

Righteousness; Shepherd, Smiter; Sanctifier

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

We are looking at the names of God today - just a few more of the many. Why we do this is because we learn how to understand the witness that God made through these names to us that we can apply to our daily life. There is a name that says **the Lord Our Righteousness**. I want you to understand what that means. It is **Jehovah Tsidkenu**. Back in **Jeremiah 23**, we read of the unrighteous rulers, pastors who were responsible for the flocks being scattered. God promised shepherds to care. Speaking of Jesus, the Messiah, God said -

5 . . . I will raise unto David a righteous Branch. . . - *this was a desperate, messy situation. The people who should have been spiritual leaders were not; they were taking care of themselves. They were what we call false shepherds. . . .* **and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.**

6 . . . and this is his name whereby he shall be called, (Jehovah-Tsidkenu): The Lord Our Righteousness.

Oh, don't you find that some days, it is as if you are overwhelmed at the injustice everywhere? Remember to run into the arms of Him who is our Righteousness! He sees, He knows, He promises. Let

Him be your Righteousness.

But in doing that, remember, He is also this pastor who tends and cares for you. A little phrase you have probably heard and probably not understood to the fullest measure what it means. **Jehovah Raah, the Lord Is My Shepherd.** Oh, emphasize that word *my* - make it personal. Don't just talk about the Lord is my Shepherd and rush by it, talking about the Shepherd. Understand that it is when we take that step of faith to believe to receive Him, we can live a glorious, triumphant situation within our very being . Right now, say *Yes, the Lord is my Shepherd.* Let me ask you very bluntly: is He your Shepherd? If not, hurry and receive Him in your life. We want to help you on this programme. Just send for a book, *Your Quest for God.* It will help you understand the steps to just receiving Him.

But, also, we need Him to be our Shepherd because of what God has revealed in His name, **Jehovah Nakeh**, which is **The Lord That Smiteth.** "Oh," we say, "how could He be the loving God?" He is the God Who, in **Isaiah 53: 4 — Surely he - speaking of Jesus - hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God . . .** Yes, God is the striker and He struck His own beloved Son when He, upon the Cross, became sin. He who had never sinned became sin for you and for me. We read in **Ezekiel 7:9 — And mine eye shall not spare,**

neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth. *Yes, if we do not receive Jesus, then such a terrible hour that is coming on this earth will show it is **The Lord That Smiteth.***

I love the next thought: **The Lord Thy Sanctifier.** Yes, the Lord our Righteousness; The Lord our Shepherd; the Lord that Smiteth; and -this is a long word: **Jehovah Maccaddeshoem- The Lord Thy Sanctifier.** We read in **Exodus 31** —

12 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know the Lord that doth sanctify you. Now the *sabbath* was a sign of God's unique relationship with Israel as His own people. The importance of this sign is seen in the insistence of later prophets that sabbath-keeping was an indication of the spiritual condition of His people. "But," you say, "what about us?" Well, we understand that from the Church's birth, which was the day of Pentecost, we read in **Acts 20:7** that the Church made Sunday their day of worship, their day of setting aside unto the Lord. For we read in that verse - **And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread . . .** That *first day*

commemorated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. He had finished His work at Calvary and He had indeed accomplished what you and I could enter into. The Lord could now be our **Sanctifier**. What does it mean that He is our Sanctifier? It means we are separated unto Himself. To be *separated unto Himself* means that we were purchased that our life might indeed be the vessel for the Holy Spirit of God to make the Lord Jesus Christ very, very real in and through us to those about.

Will He, even this day, break forth in your life that you might say, *That is what I want; I want Him in this way? Yes, I want Him to be my Righteousness. I want Him to be my Shepherd. I want it to be that Jesus bore that smiting. I want to know Him as my Sanctifier.*

In Jesus' Holy Name, I pray. Amen.