

The Lord Our God

“ . . . that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God.”
(Exodus 8:10)

LESSON #6: JEHOSHUA

“Jehoshua” is a combination name that includes “Jehovah” abbreviated, and it is far more familiar to us than we may realize. Actually, many of the names in the Old Testament include references to the I AM (Jehovah):

Jehoahaz (seized by Jehovah)

Jehoshaphat (Jehovah will judge)

Jehoiakim (Jehovah will raise)

Jehu (Jehovah is He)

Names that end “-iah” or “-jah” also refer to Jehovah:

Elijah (Jehovah is my God)

Isaiah (Jehovah has delivered)

Zechariah (Jehovah remembers)

Obadiah (serving Jehovah)

But where did the name “Jehoshua” come from, and whose name was it? Some of the answers to this question are found in Numbers 13. See in verse 8 that the leader chosen from the tribe of Ephraim to help “*spy out the land of Canaan*” (vs. 1-20) was “*Oshea the son of Nun*.” Then notice in verse 16 that Moses (apparently by God’s direction) changed Oshea’s name to Jehoshua. Let’s look at these names carefully. “Oshea” comes from the Hebrew word “yasha,” which means to save. It means “savior.” “Jehoshua” adds the name “Jehovah” and means “Jehovah saves.” Moses changed the name of a man from “savior” to “Jehovah saves.” Later Jehoshua was shortened to Joshua. Centuries later, that name was given to Mary’s first son.

“ . . . thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua, which, as we have seen, means “Jehovah saves”—I AM Salvation! Of course, the New Testament was written in Greek and the Old Testament was written in Hebrew. Whatever the language, the message is the same: God Himself *is* our Salvation!

We have already learned in this series of lessons that our salvation from sin, death, and Hell is actually in the Lord Himself. Do you remember the meaning of Jehovah-jireh? It teaches us that God is our Provision, and it was given to the place where God provided our salvation by Christ dying on the Cross. How about Jehovah-shalom? The Lord made peace with us in Christ. Jehovah-tsidkenu means “the Lord our Righteousness.” Remember that God is the Righteousness that we need for our justification. God is everything we need, including our Salvation.

When Jesus came, He was Jehovah in the flesh. Jesus means “Jehovah saves.” The Book

of John tells us that Jesus used the divine explanation of the name “Jehovah” in referring to Himself over and over again. In the Greek of John the words are “*egoeimi*,” I AM. Just “*eimi*” means “I am,” but using the pronoun “*ego*” (I) with it puts a strong emphasis on both words: I AM. See how Jesus used it in John 6:48, 6:51, 8:24, 10:14, 18:5-8. Notice also that He said in John 8:58,

“Before Abraham was, I am.”

I Am the Door

Jesus as Jehovah is the Way both to eternal life and to the abundant life.

“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:9-10)

Jesus was comparing Himself to the Door of the Sheepfold (See v. 7) through which God’s sheep enter for safety and exit for food and drink. Remember Psalm 23:1-2

“The Lord [Jehovah] is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.”

We enter by Him in order to be saved. We exit through Him to have life “*more abundantly*.” We don’t need to look elsewhere to find victory and joy in the Christian life. You get abundant life from the same One Who gave you eternal life. He is all we need.

I Am the Bread of Life

Jesus said that He will satisfy our inward hunger and thirst forever.

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35)

He is the Way (Door) and the Life (Bread of Life). Notice John 14:6. Jesus is all we need.

I Am the Light of the World

Jesus is the Truth, as well as the Way and the Life. Light represents truth and righteousness, and Jesus said,

“I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

The whole of John 8 deals with the way to be righteous (See vs. 10-12, 31-36).

The key is to look to Jesus as your Light. See this also in John 12:35-36 and 44-46.

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

In Christ we have victory over the grave (I Corinthians 15:55-57) He doesn't just give us this victory. He *is* the Victory. Find eternal life in Him.

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die . . ." (John 11:25-26)

Come to Jesus, and let Him prepare you for eternity.

I Am the True Vine

The secret of fruit-bearing (bringing others to Christ) is not in trying harder to win souls. It is in staying connected to Jesus.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman . . . I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (John 15:1, 4-5)

He Himself is the Secret. Jesus was saying it all the time: I AM Satisfaction, I AM Holiness, I AM Salvation, I AM Fruitfulness. Look to Him, and have it all!