, and strength than it is to trust in man (especially ourselves) and **HOW** to believe in His name—how to be willing to let the Holy Spirit cause us to now be believing.⁷

This is the essence of faith! Betting our lives on the truth which God has revealed about Himself through His name. After all, it is by believing that we will have life in the power of His name.⁸

Over the next number of episodes, we will be going through each name and understanding more about who our God is, and how He wants us to and relate to Him, so that we might know His salvation—His unrestrained freedom from shame, fear, and our pride, as we come to call upon His name in abject neediness for all of Him all the time, in every circumstance.

“BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT {THOSE HOW KNOW THEIR ABJECT NEEDINESS}, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.”

The Lord’s name has been defined for us by the Spirit of God, so we do not have to go far to understand His name or how it is used. Each name sets forth an aspect of His character and personhood and therefore lays down for us the plumbline as to what it means to now be believing and upon whom it is that we are calling. This has all been reflected in our theme for this study: *If*

⁶ *Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8*

⁷ *Psalm 118:8; Jeremiah 17:5*

⁸ *John 20:31*

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we call on His name we will be saved, for there is much power in the name when it is accompanied by faith.

As we have learned, faith is not just about a belief in a truth, it is about actively believing the truth until it becomes our personal truth which is deeply rooted in our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Accordingly, as the Spirit causes us to believe, we must be willing to dig down deep in our soul and choose to bet our lives on the truth, as it is revealed to us in His name.

MAKE NO MISTAKE, HOWEVER, THIS IS A WORK OF THE SPIRIT THAT IS ITERATIVE AND GROWS OVER TIME. THE SPIRIT WILL LEAD US IN ALL TRUTH, THAT IS HIS JOB, AND FOR OUR PART, WE MUST LET HIM. THAT IS THE PATHWAY OF BELIEVING.⁹

Therefore, as we go through these names, I want you to ask yourself whether you know **Yahweh** in this capacity; and when I say “know,” again, I am not talking about having an intellectual understanding of the names or even an emotional response to these names. Honestly, ask yourself if you know Him by His name in your heart, mind, soul, and strength. Ask yourself if His name defines your life and describes your practical existence. Ask yourself if His name is the banner which flies over your life. If not, invite the Spirit to begin to teach you and instruct you in believing. It is a prayer He loves to hear.

Once again, we are talking about betting our lives on the character and nature of God, believing that He will always be who He says He is, our **I AM**. And since each name is a compound name of **Yahweh**, we can think about them in a very personal manner utilizing the **I AM**. For instance, **Yahweh Yasha** can be read as “I Am Freedom (or salvation)”, and **Yahweh Adonai** can be read as “I Am the Lord”.

The names that have been revealed to us are as follows (and this is the order in which we will address them):

1. **Yahweh Adonai** – I am Lord, the Sovereign, your Master and ultimate Despot.
2. **Yahweh Nissi** – I Am your Refuge or your Banner.

⁹ *John 14:17, 16:13*

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3. **Yahweh Raah** – I Am your Shepherd.
4. **Yahweh Rapha** – I Am Healing.
5. **Yahweh Shammah** – I Am There.
6. **Yahweh Tsidkenu** – I Am your Righteousness.
7. **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** – I Am Holy—the one who sanctifies or sets you apart.
8. **Yahweh Qanna** – I Am Jealous.
9. **Yahweh Jireh** – I Am Provision.
10. **Yahweh Shalom** – I Am Peace.
11. **Yahweh Sabaoth** – I Am **Yahweh** of Heaven’s Armies.
12. **Yahweh Yasha** – I Am Freedom or Salvation.

This will be a fun journey, but I must warn you, it will also be a very difficult journey, as each name reveals something quite unique about **Yahweh’s** character and His nature which exposes our wrong belief and unbelief—the areas in our life that He needs to conquer and possess. We tend not to like being exposed and having our religious bubble of delusion busted. But it is good to live in reality instead of living in a delusion.

As such, some of what we learn will fit perfectly into the constructs which you have created for **Yahweh** in your mind and in your heart. But do not be surprised if much of it shocks the conscience and disturbs your sensibilities. I know it does mine.

Again, I am not promising that this will be easy, but it will be a realistic journey, unveiling what God has said about Himself without the mask of religion to cloud our view of who our God says He is. I like to say that we will get a glimpse of raw God.

With that said, we will stop right here and pick-up next week with a name to which we have already been introduced – **Yahweh Adonai**.