

## **August 24<sup>th</sup> 2008: Names of God: Jehovah-Jireh: Genesis 22:1-14**

**One of the things you may have noticed during** ....studies...Names of God.. is that many.....simply a description of what He does....because of who He is

**This is the case**.....today's Name.....**Jehovah-Jireh**.....The Lord who Provides

**Another noticeable thing about**.....often arise out of .....specific situation or event and again this is definitely true.....Jehovah-Jireh

- **The event in question took place**.....mountain in the region of Moriah  
**A very special mountain**.....later became sight of Jerusalem.....Calvary  
It was up that mountain.....centuries b4.....that Abraham climbed with...

**For him....just a destination**.....A mountain that he must visit...for it was there that God had said.....he must sacrifice.....son.....only.....much loved.....as a burnt

**We cannot even begin to understand**.....how...must have felt....as he trudged up

**His willingness to obey**.....may seem strange to us....but he had heard.... audible voice of God !!! Who would dare disobey that ???

**& he lived at a time**.....human sacrifice was not uncommon

- **But also it seems**.....he expected God to safeguard his boy Isaac  
He would obey God—He would trust God—He would do exactly what God  
Yet as he said to his servants in v5...

***"We will worship and then we will return to you"***

**Much later on**....when the author of Hebrews...looked back....as an example of trust  
He said of Abraham....11:19

***"Abraham figured that if God wanted to, He could raise the dead. In a sense, that's what happened when he received Isaac back, alive from off the altar."***

- **Actually** that whole chapter....regarding Abraham ...is interesting for another reason... because it shows a progression in his acts of faith
- **God** didn't expect Abraham.....and He normally doesn't expect us either....to begin with a great step of Faith such as this
- **Abraham built up** to this over many years...Hebrews mentions three:  
→His response to leave...→.Becoming the father of...→Offering Isaac

**That Abraham** had in his heart...mind....this belief that Isaac would somehow survive as long as he trusted.....from the very beginning.....is shown in a conversation....with I Gen 22:7-8....

*As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.*

- **The thinking of Abraham here is obvious**

He wasn't just fobbing off a difficult question....He truly believed....God would provide

- **Before God had provided direction**
- **He had provided Isaac**
- **And He could be counted on to provide the answer here too**

**For God is Jehovah-Jireh                      The God who provides**

**And so it was....**that when God stayed his hand....before he plunged it into...

**And when God** showed him the ram....caught by it's horns

He sacrificed that ram on the altar.....and in thanksgiving to God...**v14 says**

***So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."***

- **As I said before.....That place became the site of Jerusalem**

That mountain became the place where God the Son....the Lamb....offered Himself

**A sacrifice for the sins**.....Where God provided for us:::Salvation

- **So this name Jehovah-Jireh.....so meaningful for Abraham**

Is even more meaningful for us today

**Especially so**....when we delve deeper into its meaning

**For the Hebrew Word Jireh** .....by itself.....is in fact the verb to see

And is translated as see or appear

- **Literally this Name can be translated.....The Lord Sees**

**The reason for the jump in translation**.....from the Lord seeing to

The Lord providing

**Is because the Hebrew mind**.....saw the Lord as being able to see what is ahead

And knowing what will be needed.....commits Himself to providing it

**So in the fullest sense.....God saw ahead to a world facing judgment....**

And through Calvary He provided the way of deliverance

- **And in the lesser sense....**He sees what is ahead of each of us  
**Because** of our obedience.....**or in** our living for Him.....**and He provides ahead**  
Taking care of the needs....that as yet we know nothing off.

**When John Palandri left for Africa....**he knew that his Grandmother was sick  
.with every possibility that she might die.....

He went with that on his mind....but trusting in Jehovah-Jirah.....Lord who sees ahead

**His grandmother died the day after.....**

Because of her death.....John did not have to return to work on the weds....

**That's what this name means for us**

**When we** are prepared to follow the Lord.....

**We can trust** Him as the One who sees ahead

Sees all the struggles.....stress.....land mines.....and has already .....

**I read a story about a Pastor whose name is Dale Alan Robbins**

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**But** just as wonderful as that.....is the way God so often....surprises us with provision  
in our daily experience of life.....As a reminder of His love

- ***Terry Baker and his wood for his fire.***

**The really big thing**....is that we don't take the precious provision ....for granted

That we let the testimony of his Grace be seen...as we share with thanksgiving...about

**and also**....that with every provision the Lord blesses us with.....

we take time to think anew.....**of the Greatest Provision ever**....made for us  
on a hill called Calvary

***Bruce Wolf is a Chaplain with the Fire Department in Louisiana>***

He wrote this about God's provision. (From webpage/Sermon illustrator/rusty nail)

**Jehovah-Jireh.....What a wonderful name for God.....**

A name that finds it most glorious meaning.....In the provision of our Saviour.

