
1. Introduction

In this lesson, we will examine five further names and attributes of Yahweh. These reveal not only who Yahweh is, but also how He relates to His covenant people. The same divine character is revealed through our relationship with God as our Father.

A. Old Testament Revelation of God

- The Triune God existed before the creation of the world.
- Our heavenly Father's original purpose was to have sons and daughters.
- God is eternal and has neither beginning nor end.
- Scripture reveals God as genuinely present and active within His creation.
- Scripture reveals God acting within genuine temporal sequence.
- Yahweh, the God revealed in the Old Testament, is the same God whom Jesus reveals to us as Father.
- Yahweh is relational and establishes covenants with His people.
- Yahweh faithfully keeps His covenant promises.
- Because God is relational, He genuinely responds to human actions, repentance and intercession.
- God's response may change while His character and covenant faithfulness remain unchanged.

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2. Further Attributes of Yahweh: Nissi - Yahweh Our Banner

Like Yahweh Jireh and Yahweh Rapha, the name Yahweh Nissi reveals both who Yahweh is and how He relates to His covenant people. Yahweh is the banner under which His people gather and the One they depend on for victory.

A. Yahweh is Our Battle Banner:

EXODUS 17:11-12, 15

WHEN MOSES HELD UP HIS HAND, THAT ISRAEL PREVAILED; AND WHEN HE LET DOWN HIS HAND, AMALEK PREVAILED. BUT MOSES' HANDS BECAME HEAVY, SO THEY TOOK A STONE AND PUT IT UNDER HIM, AND HE SAT ON IT. AARON AND HUR SUPPORTED HIS HANDS, ONE ON ONE SIDE, AND THE OTHER ON THE OTHER SIDE; HIS HANDS WERE STEADY UNTIL THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN. AND MOSES BUILT AN ALTAR AND CALLED ITS NAME, THE-LORD-IS-MY-BANNER;

The Hebrew expression *Yahweh Nissi* means "Yahweh is my banner." A banner identified the people gathered beneath it and served as their rallying point in battle. Moses therefore declared that Israel belonged to Yahweh and that their victory came from Him.

B. Yahweh Fights For His People

Joshua fought against Amalek while Moses remained dependent upon Yahweh. Israel was not passive: Joshua fought, Moses interceded, and Aaron and Hur supported him. Nevertheless, Yahweh ultimately brought their victory.

ROMANS 8:37 WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US

Christian victory does not mean avoiding tribulation or danger. It means that nothing can separate us from Christ's love and that our final victory is secured through Him.

C. Worship Expresses Our Dependence

Moses' raised hands represented Israel's continuing dependence upon Yahweh. Although Exodus does not explicitly describe his action as praise and worship, raising our hands in worship can similarly express surrender, trust and dependence upon God. Victory does not come from the physical act of raising our hands. It comes from Yahweh, whom our worship is directed toward.

D. We Stand Together

Moses did not stand alone. When he became weary, Aaron and Hur supported him. Likewise, believers support one another through prayer, encouragement and practical support. We gather beneath the same banner and stand together in the same faith.

E. His Banner Over Us Is Love

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:4-6

HE BROUGHT ME TO THE BANQUETING HOUSE, AND HIS BANNER OVER ME WAS LOVE.

This is not another occurrence of the name Yahweh Nissi. However, its marital imagery, together with Paul's comparison of marriage to Christ and the Church in Ephesians 5:31-32 beautifully illustrates Christ's covenant love. Those gathered under His authority are also held securely within His love.

3. Yahweh Shalom - God Is Our Peace

A. In The Midst of Conflict There is Peace

Gideon lived when the Midianites oppressed Israel. Yahweh called him to deliver his people, promising, "Surely I will be with you" (Judges 6:16). Yet when Gideon realised that he had seen the Angel of Yahweh, he feared he would die.

JUDGES 6:22-24

NOW GIDEON PERCEIVED THAT HE WAS THE ANGEL OF THE LORD. SO GIDEON SAID, "ALAS, O LORD GOD! FOR I HAVE SEEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD FACE TO FACE. THEN THE LORD SAID TO HIM, "PEACE BE WITH YOU; DO NOT FEAR, YOU SHALL NOT DIE." SO GIDEON BUILT AN ALTAR THERE TO THE LORD AND CALLED IT THE-LORD-IS-PEACE.

The Hebrew expression *Yahweh Shalom* means "Yahweh is peace." Gideon had not yet defeated the Midianites, but he experienced peace because Yahweh was present with him and had promised to deliver Israel. Biblical peace is therefore more than the absence of conflict. It is the security, wholeness and well-being that come from knowing that Yahweh is with us.

B. We Can Know Perfect Peace

Prophetically, Gideon's encounter shows that we can know perfect peace when we meet God's glory. Gideon feared that Yahweh's presence would bring death, but Yahweh answered him: "Peace be with you; do not fear; you shall not die."

Some people believe that approaching God reverently means remaining fearful, distant and uncertain in His presence. However, what some call reverence may be religious fear.

True reverence recognises God's holiness, but it does not require us to withdraw from Him. As we come to know God as our Father, fear of rejection gives way to the peace, confidence, and intimacy of children who know they are loved and welcomed in His presence.

C. Jesus is Called the Prince of Peace

ISAIAH 9:6

**FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN;
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER.
AND HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED PRINCE OF PEACE.**

God's glory does not drive His children away. Through Christ, we are invited to come confidently into the Father's presence, where fear gives way to perfect peace.

D. God of Peace Defeats Evil

ROMANS 16:20

**AND THE GOD OF PEACE WILL CRUSH SATAN UNDER YOUR FEET SHORTLY.
THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU. AMEN.**

This verse presents a powerful biblical paradox: the God of peace establishes peace by defeating evil. His peace is not weakness or passivity. It restores His righteous order through Christ's victory.

Yahweh Shalom is our peace before the battle, with us during the battle and the One who will ultimately bring every conflict to an end.

4. Yahweh Tsidkenu: God, Our Righteousness

A. Jesus Is Our Righteousness

Yahweh Tsidkenu means “Yahweh our righteousness.” Jeremiah prophetically applies this name to the coming King from the line of David:

JEREMIAH 23:5-6

**"BEHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING," SAYS THE LORD,
"THAT I WILL RAISE TO DAVID A BRANCH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS;
A KING SHALL REIGN AND PROSPER,
AND EXECUTE JUDGMENT AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE EARTH.
IN HIS DAYS JUDAH WILL BE SAVED,
AND ISRAEL WILL DWELL SAFELY;
NOW THIS IS HIS NAME BY WHICH HE WILL BE CALLED:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

The righteous Branch is Jesus Christ. He doesn't merely teach us about righteousness; He becomes our righteousness. What Yahweh promised through Jeremiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Jeremiah 33:15–16 repeats this promise but declares that Jerusalem will also be called “Yahweh our righteousness.” The righteousness of the King therefore becomes the righteousness and identity of His covenant people.

B. Righteousness Is Given Through the New Covenant

Righteousness is essential to the New Covenant. God promised not only to forgive His people but also to transform them inwardly:

JEREMIAH 31:33-34

**"I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS, AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS; AND I WILL BE
THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE... FOR I WILL FORGIVE THEIR INIQUITY, AND
THEIR SIN I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."**

Hebrews 8:7–13 quotes this prophecy and identifies it as the New Covenant. Under this covenant, God forgives our sins, brings us into relationship with Himself and writes His ways within our hearts. We do not achieve righteousness by successfully observing the Old Covenant. We receive it through our relationship with Jesus Christ under the New Covenant.

C. We Become the Righteousness of God

Through the New Covenant, we do not merely receive instructions about righteousness. In Christ, we **become the righteousness of God**:

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

**FOR HE MADE HIM WHO KNEW NO SIN TO BE SIN FOR US, THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.**

“Yahweh our righteousness” is therefore more than a description of God's righteous character. It reveals what Yahweh provides for His covenant people. Through Jesus and the New Covenant, His righteousness becomes our righteousness and our new position before the Father.

5. Yahweh Rohi - God, Our Shepherd

A. Yahweh, the Old Testament Shepherd

The Old Testament refers to God shepherding us, so we do not lack, and we find food, rest, water and leading:

PSALMS 23:1-3
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES;
HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORES MY SOUL;
HE LEADS ME ON THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

As our Shepherd, Yahweh provides what we need. He brings us into rest, leads us to places of refreshment, restores our souls and directs us along the right path.

The sheep are not expected to find their own way. They learn to recognise and follow the shepherd who knows where to lead them. Yahweh Rohi therefore reveals both God's provision and our dependence upon His guidance.

B. Yahweh Personally Shepherds His People

When Israel's human shepherds failed, Yahweh promised that He would personally seek and care for His sheep:

EZEKIEL 34:11-12
'FOR THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: "INDEED I MYSELF WILL SEARCH FOR MY SHEEP AND
SEEK THEM OUT. AS A SHEPHERD SEEKS OUT HIS FLOCK ON THE DAY HE IS AMONG HIS
SCATTERED SHEEP, SO WILL I SEEK OUT MY SHEEP AND DELIVER THEM FROM ALL THE
PLACES WHERE THEY WERE SCATTERED ON A CLOUDY AND DARK DAY.

Yahweh does not abandon His people when human leaders fail them. He searches for the lost, brings back those who have wandered, and cares for the wounded.

C. Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

JOHN 10:11
"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.

Jesus reveals the Father's shepherding heart. He does not merely guide and provide for His sheep; He gives His life to rescue them. Yahweh Rohi is therefore not merely a description of God's authority. It reveals His personal care for His people. Our Father provides for us, restores us, leads us and brings us safely into His rest.

JOHN 10:27
MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.

As we grow into maturity, we learn to know His voice. I have learned that this takes time, experience, listening to leaders and abiding in Him to correctly hear and interpret His voice.

6. Yahweh M'kadesh - Yahweh Who Sanctifies Us

Yahweh M'kadesh means “*Yahweh who sanctifies*” or “*Yahweh who makes holy*.” This name doesn't just tell us that Yahweh is holy. It reveals what He does for His covenant people: He sets them apart for Himself and becomes the source of their holiness.

A. He is the One Who Sanctifies Us

Holiness means being separated from sin and set apart for God and His purposes. God called Israel His special people, distinct from the surrounding nations.

EXODUS 31:13

"SPEAK ALSO TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, SAYING: 'SURELY MY SABBATHS YOU SHALL KEEP, FOR IT IS A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS, THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES YOU.

The Sabbath was a covenant sign demonstrating that Israel belonged to Yahweh. However, Israel did not make itself holy merely by keeping a religious regulation. Yahweh declared, “I am the Lord who sanctifies you.”

B. Yahweh is the Source of Our Holiness

Some people present God's holiness principally as something that creates a great separation between God and humanity.

This does not deny Yahweh's holiness. Rather, it emphasises that His holiness is not intended merely to keep us at a distance. He shares His holy presence with His covenant people and sets them apart as His own.

LEVITICUS 20:7-8

CONSECRATE YOURSELVES THEREFORE, AND BE HOLY, FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. AND YOU SHALL KEEP MY STATUTES, AND PERFORM THEM: I AM THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES YOU.

The people were commanded to consecrate themselves, yet Yahweh remained the One who sanctified them. Holiness therefore involves our obedient response, but its source is God Himself. More than this, God's original intention was to have sons and daughters who were blameless and holy.

EPHESIANS 1:4-5

JUST AS HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE, HAVING PREDESTINED US TO ADOPTION AS SONS BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF

God's purpose was to have sons and daughters who are holy and blameless before Him. Because we are in Christ, no accusation can stand against us before God.

ROMANS 8:33-34

WHO SHALL BRING A CHARGE AGAINST GOD'S ELECT? IT IS GOD WHO JUSTIFIES. WHO IS HE WHO CONDEMNS? IT IS CHRIST WHO DIED, AND FURTHERMORE IS ALSO RISEN, WHO IS EVEN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, WHO ALSO MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US.

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C. Jesus Has Become Our Sanctification

What Yahweh revealed to Israel finds its fuller expression through Jesus and the New Covenant:

1 CORINTHIANS 1:30

**BUT OF HIM YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO BECAME FOR US WISDOM FROM GOD—
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SANCTIFICATION AND REDEMPTION—**

Jesus does not merely command us to become holy through our own effort. He has become our sanctification. Our holiness begins with what God has done for us in Christ and becomes visible in how we live.

D. Yahweh is to Be Worshipped in His Holiness

In our [lesson on Revelation 4 and 5](#), we learned the importance of worshipping Yahweh in His holiness. According to the sequence established in that lesson, this song belongs to the Old Covenant setting, before Jesus entered heaven as the victorious Lamb.

REVELATION 4:8

**THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES ...THEY DO NOT REST DAY OR NIGHT, SAYING:
“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY,
WHO WAS AND IS AND IS TO COME!”**

The living creatures worship Yahweh because He is eternally holy. Worshipping His holiness remains necessary for believers today, not because God keeps us at a distance, but because His holiness reveals who He is and forms His character within us. We become increasingly like the One whom we behold and worship.

E. The Father Who Lives Within Us

This attribute of Yahweh means holiness is not something we must produce on our own. God is present and active within His people.

EPHESIANS 4:6

ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS ABOVE ALL, AND THROUGH ALL, AND IN YOU ALL.

We are holy because we belong to the Father, have been set apart for Him and carry His presence within us. His presence does not make us passive; it gives us the grace and power to live as His holy people.

F. Living in Victorious Holiness

Because Yahweh M'kadesh lives within us, we can experience victory by living a life set apart for God. He gives us grace to resist sinful influences, establish healthy boundaries and leave relationships or situations that continually draw us away from Him.

Yahweh M'kadesh means that holiness is not founded upon fear, distance or human effort. The Father has made us His own, lives within us and enables us to express His holiness in the world.

Yahweh sanctifies Israel → holiness was part of the Father's original purpose → Jesus becomes our sanctification → we worship Yahweh in His holiness → the Father lives within us → we live in victorious holiness.

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C. Five Further Attributes of Yahweh

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- Our Father is our Righteousness (Yahweh Tsidkenu).
- God is our Shepherd (Yahweh Rohi).
- He is our sanctification (Yahweh M'kadesh).

These names reveal that Yahweh does not stand apart from His covenant people. He is our banner, peace, righteousness, shepherd and sanctifier. In Christ, the Father brings His people into the reality each name reveals.