

Jesus Has a Name

Episode 28

Call Upon His Name

Yahweh in Review

This is the final episode on Jesus has a name. We have been through all the names, but I thought it would be good to do an overall wrap up of this entire study about the name **Yahweh**.

With Yahweh, it is Always Personal

With **Yahweh**, everything is always personal, and that includes how He handles and deals with the name of the Father, which was also given by the Father to the Son.¹ He values and cherishes this name, as it is His memorial name to all generations. **Yahweh** is the name by which we must come to know Him such that we call on His name. After all, ***“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 primary goal in studying the names of God has been twofold: 1) to come know our King so well that we become fully convinced—based on all the facts—that we would be foolish 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. HE WANTS US TO KNOW HIM BY HIS NAME.

And knowing the Father (the only true God) and the Son (Jesus Christ whom the Father sent) by name is (*present* tense) eternal life.² Eternal life is to be our experience now, not something we experience when we are dead. And it comes through relationship, through knowing the Father and the Son.

And since eternal life is all about relationship, the one thing which **Yahweh** has never tolerated from His people is idolatry; it invokes His wrath. When we turn to anyone or anything, including

¹ **John 17:11**

² **John 17:3**

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our own wisdom and our own abilities attempting to be what **Yahweh** is to be for our lives (our **I AM**), we live in idolatry. This is the reason why we are sternly warned against idolatry.³

Trusting in anyone else, or anything else, is a foolish decision, especially given that His name is jealous, and He will do whatever it takes to claim His right of possession. We must lay down our idols, destroy them, and let them burn, especially our idol of religion and our love for personal goodness.

The Source Matters

After all, **ONLY GOD IS GOOD**, therefore, in all things, in all measurements, in every assessment of our lives, **the source matters, the source is everything!** Our good intentions are meaningless and misplaced. It is only when the one who is good, **Yahweh**, lives in and through our lives, that we can ever do anything that is good.

Once again, **the source matters, the source is everything!** “Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.”⁴ **The source matters, the source is everything!**

Willingness to Endure Being Willing

And what does **Yahweh** require from us? He simply wants us to be **willing** and to **endure**. If we are willing to endure being willing, He will do the rest. He will wage a war against everything within us that does not want Him to rule as our **I AM**. He will remove everything that stands in His way of being our sole provision for all things all the time. This war, however, is very purposeful. It is how He causes us to be transformed into His image by eliminating all His enemies so that He will have free reign to live in and express Himself through our lives. It is a war for possession, and it is a war for expression.

If we are **willing**, He will do the rest. He will even cause us to now be believing that the Father raised Jesus up to His right hand, and He will cause us to now be confessing that Jesus is **Adonai**—

³ **1 John 5:21**

⁴ **Matthew 7:16-18**

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the Lord!⁵ It will all be His work if we are simply willing to endure being willing.

As most of us know, being willing is difficult. We want to be willing, and we have a desire to be willing, yet something in us still fights against our believing that it is safe to be willing, that it is good to let go of so much control (as illusory as it may be, it is still ours).

This dynamic reminds me of the man who wanted Jesus to heal his demon possessed son, and Jesus told him that all things are possible to him who believes. “And immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, ‘I do believe, help my unbelief.’”⁶ I feel that way often where I cry out, “I am willing, help me to be willing.” And the good news is that He does, as He is always at work in us to both will and to do for His good pleasure.⁷

And what is **Yahweh’s** purposes in securing our willingness? That by His mercies, we would present ourselves to Him as a living sacrifice and offer ourselves up on the altar of fire as a *free will offering* (imperfections and all). The one thing to keep in mind is that **Yahweh** never violates our personal sovereignty, as His *agape* love does not force its own way. He therefore desires us to volitionally let Him have His way with us—to present ourselves to Him—knowing that we belong to Him and believing that He takes full responsibility for our lives and all that He must do to set us free.⁸ But His goal is our *salvation*—delivering us from all that is within us which refuses to worship Him and honor Him as our **I AM**.

War and Sacrifice

And what is **Yahweh’s** purpose for His war and this freewill sacrifice? Our Salvation, our deliverance! That we might be set free from our *flesh* so we can choose to walk in the Spirit. That we might be set free from the world to live as aliens and strangers in this place. That we might be set free from law (the law, your law, my law, anyone’s law) so we can be free from sin, and thereby set free from shame, judgment, and condemnation. For where there is no law there is no transgression.

He purposes that we might be free from religion and the worship of a false god of our own

⁵ **Romans 10:8-13**

⁶ **Mark 9:24**

⁷ **Philippians 2:13**

⁸ See **Leviticus 22:23**

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making, whom we call Jesus and Father, but do not ascribe to this image the name. He desires that we might be set free from fear, no matter where it derives: from our not knowing His name; from the accusations for the enemy; from the accusations of others; or from self-condemnation.

And, of course, He purposes that we might be set free to live as free people, as sons of promise, as children of Sarah and residents of Mount Zion. That we might know His **unrestrained freedom**.

Calling on His Name

To call on His name is to behold the Son for who He is (**Yahweh**) and personally come to know **Yahweh** (through experience) as the Lord God Almighty, as our personal banner and our rallying place, our Shepherd, our Healer, our Presence of God, our Righteousness, our Sanctification, our Jealous Lover, our Provision, our Commander of Heaven's armies, our Peace, and our Freedom.

Therefore, when we are afraid that sin has separated us from God, we are to call on **Yahweh Shammah** confident that that He will never leave us nor forsake us, because **Yahweh Shalom** has ensured that there is no tension or hostility between us and God.

When we are super frustrated and annoyed over all the places in which we find ourselves (relationships, jobs, struggles, fights, and so on), we are to call on **Yahweh Raah** and rest in the fact that He has been and is even now leading us and taking us exactly where we need to be—to every location which **Yahweh Adonai** appointed for us. Everywhere we step, whether that step leads us into good or evil, He is the one who has directed us.

When we are sick of reacting to the pain within our soul, being so easily triggered by others, and become sick of flying the banners of our dysfunction over our lives, we can call on **Yahweh Rapha** to come and heal the wounds which **Yahweh Adonai** inflicted upon us: all our spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional wounding. And we are to continue to call on **Yahweh Rapha** until we can proudly fly the banner of **Yahweh Nissi** over our lives, for then our dysfunctional coping mechanisms will no longer be our automatic go to when we are hurt or afraid, instead, we will gather at the rock of **Yahweh Nissi** and lift His banner high.

When we are confronted with the enemy, we can call on **Yahweh Sabaoth**, the Commander of Heavens Armies, and the dark forces of wickedness will flee from us for they are terrified of

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their Commander who lives and abides in us as **Yahweh Shammah**.

When we find ourselves desperately trying to be good for God, feeling shame and guilt over all the ways we have failed Him, going through those ridiculous rituals and gyrations of repentance, we can rest in the goodness and the righteousness which **Yahweh Tsikdenu** has given to us knowing that **Only God is Good**. Besides, we can be confident that even our failures are part of **Plan-A** established by **Yahweh Adonai**; in fact, all the details of our lives have already been written in His book.

Therefore, we can rest knowing that as **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** is setting us apart from all other allegiances to be His personal possession and as **Yahweh Qanna** is going to war against everything in us that refuses to let Him be our **I AM**, we will fail, we will sin, for it is an expected and a necessary result of war. All our wrong belief and unbelief, and our gross stinky *flesh*, must be brought to the surface so we can understand **what** we do not believe about His name and **why** we do not believe it, and then be **willing** to let **Yahweh** remove the wrong belief and unbelief from our lives. And the great news is that through the entire excruciating, and often embarrassing, process, **Yahweh Tsidkenu** has our backs.

But this is a long journey and a prolonged war. Therefore, when we are empty, without, and are desperate for provision, we can call on **Yahweh Jireh**, and He will help us appropriate everything **Yahweh** has already given us for life and godliness. **Yahweh Jireh** will even cause us to now be believing and to now be confessing that Jesus is **Adonai** and has been raised up and seated at the right hand of the Father. And **Yahweh Jireh** will give us Himself as a provision, through the true knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The goal of learning to *call on His name* is to know Him such that we trust Him with everything, and therefore are **willing** to give Him access and possession of every part of our being until, with our heart, mind, soul, and strength, we call **Yahweh** our *Hayah*, our **I AM**.

Then we will know how to live in the **unrestrained freedom** purchased for us by **Yahweh Yasha** and freely, without restraint, love others as we have been loved and serve others as **Yahweh** desires us to serve, without guilt, compulsion, duty, shame, regret, and most importantly, without fear from wherever fear derives.

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This is what it means to be calling on His name in terms of our day-in-and-day-out existence. Everything which **Yahweh Adonai** does, directs, allows, in our lives is for the purpose of replacing all our wrong belief and unbelief with the true knowledge of Jesus Christ. Therefore, He takes us step-by-step to teach us **WHY** it is safe to call upon His name and upon no other name (especially our own) and then **HOW** to call upon His name through the midst of physical, mental, and emotional turmoil, distresses, and the difficulties of life.

And when we learn to call upon His name, **Yahweh**, we will come to know His salvation and enter His **Sabbath Rest**. We will learn how to compose and quiet our soul and be still and know that He is God. We will not need to figure everything out; we will not need to spin and spin trying to determine all the possible outcomes of every decision we make; and we will not need to obsess on all the things we did wrong and all the wrongs that were done to us. Instead, we will be able to quietly hope in His name **Yahweh**, which is like a lifeline, a lanyard of support, our scarlet cord, our *Tikvah* (literally, our HOPE).

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Jesus has a name, and it is **Yahweh**. And it is before this name that every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is **Yahweh Adonai**.⁹ As such, it is advisable for us to learn to bet our lives upon this name. Once again, this means being **willing** to let Him cause us to be willing (remember, all things are from Him, through Him, and to Him¹⁰).

However, since He never violates our personal sovereignty, we must learn to choose to be willing; after all, if we are not willing to be willing, how can He make us willing. He says it this way, “**unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm.**”¹¹ The point is that He even helps us with our willingness to let Him be our **I AM**, as He works within us to will and to work for His good pleasure.¹²

Yahweh is the name by which He wants us to personally know Him, and it is through His name that He wants us to experience Him. The name reveals the very personhood of Jesus and the

⁹ *Philippians 2:10*

¹⁰ *Romans 11:36*

¹¹ *Isaiah 7:9*

¹² *Philippians 2:13*

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Father who shared His name with His Son. And being the truth (and not just “a truth”),¹³ **Yahweh** does not change; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.¹⁴ Thus, He can always be counted on to do everything He has said, and to fulfill every promise He has ever made, it is just a matter of time.

Now I am going to personalize this a bit. If your experience with the truth, with **Yahweh**, does not match the promises and declarations set forth by His name, it does not mean that the “truth” needs to be modified to fit your experiences (that would make your experiences the truth). Your experiences do not, and never will, define the truth. What this means is that since **Yahweh** is the same yesterday, today, and forever, your personal experience with what you have thought is the truth have been an experience with a deviation from the truth. All that **Yahweh** has promised us, everything for life and godliness, is found through the **true knowledge** of Jesus Christ—through His name.¹⁵

The name **Yahweh** is not anemic, it is powerful as it is rooted in the **Hayah**, the **I AM**. I exhort you, as we close this study, to be **willing** to let Him teach you **WHY** you should bet your life on His name and **HOW** to be your life on His name. You will not be disappointed. For those who are now trusting in Him (now and continually) will never be disappointed or never put to shame for believing in His name.¹⁶

With that said, we must always remember that **the source matters, the source is everything!** There is simply nothing good within us, that is within our *flesh*. We may be willing to do good, but we simply cannot do good.¹⁷ Remember, if what we do and what we say is NOT a product of **Yahweh** living His life in and through ours, then it is all vanity and a waste, regardless of the practical good that is produced by it, for **Only Yahweh is Good**.

Therefore, we should bet our lives on His name, let Him have His war, let Him claim full possession of that which is rightfully His, in order that we might declare with our heart, mind,

¹³ See *John 14:6*

¹⁴ *Hebrews 13:8*

¹⁵ *2 Peter 1:2*

¹⁶ *Romans 9:33, 10:11; 1 Peter 2:6*

¹⁷ *Romans 7:14-25*

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soul, and strength, "... it is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me."

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