

THE NAME JEHOVAH

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Leader's Notes



INTRODUCTION

Do you sometimes feel unworthy of receiving God's love? Perhaps you don't feel good enough, or that you have done things that disqualify you. In this study we are going to look at another name for God that reveals to us his incredible love, and once we truly understand the meaning of this name, those feelings of inadequacy will go.

We have been looking at the meaning of the name Yahweh or Jehovah, the sacred name given by God to his people, and linked to that name are 7 different titles, each one showing his covenant-keeping faithfulness to man. The name we will look at now is found in prophecies given by Jeremiah: - The Lord is our Righteousness.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:5-6, 33:15-16

- ✧ Who are these prophecies referring to do you think?
(The Righteous Branch is a title for the Messiah, and the Messiah is Jesus.)
- ✧ What did the prophet say the Messiah, the Righteous Branch, would do when he came?
(He would reign as King and do what is right and just.)

God was going to restore righteousness, but this righteousness would not be a set of laws or rules, or a religious system, rather it would be in a person. That person was the Lord Jesus Christ.

- ✧ Why is our righteousness not acceptable to God? Look at the following verses: Romans 3:10, 3:20-23, Romans 10:3-4, Isaiah 64:6
(Man has tried to establish his own righteousness, but our righteousness is like dirty rags in God's sight. No one is righteous, we have all sinned.)
- ✧ Although our righteousness is not acceptable to God, he is offering us his righteousness! How can we receive this? See the following verses: Romans 3:22, 10:4, Philippians 3:8-9
(We need to realize that our own righteousness is inadequate and acknowledge we have failed, and put our faith in Jesus and what he has done for us. When we do, we will receive God's righteousness in place of our sin.)
- ✧ An exchange takes place! Look at these verses and describe what Jesus has done for us, and what we become: 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:21
(Jesus has taken our sin upon himself, and in its place we receive his righteousness.)

- ✧ Now we have received the righteousness of Jesus, how can the Word of God help us to live out a righteous life? 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Revelation 19:8
(The Word of God teaches and trains us how to live a righteous life that pleases God. As we learn to walk in obedience to what God says, and allow the Holy Spirit to fill our lives, we will produce those righteous deeds that it speaks about in Revelation 19.)

- ✧ Share what you have learnt from this study. It may be something you have understood for the first time, or perhaps something you have been reminded of.

CONCLUSION

Isn't it amazing what God has done for us? We were separated from him because of our sin, with no way to reach him. Even our so called 'righteous deeds' were like dirty rags compared to his holiness. Yet in his love for us, he came and paid the price for our sin, so we could receive his righteousness. There is no need to feel unworthy or that we are disqualified. He has accepted us. He is the Lord our Righteousness.