

# The Names of God XIII: YHWH Yasha, Jesus the Savior September 28, 2019

Think of this. You just met someone with at least 14 names, actually more. Each name describes something about him. One of his names says that even though there is more than one of him, there is only one. In another he boasts of being a great father. Another is a mystery that says something about that he exists, but the letters of his name make a mystery acronym. Then using his acronym name as a first name for the next 11, he says his last name name is Provider, Doctor, Flag, General of armies, Better-maker, Guide, Sanely Jealous, Peace, Presence, Always Right, and Rescuer.

An important part of getting to know someone is knowing their name. God gave to us names and titles of Himself that reveal who He is, to us. To not lose people and to entice their interest, we often try to dance around speaking of God, but in this savior thing God has said, "Hey this is who I am to you, can you deal with this?"

God gave us His title name, Elohim, which says, "God" and all that goes with it. Christian theology from the bible show Him as 3 in One. In Hebrew, words ending in "im" are masculine and plural. Yet with Elohim, meaning Gods, the verbs that follow the noun are singular masculine. Plural in title, singular in deed. Jesus called Him and the soul of the Christian calls Him Papa. His special name is YHWH, otherwise known as Jehovah or Yahweh, its letters secretly yet openly preach the cross, saying "A hand (Y), look (H)! A nail (W), look (H)!" God introduced Himself with another 11 names that He connected to the name, Yahweh. YHWH Jireh, provider, YHWH Ropheyka, Your Healer, YHWH Nissi, My Banner, YHWH Sabaoth, of the armies, YHWH Makkadeshkem, makes you all holy, YHWH Roi, My Shepherd, YHWH Qanna, Jehovah the Jealous One, YHWH-Shalom, God is peace or God of Peace, YHWH Shammah or, Yahweh who is There, and YHWH Tsidkenu, or, "Jehovah our righteousness, and this study will be about YHWH Yasha or Savior and Redeemer.

So God would extend His hand and say, "Hello! I'm God, Father, provider, your healer, banner of identity, commander of invisible armies, I make you all holy, or better, your shepherd, the jealous God, the God of peace, I'm there, I'm your righteousness."

The last one of these Yahweh/Jehovah names is not in the Old Testament. Though the Old Testament many times says that YHWH saves, and is a savior, it doesn't attach it to Him as a name. There is a name that says it, Yahoshua, we would say, Joshua. But it's a man's name in the Old Testament. However, the New Testament gives this name to God, in Greek, not Hebrew.

An angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Probably, though the Bible or any other document doesn't say so, Jesus' name in Hebrew was Yahoshua/Joshua, and in Aramaic, the language Jews spoke in Israel in His time, Yeshua. A savior saves people in trouble. My friends, we are in big trouble. Without a savior we face eternity separated from a pure and holy God in whose presence nothing sinful can stay.

The New living Translation translates 1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."

No one else can fill the resume of Savior, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). He's God to save, for only God can save from, forgive, and cleanse sin. Sin must be cleansed to spend eternity with God. He is human to die, for the penalty of sin is death, and as God alone, He is immortal.

### Man, God and Savior, of the Jews and the World

As human which the title "Son of Man implies, "the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10) he can die for the sins of the world. Yet He is divine, "our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). Not only the Savior of the Jews into which He was born, but "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world" (1 John 4:14). Wherever people are, on every island and in every country they need to be saved from sin, and that includes you and I.

It requires that one believe, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Can we repeat this foundational verse of our faith? To have eternal life is being saved, or as we say, salvation! To not believe is to perish. Jesus is Savior for those who believe. All have sinned, need a savior, only Jesus saves. His message spreads to the ends of the earth to save, God makes sure that everyone who seeks Him finds Him and even finds those who don't seek Him. Everyone needs to be saved, yet Jesus is the only one who has the resume to save, His message has gone out to the corners of earth, and He will be found by any who seek Him and seeks people to save.

## 1. Why does the Bible say there is only one way?

Doesn't it seem arrogant for us to say our faith is the only way to God? The problem is that this idea isn't based upon a Christian's opinion, or some theology, but comes from the very words of Jesus, Himself. We'll see that real soon from His own words. Canadian pastor and author, A.W. Tozer said, "Jesus is not one of many ways to approach God. Nor is He the best of several ways. He is the only way." This is an issue that many find distasteful. Why, if there is such a place as Hell, if it is such a horrible place, that only through Jesus one can escape it?

Sin offends God. Since it is against *Him* we've sinned we must deal not with a religion, system of beliefs, or a balance of good works, but we must deal with *Him*, or rather...He deals with us. It's personal, not like a judge who applies the law, though the one under trial never did anything to the judge. This would be like being on trial for burglary and the house the burglar violated was the home of the judge he must face. Our sin was disrespect to God Himself. He's holy, meaning there's no one like Him, righteous, meaning all He does and says is right, and powerful, enough to declare sin null and void. Then only He who is Holy, righteous, and powerful can save us and He wants to even though we've offended Him grievously.

In order to be the one to settle it rightly, only Jesus qualifies. He is God, holy, righteous, and powerful. The penalty of sin is death, He who has the qualifications to save (holy and righteous) must be willing to die and absorb the wrath of God as substitute for sinners. Only God can save, but immortal God does not die; so as Savior, Jesus the Messiah is God and man, God to save, and man to die. This plan could only be motivated by the mercy and compassion of God who will not compromise His Holy righteousness, but whose love would send Him to a cross and whose power would raise Him from the dead.

# Let's look at the job Description for Savior and Jesus' Resume. The applicant must:

- -Pay the price of sin,
- -save from sin, and
- -must willingly die for sin.
- -He must be God for only God can save
- -but immortal, for God does not die.
- -So as Savior, He must be God and man, God to save, and man to die.
- -He must rise from the dead to conquer death.

**Jesus Christ**: Fills all requirements. No other applicants qualify. He is the only One who can and would be qualified for such a rescue- or salvation for sinners, the *only* One who can save them.

It's not because God is being exclusive, egotistical, and arrogant that the Bible says, "This Jesus ...And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:11-12). There really isn't any other way. It makes sense that Jesus would say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6), Jesus is the only way to a restored relationship with God because He is the only One who can restore the relationship.

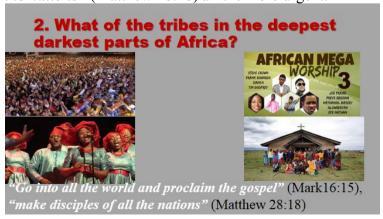
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# 2. What of the tribes in the deepest darkest parts of Africa?

If God wants to save people, why did He allow so many people to live in places where they don't get the Christian message? "What about the African tribes in the jungle? FYI: Missionaries did their job. In sub — Saharan Africa there are more Christians per capita than in the USA! From 1900 to 2010 the research arm of the Pew Forum reported, "The number of Christians has grown even faster, soaring almost 70-fold from about 7 million to 470 million. Sub-Saharan Africa now is home to about one-in-five of all the Christians in the world (21%)." The reality of Hell makes Jesus' commands to, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel" (Mark16:15), "make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:18) all the more urgent.



The word for "nations" means ethnic groups- from is the Greek, *ethnos*. But what if they don't get a chance, why would God judge them? The problem never is, never has been, and never will be that people seek God and for lack of

access to the truth, they missed out.

### 3. The Search for a Savior and of a Savior

The sinful human heart naturally rejects God. Psalm 10:4 describes our general heart condition, "In his pride the wicked does not seek him." In agreement with this verse it seems to be pride that keeps people from seeking the God of scripture, for to do so one must admit helplessness, sinfulness, and no merits to make one acceptable to God but one's own spiritual poverty and emptiness. Jesus told a story of 2 men, one religious but proud, the other a God seeker who was conscious of his need for salvation from his sin.

"He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 19:9-14).

What will bring God to any person or people? If anyone would seek Him, in humility, not looking to one's own efforts as enough, examine the order of the created world, and have a conscience attack that cries out to be resolved, and know one's need for forgiveness of sins. Some have, such as the Karen tribe of Burma. The Karen story is only one of many in the annals of missionary accounts as to how God is faithful to those that seek Him, for them to find Him. The elders of the Karen mountain tribe became frustrated with their local spirits and gods. They looked to the heavens and asked the creator of all to show them who He is. They received a vision of a man with his face in a banana leaf.

George and Sarah Boardman had come to Burma as missionaries and they had dismal results with the Burmese. George went to study his bible in the forest and a Karen tribesman saw him reading His bible. A banana leaf is folded like a book. When the tribesman saw this and recalled the vision, he came out from the woods and pointed to the bible excitedly. The Boardmans followed him to the tribe. They learned their tongue, taught the gospel, put the bible into their language and there was a great revival. To this day choirs from the Karen tribe tour the US singing in Baptist churches, promoting missions work and telling the story of how their tribe came to Christ.

God kept His biblical promise to humankind who turned pagan. Since Adam we all have become pagan, "And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deuteronomy 4:28-29).

God will find them as in Psalm 14:2, "The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God." This verse is a biblical promise, "you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deuteronomy 4:28-29), "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13).

When Paul preached to philosophers in Athens Greece, he laid out God's plan, purpose, and His international intention to be found by any who seek Him, "...and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;" (Acts 17:26-27).

Though not many people may seek God, God seeks people: "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His" (2 Chronicles 16:9). The guarantee is that for the one who seeks, God will find, save, but only in Jesus. Some hold to the idea that maybe since some people are so far away from the gospel, God granted them another way of escape, out of concession if they are sincere and good people. The risen Savior stakes the reputation of God on those promises, for those who seek Him, the name of Jesus will arrive. Many missionaries tell the story of how the gospel of Jesus arrived to those who were seeking a better way than what they knew.

But even more so we can see the mercy and pity of God: that He even touched and still touches those hearts (like mine) not seeking, doomed to Hell, and turns them around, giving the gift to change. Can't we see, even our own will to change isn't enough unless God gives, grants as a royal present, bestows the ability to turn to Him? 3 times the Bible speaks of God "granting repentance" (Acts 5:31, 11:18, 2 Timothy 2:25), for he gives the ability to turn around towards Him as a loving parent would give a birthday present to a beloved son or daughter. Without God's help, repentance is impossible. But it is available to any who truly desire it.

It is most arrogant to think that as a sinner in rebellion against God, that God owes me salvation. It is the beginning of a humble journey to be amazed at this: that God's mercy found any sinner, even one whose heart turned off its lights to any vision of God, especially me. He would reach out with His gospel and allow someone like me to understand it and invite even me to be rescued. Such is the amazing love of God. The name of Jesus is God's name that says, Jehovah saves. In that name is the agony of His shedding of much blood, His death on the cross, and the conquest, domination, and enslavement of death by His resurrection. The great God who made the universe, who is perfect, who is full of majesty and glory, loves me and you. He has done everything just to make it possible for us to stand together with Him as partners. Yes, the partnership works this way, I sinned then believed and He saved. As one who He has saved I can start a new life that is all about Him, because what else is more important?

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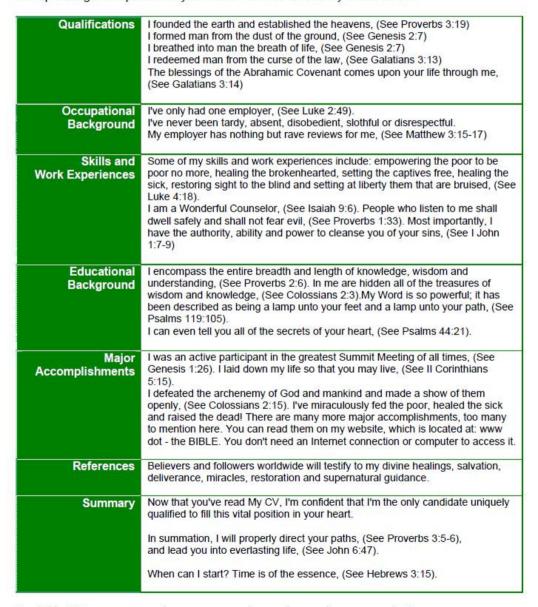
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