





Ex. 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and **they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?**

14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.

- ❖ While observing the “burning bush,” Moses was discussing with the Lord about going back to Egypt, and asked God for identification to relate to the Israelites:
- ❖ The Hebrew word that is the English transliteration of “I AM THAT I AM” is commonly called the Tetragrammaton

Tetragrammaton

noun

the Hebrew word for God, consisting of the four letters *yod*, *he*, *vav*, and *he*, transliterated consonantly usually as *YHVH*, now pronounced as *Adonai* or *Elohim* in substitution for the original pronunciation forbidden since the 2nd or 3rd century BC.

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/tetragrammaton>

In Ex. 6:3, the Bible indicates that God gave Moses a revelation about His name that was unknown to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:

Ex. 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

Original Word: יהוה

Part of Speech: Proper Name **Transliteration:** Yhvh

Definition: the proper name of the God of Israel

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3068.htm>

❖ God appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as *El Shaddai*, but to Moses as *Jehovah*.

We have already considered the English usage of “J” instead of “Y” which produced the transliteration of JHVH as Jehovah. We began with **Jehovah-El Elyon** = *The Lord Most High*.

We have covered two variations of Jehovah:

Jehovah-El Elyon = *The Lord Most High* and **Jehovah-Jireh** = *The Lord Our Provider*.

Tonight, as we continue “JESUS – NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES,” we observe another “Jehovah Title” – **Jehovah-Rapha** = *The Lord Our Healer* – Ex. 15:26; 1 Pet. 2:24 (also, **Jehovah-Rophi**).

❖ The first mention of *Jehovah-Rapha* is found in Ex. 15:26:

Ex. 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for **I am the LORD that healeth thee.**

❖ To gain a clearer understanding of its introduction, let's consider the context:

Ex. 15:22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, *which* when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,
26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for ***I am the LORD that healeth thee.***

27 And they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

Israel Complained



- ❖ After the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea, the Israelites murmured against Moses because there was no water, vs. 22-24.
- ❖ When they found water at Marah, it was bitter and undrinkable.
- ❖ Moses cried unto the LORD and the LORD showed him a tree.
- ❖ When the “bitter waters” of life pollute our souls, we need to go to the “tree” = cross.
- ❖ The bitter waters were a spiritual test – v. 25 “...and there he proved them,”

- ❖ Moses promised the people that obedience would be a deterrence against the diseases encountered in Egypt – v.26.
- ❖ The Israelite were near the water source needed in Elim.
- ❖ The “healing” was not for a physical body , but for a problem that needed solving.
- ❖ In essence, the Israelites gave up too soon and started murmuring.
- ❖ Sometimes, believers need to be more patient before “murmuring” about problems.

1 Cor. 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able;** but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

❖ Waiting upon the LORD is an example of “walking by faith.”
(2 Cor. 5:7)

Psa. 27:14 **Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.**

❖ There are numerous instances in the Old Testament where God reveals Himself as Jehovah Rapha, and here are some examples:

In the Old Testament

Psa. 30:2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and **thou hast healed me.**

Psa. 41:4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: **heal my soul**; for I have sinned against thee.

Psa. 147:3 **He healeth the broken in heart**, and bindeth up their wounds.

Psa 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 **Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

Hos. 6:1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and **he will heal us**; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

❖ The LORD can, and will, heal backsliding:

Jer. 3:22 Return, ye backsliding children, **and I will heal your backslidings**. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* the LORD our God.

Hos. 14:4 **I will heal their backsliding**, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

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In the New Testament

Mt. 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and **healed all that were sick:**

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.**

- ❖ Jesus also healed a paralyzed man (Mark 2:5-12), and two blind men (Mt. 9:27-30), and raised a dead man from the dead (John 11:38-44).

Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. ...

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Mt. 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it*.

Jn. 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

What are the Ways God Heals as Jehovah Rapha?

During sickness and infirmity

❖ There are many examples of God healing the sick in the Bible.

2 Kings 20:1 In those days was **Hezekiah sick unto death**. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, **Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.**

Mt. 15:30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them *those that were* **lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others**, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and **he healed them**:

Luke 4:40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and **healed them**.

During mental affliction

- ❖ Even during mental affliction, God helps clear our minds and give peace to our hearts.
- ❖ Jonah expressed his inner turmoil and despair. Yet, at the end of verse 6 and verse 7, there is hope because Jonah remembers that the Lord is in control.

Jonah 2:5 The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

7 **When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee,** into thine holy temple.

During spiritual fatigue

- ❖ We all get tired physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.
- ❖ Our bodies and our spirit also gets fatigued in our Christian journey. (See Pilgrim's Progress.)
- ❖ When we feel like giving up, we can pray to God and ask for strength to continue the good work He has placed in our hearts.

Psa 23:3 **He restoreth my soul:** he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Phil. 1:6 **Being confident of this very thing**, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Phil. 2:13 For **it is God which worketh in you** both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

During emotional suffering

- ❖ Elijah, on the run from the wrath of Jezebel, was distressed, discouraged and depressed.

1 Kings 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

- ❖ While Elijah was under the juniper tree, the LORD sent an angel to feed and encourage him.
- ❖ God's healing ability is not limited to physical ailments; He can also help us during heartbreaks and emotional distress.

Psa 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Jn. 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

During anxiety and worry

- ❖ Like an octopus of oppression, the tentacles of anxiety and worry too often reach every believer in some form or another, especially since the start of the pandemic.
- ❖ Despite all of these challenges in life, believers need to remember that God is more than capable of providing for all our needs.
- ❖ Consider the reminder of the Lord Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount:

Mt. 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But **seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

Can We Still Call Upon Jehovah Rapha Today?

- ❖ Just as Moses, Elijah, Jonah, Hezekiah, and a host of individuals throughout the Scriptures received God's divine intervention for their needs, so can believers today go to the Lord for His intervention in our lives.

Mal. 3:6 “For **I *am* the LORD, I change not...**”

Heb. 13:8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

Phil. 4:19 But **my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

Summary

- ❖ Jehovah-Rapha, a revelation that God is *The Lord Our Healer*, can take care of any “Marah” experiences that encounters believers today.
- ❖ The Lord is everything believers will ever need, and should be content in knowing Him.
- ❖ Nothing is impossible for our God!

Isa. 26:3 Thou wilt **keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee**: because he trusteth in thee.

❖ Remember Jeremiah 17:14, call upon Jehovah-Rapha, and trust in His unfailing grace and love.

Jer. 17:14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

Conclusion

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17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.**

Isa. 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and **with his stripes we are healed.**

1 Pet. 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes ye were healed.**

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.