

Jehovah–Tsidkenu The Lord Our Righteousness

The Names of God, Part 7
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Last week we learned about Jehovah-Rapha, the God who heals us body, mind and soul. The Lord heals our sin sick souls bringing forgiveness and restoration. He cares about our emotional health transforming the bitterness of life into sweetness of spirit and wholeness of mind. Jehovah-Rapha also heals our us of sickness and disease.

This week we will learn about Jehovah-Tsidkenu, the Lord our righteousness. The Lord justifies his people, through vindication, when they or their cause is maligned by others. God's is the standard of righteousness and the source of imputed righteousness for His people.

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יהוה צדקנו, *yahweh cidhḱēnū* = Yahweh (is) our righteousness

Jeremiah 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Righteous = H6664 צדק *tsedeq* : (1) justice, rightness, righteousness (1a) what is right or just or normal, rightness, justness (of weights and measures), (1b) righteousness (in government), (1b1) of judges, rulers, kings, (1b2) of law, (1b3) of Davidic king, Messiah, (1b4) of Jerusalem as seat of just government, (1b5) of God's attribute, (1c) righteousness, justice (in case or cause), (1d) rightness (in speech), (1e) righteousness (as ethically right), (1f) righteousness (as vindicated), justification (in controversy), deliverance, victory, prosperity, (1f1) of God as covenant-keeping in redemption, (1f2) in name of Messianic king, (1f3) of people enjoying salvation

• Righteousness is an Attribute of God

צדק *tsedeq* (righteousness) denotes conformity to ethical or moral standards in business dealing;

Genesis 30:33 And my honesty will testify for me in the future, whenever you check on the wages you have paid me. Any goat in my possession that is not speckled or spotted, or any lamb that is not dark-colored, will be considered stolen."

Leviticus 19:36 Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt.

Deut. 25:15 You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

proper speech; **Psalm 52:3** You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth.

Proverbs 8:8 All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse.

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It also speaks of righteous judgment and vindication in controversy; **Psalm 35:23-24** Awake, and rise to my defense! Contend for me, my God and Lord. ²⁴Vindicate me in your righteousness, O LORD my God; do not let them gloat over me.

Psalm 58:11 Then men will say, "Surely the righteous still are rewarded; surely there is a God who judges the earth."

Psalm 103:6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Righteousness and justice is the foundation of God's throne; **Psalm 89:14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalm 97:2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

It speaks of God's faithfulness to His own nature and to His covenant promise. **Isaiah 41:10** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 42:6 "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

Hosea 2:19 I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion.

Psalm 23:3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

• Our Righteous Position in Christ

Angelic testimony: Luke 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

The Fathers testimony: Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

The testimony of Jesus: John 8:29 The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."

John 8:46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me?

John 15:10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

The testimony of His enemies: Matthew 27:-4a "I (*Judas*) have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." (emphasis added)

Luke 23:13-15 *Pilate* called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has *Herod*, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death.

The testimony of the Apostles: Acts 3:14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

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2 Cor. 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hebrews 7:26 Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

1 Peter 2:22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

1 John 3:5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

He is righteous himself, and through Him all His people are made righteous. Christ shall break the usurped power of Satan. All the spiritual seed of believing Abraham and praying Jacob shall be protected, and shall be saved from the guilt and dominion of sin. In the days of Christ's government in the soul, the soul dwells at ease. He is here spoken of as "the Lord our Righteousness." He is so our Righteousness as no creature could be. ... "The Lord our Righteousness" is a sweet name to a convinced sinner; to one that has felt the guilt of sin in his conscience; seen his need of that righteousness, and the worth of it. —Matthew Henry

Romans 3:22-26 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Romans 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Corinthians 1:30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

"The Lord our Righteousness." Jeremiah 23:6 — It will always give a Christian the greatest calm, quiet, ease, and peace, to think of the perfect righteousness of Christ. How often are the saints of God downcast and sad! I do not think they ought to be. I do not think they would if they could always see their perfection in Christ. There are some who are always talking about corruption, and the depravity of the heart, and the innate evil of the soul. This is quite true, but why not go a little further, and remember that we are "perfect in Christ Jesus." It is no wonder that those who are dwelling upon their own corruption should wear such downcast looks; but surely if we call to mind that "Christ is made unto us righteousness," we shall be of good cheer.

—Spurgeon Morning Devotions

Next week we will look at **Jehovah—Shammah** "The Lord is present."