

Introduction: Why Calling on God's Name Matters

Calling on the name of the Lord is more than just speaking—it's an act of worship, dependence, and faith. Scripture consistently shows that invoking God's name brings salvation, protection, and peace.

Romans 10:12-13

"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

This promise is rooted in God's covenantal nature—He responds to those who approach Him with sincere hearts. However, calling on His name must be done with reverence.

Exodus 20:7

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name."

1. In Times of Need - Call Him *Jehovah-Jireh*

“The Lord Will Provide” - *Genesis 22:14*

The name *Jehovah-Jireh* was first used by Abraham when God provided a ram in place of his son Isaac. This reveals God as Provider within covenant—a foreshadow of Christ, God’s ultimate provision.

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.’”

This name ties to God’s attribute of divine providence—He sees ahead and supplies what is needed. In Philippians 4:19, Paul echoes this covenant truth: *“My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”*

2. In Times of Sickness – Call Him *Jehovah-Rapha*

“The Lord Who Heals You” – *Exodus 15:26*

God revealed Himself as *Jehovah-Rapha* when He healed Israel after they crossed the Red Sea.

Exodus 15:26

“I am the Lord, who heals you.”

God’s healing reflects His restorative character. Jesus continues this work in the New Covenant as our Great Physician (Luke 4:18, Isaiah 53:5). Healing may come physically, emotionally, or spiritually—but always aligns with God’s redemptive plan.

3. In Spiritual Battles – Call Him *Jehovah-Nissi*

“The Lord is My Banner” – *Exodus 17:15*

When Israel fought the Amalekites, victory came as Moses raised his hands in intercession. Afterwards, they named the altar *Jehovah-Nissi*.

Exodus 17:15

“Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner.”

God as *Jehovah-Nissi* is our Warrior King (see Exodus 14:14). He leads His people to victory when they depend on His strength, not their own (cf. 2 Chronicles 20:15).

4. In Danger or Uncertainty – Call Him *Jehovah-Rohi*

“The Lord is My Shepherd” – Psalm 23:1

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“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”

David recognized God's pastoral care. As *Jehovah-Rohi*, the Lord watches over, guides, and protects His people. Jesus echoes this image in John 10:11: "*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*"

5. When Facing the Impossible - Call Him *El Shaddai*

"God Almighty" - *Genesis 17:1*

When Abraham doubted that he could have a son in his old age, God revealed Himself as *El Shaddai*, the Almighty One.

Genesis 17:1

"I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless."

El Shaddai emphasizes God's omnipotence—His ability to do what is humanly impossible. The New Testament confirms this in Luke 1:37 "*For no word from God will ever fail.*"

6. When You Feel Alone - Call Him *Jehovah-Shammah*

“The Lord is There” - *Ezekiel 48:35*

In Ezekiel’s vision of the restored Jerusalem, the city was named *Jehovah-Shammah*, symbolizing God’s constant presence.

Ezekiel 48:35

“And the name of the city from that time on will be: The Lord is there.”

God’s presence is part of His covenantal promise (Matthew 28:20). In Christ, believers are never alone. The Holy Spirit is God’s abiding presence within us (John 14:16-17).

7. When Peace is Lost - Call Him *Jehovah-Shalom*

“The Lord is Peace” - *Judges 6:24*

After Gideon's divine encounter, he built an altar and named it *Jehovah-Shalom*.

Judges 6:24

"So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace."

God is not only the giver of peace, but peace itself (cf. Isaiah 9:6; John 14:27). True shalom is more than the absence of conflict—it's the presence of wholeness, harmony, and restoration.

8. When Reflecting on His Majesty - Call Him *Adonai*

"The Sovereign Lord" - Frequently used in Psalms and Prophets

Adonai emphasizes God's lordship and authority over all creation.

Psalm 8:1

“Lord, our Lord (Adonai), how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

This title recognizes God as Master and King—worthy of total submission. It’s the proper response of worship to the Creator and Ruler of all (Romans 12:1).

9. When Seeking Salvation – Call on *Yeshua (Jesus), Jehovah the Savior*

“The Lord Saves” – Acts 4:12

The name *Jesus* (Hebrew: *Yeshua*) means “The Lord is Salvation.” He is the ultimate revelation of all God’s names and attributes in human form.

Acts 4:12

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament names of God. He is Provider (*John 6:35*), Healer (*1 Peter 2:24*), Shepherd (*John 10:11*), and Prince of Peace (*Isaiah 9:6*). In Him, we receive complete salvation (*Hebrews 7:25*).

To be saved, one must repent and believe, and be baptized in His name as commanded:

Mark 16:16

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Acts 2:38

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”

Calling on the Name with a Pure Heart

There is great power in calling on God's name—but it must be accompanied by repentance and obedience.

2 Timothy 2:19

"The Lord knows those who are His, and, 'Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.'"

God invites us to know Him personally through His names. Each one reveals an aspect of His character and covenant. In every season of life, He is near, ready to respond when we call on Him in truth.

Have you called on the name of Jesus for your salvation?

If not, today is the day of salvation. The name of the Lord is still a strong tower—run to it, and you will be saved.

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