

God's Name Brings Hope

"Knowing God Deeper" part 2, from Ezekiel 1-48
Pastor Bob Johnson, April 25th, 2021

May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in him. Then you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (GW)

"... in your name I will hope, for your name is good." *Psalm 52:9 (NIV)*

Jehovah-Shammah = "God is always there!" (Ezekiel 48:35)

Because God is with me ...

1. His Presence is W _____ over me

(Ezekiel 2:3-4; 22:29-30)

So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you ...

Isaiah 41:10 (NCV)

The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

I have hope when I think of this: ²²The Lord's love never ends; his mercies never stop. ²³They are new every morning ... Lamentations 3:21-23 (NCV)

2. His Purpose is W _____ in me

(Proverbs 20:30, Ezekiel 36:24-28; 37:4-6)

We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NASB)

(God) "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NCV)

God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again.

Philippians 1:6 (NCV)

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
Romans 15:4 (NIV)

3. His Place is W _____ for me

(Ezekiel 11:17; 34:12-13)

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.
Revelation 21:2 (ESV)

*“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ...
I go to prepare a place for you.”*
John 14:1–2 (ESV)

He will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All of that has gone forever.
Revelation 21:4 (LB)

It is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family. Now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead. ⁴And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you ... ⁵And God, in his mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting him. ... ⁶So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here.
1 Peter 1:3–6 (LB)

I have carried you since you were born; I have taken care of you from your birth. ⁴Even when you are old, I will be the same. Even when your hair has turned gray, I will take care of you. I made you and will take care of you. I will carry you and save you. ⁵“Can you compare me to anyone? No one is equal to me or like me.”
Isaiah 46:3–5 (NCV)

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

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This Week's GPC Discussion Guide:

Welcome to the second week our 10 week study and discussion based on our current Sunday series at GPC called, "Knowing God Deeper".

Each week we will read and reflect on of the names of God found in the Old Testament. Each of these names are windows into an aspect of God's character.

The more we understand God's character, the deeper we can know God personally, increase our trust in Him and experience His peace.

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships in the coming weeks.

Each week, we will be using the same set of questions as we focus in on the ten different names of God that will be the focus of this series.

Getting Started ...

In the last seven days or so, what has encouraged you (big or small) that we can rejoice with you over? ... and / or ... what has challenged you, stretched you, possibly brought some discouragement your way (big or small) ... that we can offer our support and prayers for each other?

Quick Review ...

Let's reflect on this week's name of God, "Jehovah-Shammah" which means "God is present or always there."

From the passages in the Book of Ezekiel that led up to where this name is mentioned in Ezekiel 48:35, and what was taught on Sunday, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

Digging Deeper:

What does this name for God mean to you personally?

Have you experienced the meaning of this name before?

If so, when? How did it impact you?

What thoughts came out of that experience?

What are some feelings, thoughts, questions or possible struggles that surface in you as you reflect on the meaning of this name?

What do you think God wants you to remember and live in light of about this particular name of God?

What are the needs and desires this name of God might meet in your life if you were fully able to embrace its truth in your heart?

Praying Together:

Let's be sure to spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.