

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

In the Scriptures, we read of three primary names of God. **Jehovah** gradually supplanted the earlier names, which were **Elohim** and **Adonai**. God revealed Himself as the God of grace. **Jehovah** (or **Yaweh** in the Old Testament and **Yeshua** in the New Testament) was always regarded as the most sacred, the most distinctive name of God, and the most incommunicable name. “Oh,” you say, “what does that mean?” Back in **Leviticus 24**, it says- **He that blasphemeth (nameth) the name of Jehovah (Yahweh) shall surely be put to death.** It was erroneously interpreted that the mere utterance of the name constituted a capital offense. Because they dreaded using this name, they therefore substituted other names. They went either to **Adonai** or to **Elohim**, such was their fear of blaspheming God. But can you imagine, as we live in a generation when people so lightly take the name of God, so lightly make it half a slang word, that God said, **Thou shalt not take the name of thy God in vain?** It is very important that we are careful in our own language that we do not just use derivatives of God’s name, but that we value Who we are speaking of.

The primary name, **Jehovah**, is closely related to that word *to be*. You see, the name consists of the aspect of the past, the present, and the future. In other words, this is Jehovah; this is **Yaweh**. It also declares that God exists in the eternal present. All three aspects are the same to Him. You think about that — God: past, present, future and yet dealing with the present and everything that is happening. This is God! What a comfort it is, if you are a believer of the Lord Jesus, to know that in every situation, whether it is in the past, whether it is in the present or whether it is in the future. Through our Lord Jesus, do you know the living God Who will be future, because He is present because He was past, is adequate for every situation? Oh, learn to call upon the name of the Lord! Get to know Who He is. Go to the Word of God. That is where you are taught by the Spirit of God. It is as if you become alive and you enter into a whole different world from trying to solve things by your little reckoning of how God will work it out and then asking His blessing upon it. Know those names.

You know, one of the most amazing word is **Jehovah Shalom**, the Lord is peace. This name was given to Gideon. Back there in **Judges**, we read in **chapter 6:12** — . . . **The Lord is with thee, - speaking of Gideon - thou mighty man of valour**. Jehovah had given him the commission to go and deliver Israel from the Mideonites, confirming it was going to be by miracles and by a

message of peace. So, risking his life, he destroyed false idols among his own people and his own relatives at a time of their terrible backsliding. We read that Gideon gave expression to his surprise and gratitude for the presence of God and he raised an altar with a monument on it. He called it ***Jehovah Shalom - The Lord is Peace***. Oh dear listener, true peace comes only from the Lord. Only the Lord can give you what you need of that deep peace in your life. He is the one Who is our peace even in the midst of life-threatening conflict. I have met many believers in many strange circumstances who say it is as if they are enveloped with His peace in the midst of the most serious, dangerous hour. As the Lord Himself appeared to Gideon in this story, are we, in our own lives, available and willing to receive Him with the sacrifices of our worship and thanksgiving, saying *Yes, Lord, You are my peace?* May the God of peace surpass your human understanding in that situation you are in: whether it is domestic; whether it has to do with your children; whether it has to do with your work; whether it has to do with a bigger scale; whether it has to do with business. Count upon Him today.

And as you do so, count upon Him also as ***the Lord our Banner*** as recorded in **Exodus 17:15**. This is an amazing story. When fighting the Amalakites, Moses had to erect his arms in belief and adoration to God. When his arms were weary, he had those beside him hold up his arms and God victoriously broke through. **And Moses built**

**an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-Nissi - *The Lord Our Banner.*** I want you to know that in your situation right now - whatever battle you are in against the enemy, whatever is coming at you which is impossible, humanly speaking, run into His loving comfort and say, *Lord, I want You to be my banner.* “But,” you say, “I don’t understand what you are talking about. I don’t understand how to know Him as my peace. I don’t understand that He is my banner.” It is the victorious sign over your life from every attack around you!

In the Name of Jesus, receive Him to personally know Him and say, *Thank You, Jesus.*

*In Your precious Name. Amen.*

