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Jehovah - Jireh

The Lord Will Provide

The Names of God, Part 3
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Last week we learned that the most often used compound name is *Jehovah Elohim* (Lord God). *Jehovah Elohim* is our covenant establishing, covenant keeping, never changing, self existing, eternal God.

God is one in thought, purpose, ministry, power, and love. God is plural (threefold) in nature, being, majesty, and redemptive operation.

In the unity of the Godhead there are three eternal and coequal Persons, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. (*Father John 6:27; Eph. 4:6; Son Heb. 1:8; Holy Spirit Acts 5:3-4; Three as equal, Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*)

All other compound names rest upon the truth expressed in this name! They all speak of our covenant relationship and the unchangeableness of God.

2.) Jehovah-Jireh, “The Lord will provide”

Jehovah-Jireh is the God who sees ahead and makes provision for those who, in faith, will obey His instruction.

Genesis 22:14 (YLT) and Abraham calleth the name of that place ‘Jehovah-Jireh,’ because it is said this day in the mount, ‘Jehovah doth provide.’ *Young’s Literal Translation of the Bible*

Jehovah-jireh, יהוה יִרְאֶה, *yehôvâh yir’eh*, Jehovah sees

Genesis 22:14 So Abraham called that place *The LORD Will Provide*. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

“The-Lord-Will-Provide” is a play on the verb translated “provide.” The verb means basically “see,” as the English word “provide” is from the Latin, meaning “see beforehand.” God sees our need before it arises and makes provision for it.

Covenant Blessings Require Covenant Obedience

With in a few years the Lord tested Abraham (22:1) by commanding him to offer his covenant son as a burnt offering. The intent was to teach Abraham that covenant blessing requires total covenant commitment and obedience. The narrative also stresses that covenant obedience brings fresh bestowal of covenant blessing. Abraham’s willingness to surrender his son guaranteed all the more the fulfillment of God’s promises to him. —*Holman Bible Handbook*

• The Example of Abraham’s Obedience and blessing:

Genesis 22:2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”³ Early the next morning Abraham

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got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then **we will come back to you.**” ⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham answered, “**God himself will provide** the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. ⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ¹²“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” ¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place **The LORD Will Provide**. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” (emphasis added)

Notice Abraham's statements of faith verse 5 we will return and in verse 8 the Lord will provide.

“In the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” The meaning is, that God, in the greatest difficulties, when all human assistance is vain, will make a suitable provision for the deliverance of those who trust in Him. —*The Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge*

Preparing to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, Abraham learned that God is a gracious God, who will provide for us what He expects from us. We are not relieved of our responsibility. Indeed, we are required to act in faith, as Abraham did. When we commit ourselves to doing what God asks of us, God will work within us and around us so that we can carry out His will for us. He does not make impossible, unreasonable demands of us. —*Disciples Study Bible*

- **Provision for Elijah in a time of famine:**

1 Kings 17:6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

- **Provision for a widow and her son at Zarephath:**

1 Kings 17:16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

- **Provision for the multitude:**

Matthew 14:20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

- **Provision for you and I:**

Psalms 31:19 How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Philips 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

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Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Next week we will look at **Jehovah-Nissi** "The Lord is my banner."