

## HALLOWED BE THY NAME

### #5 – “Yahweh-Jireh: The LORD Will Provide”

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<sup>1</sup>Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. <sup>2</sup>Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” <sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded 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. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He 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.” <sup>6</sup>Abraham 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, Isaac 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?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>When 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. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. <sup>12</sup>“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.” <sup>13</sup>Abraham 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. <sup>14</sup>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.”

*Genesis 22:1-14 TNIV*

Introduction: To this point, we have considered together the common names of God found in Scripture, those occurring numerous times. In addition to these, there are a number of compound names given to Yahweh (the proper name God chose for himself) in specific situations and circumstances. Perhaps the most meaningful of these—and the most beloved across Christian history—is YAHWEH-Jireh, “the LORD will provide.”

- I. What’s in the Name YAHWEH-Jireh?
  - A. YAHWEH-Jireh is a name given by Abraham both to God and to a mountain in Genesis 22.
  - B. YAHWEH-Jireh means literally “the LORD will foresee and provide,” implying not only God’s provision, but also his complete foreknowledge of the need for it.
  - C. The historical context of this compound name is God’s provision of a substitute for Abraham’s son, Isaac, at the altar of sacrifice.
  - D. Abraham uses the name for God before provision is made.
  - E. After a ram is provided as a substitute for Isaac, Abraham names the mountain of sacrifice “YAHWEH-Jireh.”

- II. Our God is the Provider!
    - A. YAHWEH-Jireh knows our needs before we even experience them, so we need not worry.

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. . . So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. *Matthew 6:8b, 31-34*
    - B. Everything that we have ever, or will ever receive comes from the hand of YAHWEH-Jireh, and we can never outgive God.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us! *1 Chronicles 29:14*
    - C. As was the case with Abraham, whenever YAHWEH-Jireh provides for us, he does so to teach us to be completely dependant on him and tell the story of his goodness.
  - III. Jesus is God’s Ultimate Provision!
    - A. As YAHWEH-Jireh provided a substitute for Isaac, Abraham’s only son, so YAHWEH-Jireh has provided his only Son as a substitute for us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! *Romans 5:6-9*
    - B. YAHWEH-Jireh knew the need of our atonement from the very beginning of time and planned to send a lamb: Jesus.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. *1 Peter 1:18-20*
    - C. If YAHWEH-Jireh has provided for our salvation since the “foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8), then we may depend upon him completely to provide for all of our needs, a truth best expressed in Romans 8:28-39 (Pew Bible p. 801).
- Conclusion: YAHWEH-Jireh is the ultimate provider, and Calvary is the mountain named for his ultimate provision in Christ’s Cross.