

Jesus Has a Name

Episode 14

Call Upon His Name

Yahweh Shammah

Let us begin with our theme. ***If we call on His name we will be saved, for there is much power in the name when it is accompanied by faith.*** Our goal in studying the names of God is twofold: 1) to know our King so well that we become fully convinced—based on all the facts—that we would be stupid to put our trust in anything or anyone else (especially ourselves); and 2) to be fully convinced that all our decisions, no matter how trivial, must be made based on the reality of the character and nature of our King, which has been revealed by the name.

HIS NAME IS TO BE THE FILTER THROUGH WHICH WE PASS ALL THINGS: ALL THOUGHTS, ALL EMOTIONS, ALL EXPERIENCES, AND SO ON.

In our last episode, we discussed the name **Yahweh Rapha**, **Yahweh** our Healer. He desires to heal every wound that **Yahweh** caused in our lives, which, by the way, is all of them.

In this episode, we are going to discuss the name **Yahweh Shammah**, **Yahweh** who is there.¹ No matter where we go, He is there because **Yahweh Shammah** has made His abode in the *New Creation* which He has placed in our being; and He dwells in us by His Spirit. Hence, we can say to Him, “everywhere I look you are, deep and wide, near and far, out beyond the furthest star, even there, there you are.”²

Yahweh Shammah is before all things—every aspect of creation—and in Him all things hold together as He fills all in all.³ As the Psalmist said, “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me.”⁴ Accordingly, we are never alone, for as He promised, He will never leave us nor forsake us, for He is with us always, even until the

¹ ***Ezekiel 48:35; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19***

² Quote from “Everywhere I look” (Crimson and Blue, 1994), by Phil Keaggy

³ ***Colossians 1:17; Ephesians 1:23***

⁴ ***Psalm 139:7-19***

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end of the age.⁵ Besides, “**Shammah**”—there—just happens to be within us.

This name comes from a very strange text in the book of *Ezekiel*.⁶ To give you some background, in *Ezekiel 40-48*, **Yahweh** describes a restored temple and the city in which this temple resides. He describes sacrifices and offerings, talks about priests, the land, the gates, and so on. It is a passage that has confused pretty much everyone. No one is sure whether it refers to a third temple, a millennial temple, an eternal temple, or whether it is just a picture of a spiritual truth. Personally, I am getting more and more convinced that it is a picture of the **New Creation** dwelling within our physical bodies.

After all, we are told that believers as a collective, as well as our individual bodies, are the Temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in us. And “If any man destroys the Temple of God, God will destroy him, for the Temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.”⁷

Accordingly, one of the reasons I am starting to believe that the temple mentioned in *Ezekiel* quite possibly provides us a picture of the **New Creation** is because it says, “And this is the basic law of the Temple: **absolute holiness!** The entire top of the hill where the Temple is built is holy. Yes, this is the primary law of the Temple.”⁸ And, from the perspective of the **New Creation** that dwells within our being, we fit that description; we are holy. Nothing else fits that description. Our **New Creation** has been created in the image of God in righteous and the holiness of truth.⁹

Further, it says that “the glory of **Yahweh** came into the Temple” which pictures the Holy Spirit indwelling our **New Creation**.¹⁰ And in *1 Peter* the Spirit talks about us being holy priests offering up spiritual sacrifices just like what is described through the image of physical sacrifices and offerings in *Ezekiel*.¹¹

Then *Ezekiel* goes on to describe the city where the Temple is located, and it provides measurements for the distance around the entire city: six miles or 18,000 cubits.¹² When we think

⁵ *Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Matthew 28:20*

⁶ *Ezekiel 48:35*

⁷ *1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19; 1 Peter 2:5*

⁸ *Ezekiel 43:12*

⁹ *Ephesians 4:24*

¹⁰ *Ezekiel 43:5; see also 1 Corinthians 3:16*

¹¹ *See 1 Peter 2:5, 9*

¹² *Ezekiel 48:30-35*

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about a spiritual city and measurements in a prophetic passage, we should instantly want to turn to **Revelation 21** where we are given a description of the New Jerusalem. But in **Revelation 21** we are told that there is no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty is its temple. And we are also given dimensions of that city that are completely different, by magnitudes, than the dimensions of the city in **Ezekiel**. So, we know that these two passages are not referring to the same thing.

Thus, the Ezekiel City and its Temple are not a picture of our eternal city (the New Jerusalem).

Interesting, however, is that the dimensions of the city in **Ezekiel 48** just happens to be six miles around, or 18,000 cubits, which from a numerology perspective is fantastic. 6 being the number of man, 3 being the number of God, and 6x3 (18) being man and God together as is experienced through the **New Creation**. The thousand just provides a multitude or a magnitude associated with this concept.

And **Yahweh** said to Ezekiel, “Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place where I will rest my feet. I will remain here forever, living among the people of Israel.”¹³ Clearly these dimensions (18,000 cubits) communicate to us a spiritual picture of what was once unthinkable: **God in man.**

This also brings to mind that beautiful passage in **Hebrews** where **Yahweh** promises that He will never leave us nor forsake us. In fact, the Greek is emphatic: **NO, I will not leave you; NO, I will not forsake you.**¹⁴ The Spirit pulls this statement from the promise He made to Joshua and applies this promise to our lives: “Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.”¹⁵

The living God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, has chosen to dwell within our bodies, in the **New Creation**, and He promises that this is the place where He will rest His feet and He will remain here forever and He will not—NO how, NO way—leave.

¹³ **Ezekiel 43:7**

¹⁴ **Hebrews 13:5**

¹⁵ **Joshua 1:5**

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Then back in *Ezekiel 48* we are told that name of the city is “**Yahweh is There**”—**Yahweh Shammah**.¹⁶ **Yahweh** has chosen to dwell, or tabernacle, amongst His people; and we—the **Beloved**—find that personally to be true with the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives who dwells within our *New Creation*.

Yahweh is There; and He will never leave us nor forsake us. In fact, it is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit of God in our lives that verifies that a person belongs to the household of God, for “if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”¹⁷

“**Yahweh is There**” applies to my life, and if the Spirit of God is in you, to your life. This is a very personal and intimate name, and one you are to take very personally. Think of how powerful of a reality this is: “**Yahweh is There**” speaks of God in you.

Thus, if you have the Spirit of God dwelling in your *New Creation*, you do not ever have to look for Him, He is there. And then add to it the fact that He promises that He will never leave us nor forsake us, and we should be the most confident assured people in the whole wide world. Fear should not even be named amongst us; why would it?

YAHWEH IS OUR EMMANUEL, THE GOD WHO IS WITH US.

YAHWEH SHAMMAH.

I would like to speak about the incredible implications of calling on this name. Regardless of what we feel or think, the fact is that we are **NEVER** alone—never! **Yahweh** is with us always, so we are safe completely secured by His strength, sovereignty, and absolute supremacy over everything else seen and unseen. Therefore, regardless of what we feel or think, we do not ever have to be conquered by the darkness, the enemies of our soul, or our own fear. **Yahweh Nissi**, our banner and our victory, is with us always and His flag flies high over those who believe this truth.

Imagine, if we become fearful that we are blowing it and are in the wrong place because we were disobedient to our Master, we can rest knowing that our Shepherd, **Yahweh Raah**, is a Great Shepherd who takes His job seriously. He has always and will always guide us and lead us to the

¹⁶ *Ezekiel 48:35*

¹⁷ *Romans 8:9*

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exact pastures He has chosen for our lives. Accordingly, every moment we find ourselves right where He needs us given what He is working out in our lives (this is true whether He has us in a pasture that is good and pleasant or in a pasture that is terrible and filled with **Ra**, or evil).

And working alongside our Great Shepherd, **Yahweh Shammah** never leaves His sheep; He is always with us and never takes His eyes off us. All the time He knows where we are, what we are doing, what we need, what we want, what we desire, and so on; and we can be assured that He is also protecting us and keeping away from our lives anyone or thing that He has not specifically appointed to hurt or to damage us.

Yahweh is There. He is in us, He is with us, and we will never find ourselves without the strength of **Yahweh** our God Almighty. All we have to do is access Him by faith, *for there is much power in the name when it is accompanied by faith.*

Therefore, what does it mean to live out this name—to call upon Yahweh Shammah in faith?

When we are at work, **Yahweh** is There. When we are at home, **Yahweh** is There. When we are shopping, **Yahweh** is There. When we are showering, **Yahweh** is There. When we are surfing the net, **Yahweh** is There. When we are dining or entertaining, **Yahweh** is There. When we are exercising, **Yahweh** is There. When we are at the movies, **Yahweh** is There. When we are out for a drink, **Yahweh** is There. When we are sleeping, **Yahweh** is There. When we are with the ones we love, **Yahweh** is There.

When we are arguing, **Yahweh** is There. When we are demanding our own way, **Yahweh** is There. When we are indulging our *flesh*, **Yahweh** is There. When we refuse to love someone and instead choose to love ourselves, **Yahweh** is There. When we are lonely and sad, **Yahweh** is There. When we are overcome with doubt, **Yahweh** is There. When we feel weak and afraid, **Yahweh** is There. When we are overcome with hopelessness, **Yahweh** is There. When we just feel all wonky and unsettled, **Yahweh** is There. When we think no one is aware of us, **Yahweh** is There. When we are afraid that we are all alone, **Yahweh** is there.

This truth is unbelievable. **Yahweh, Adonai** of heaven and earth, **Yahweh** who is over all the hosts of heaven, the One who is above all things and holds all things together, is right **there** with

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us because **Yahweh Shammah** is in us.

Let us personalize this even more. Who are you? You are the one of whom it should be said, **Yahweh is There**. In fact, that can and should be the Banner of **Yahweh Nissi** which flies high over our lives: **Yahweh Shammah, Yahweh is There**. You should be the rallying place for many as they are confident that with you, **Yahweh is There**.

This is emotionally one of the hardest names to embrace, because so often it sure does not feel like He is there, and even when we are reaching out, in faith, to connect with Him, He seems a million miles away, and as quiet as a mouse. Oddly, this seems to occur during the times when we feel we need Him the most and are just dying for a word, a touch, a moment of His presence, some supernatural encounter, or assurance of His love.

But that feeling, as awful as it is, does not change the reality that **Yahweh is There** and there is in you. This is one of those names about which we need to ask the Spirit to embed in our mind and our consciousness, such that even when we do not feel Him, we can be confident **He is There**.

Yes, despite what we feel, despite the unnerving silence, we can talk to Him believing He is right there, and we can be present with Him knowing that He will never leave us nor forsake us and Has promised that He will be with us always, therefore, He must be there (and there is always here, right inside of us).

I dare to imagine what peace and confidence would overcome our souls if we were assured that **Yahweh is There** and that we are never alone? Would we be so worried about tomorrow, would we feel the need to be prideful and fight for our rights, and even deliberately choose to rebel if we were in touch with the fact that **Yahweh is There**? Would we demand our own way and what we want when we want it if we were in touch with the fact that **Yahweh is There**?

I do not bring up these questions as if there is some magic on/off switch within us that will automatically keep us from looking to our *flesh* to help us through this life, as all those issues of our *flesh* must be transformed, over time, by the Spirit through death to our *flesh*. I also do not bring them up to strap anyone with guilt and a sense of failure. Rather, it is to help us remember that all our dysfunctional coping mechanisms are rooted in wrong belief and unbelief, and His name has been specifically communicated to us so we can grab hold of it and cling to it and

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shatter those areas of wrong belief and unbelief, *for there is much power in the name when it is accompanied by faith.*

If we are the **Beloved**, then He is There and “There” is in us. We must dwell on this reality, dwell on this name, and meditate on this truth. Let the name **Yahweh Shammah** penetrate all our thoughts all the time. We need to let this name work its way into everything we do—and I mean everything. Awareness of His presence should fill our consciousness.

Every time we are overcome with that feeling that we are alone, we are having to do everything ourselves, that no one really cares for us or looks out for us, we can meditate on the reality of **Yahweh Shammah**. Every time we feel abandoned by those who should have chosen us, should have loved us, we can meditate on the reality of **Yahweh Shammah**, the one who not only **NEVER** leaves us, but also **NEVER** forsakes us. We may feel abandoned by most people in our lives, but He does not and will not abandon us.

And since “there” is inside of us, we always have full access to all that He is and given the fact that He is **Yahweh**—our “**I AM**”—He is everything we need all the time, every time. We just need to learn how to, now and continually, call out to Him by His name, *for there is much power in the name when it is accompanied by faith.*

Yahweh Shammah’s continual presence in our lives, and His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us, is not just a great tag line for a Christian calendar or greeting card, it is to practically be our emotional and mental comfort—our assurance that **Yahweh Raah** has us where He wants us, and **Yahweh Adonai** is orchestrating every detail in our lives. Therefore, by faith, we can choose to no longer let our hearts be overtaken with fear. That is His desire for us—that we stand in faith and have victory over fear.

Now, accepting this name, or any of His names by faith, is not an easy task. For instance, everything in our soul tells us that we are alone, we are not protected, we must strive to find God because He turned from us when we, once again, did this or that. But we must recognize that such thoughts are lies, they are from the enemy and from the darkness in our *flesh* that does not want us to settle on the fact that **Yahweh Shammah** assures us that He will never leave us nor forsake us no matter what we do.

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And more than that, He can get us through every situation that He has appointed for us, no matter how long and how terrible. He will give us the strength we need when we turn to Him. Hence, He tells us:

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything** pertaining to life and godliness, **through the true knowledge of Him** who called us by His own glory and excellence.”¹⁸

This means that through the true knowledge of Him—through knowing Him by the fullness of His name—we can access all we need from Him to walk through the practical aspects of our life and to grow in godliness as He transforms us into His image.

Yahweh is There and there is in you. His power, His presence, His personality, His passion, His readiness, His comfort, and care all reside in you, through the presence of His Holy Spirit in the **New Creation**—that new temple He has built into your being. 6x3 is your reality.

Rejoice in this truth, embrace this truth, and use the name **Yahweh Shammah** to fight off the flaming arrows (the lies) of the enemy that would tempt you to believe anything else, especially that you are alone, you are forsaken, abandoned, and that you must face the difficulties of your path alone. That is simply not the truth!

And one last thing, please never forget that **Yahweh** is also There for you to always enjoy, for in His presence (which is “there” in you) is the fullness of joy, and in His right hand are pleasures forevermore.¹⁹ As Jesus said,

“I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE.”²⁰

And with that comment, we will stop and in our next episode pick up with the name, **Yahweh Tsidkenu**.

¹⁸ **2 Peter 1:2-4**

¹⁹ **Psalm 16:11**. See also **Psalm 21:6**

²⁰ **Matthew 28:20**