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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

Exploring the Names & Attributes of God Through Worship

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Welcome to the fifth edition of W.o.W. (Word on Worship) the monthly newsletter from Teshua Ministries designed to inspire, equip, and deepen our understanding of true worship. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we are delighted to walk this journey of worship with you as we seek to glorify God and grow stronger in faith.

This publication reflects the heart and mission of Dr. Janicka, founder of Teshua Ministries, who is passionate about helping believers experience victorious worship that transforms lives. We pray that each edition ignites a greater hunger for God's presence and empowers you to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Thank you for being part of the W.o.W. Word on Worship family. Let's continue this journey onward and upward to victory in Christ!

Blessings,

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Introduction

Today begins a series on the names and attributes of God through the lens of worship. Together, we will explore the following: Jehovah: A Hiding Place, Jehovah–Jireh, Jehovah–Shalom, Jehovah: King of Glory, Jehovah: Living God, Jehovah: Refuge, Jehovah: Potter, and Jehovah: Redeemer.

The names and attributes of God have a strong significance for worshipers toward establishing a foundation in Christian worship.

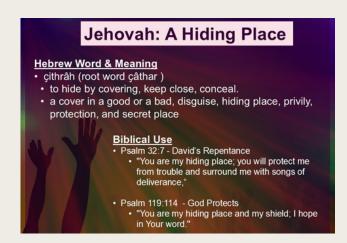
When we choose to draw closer to God, there becomes a need to grow deeper in our understanding of WHO GOD IS, along with the vital importance of His name and attributes in the life of a worshiper when we engage in personal and corporate worship.

Let's explore what it means when we call God, Jehovah, a hiding place!

JEHOVAH: A HIDING PLACE BIBLICAL MEANING AND USE

In the book of Psalms, Jehovah is referred to as a hiding place can be found in Psalm 32:7 and in Psalm 119:114. The Scriptures read, "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance," and "You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word." The Hebrew definition of hiding in both verses is based on the word cithrah from the primitive root word cathar, meaning to hide by covering, keep close, conceal (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible: Dictionary of the Hebrew Bible.) Çithrâh means a cover in a good or a bad disguise, hiding place, privily, protection, and secret place (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible: Dictionary of the Hebrew Bible.)

Psalm 32, known as a penitential psalm, was a song written by David contemplating himself, his sins, and God's response to David's sins.



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According to Warren W. Wiersbe in The Bible Exposition Commentary: Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry Job-Song of Solomon, this psalm written by David shared four basic facts about sin and forgiveness that need to be understood by every believer: the blessing of acceptance, the folly of impenitence, the way of deliverance, and the joy of obedience. In verse 7, David states, "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance," which addresses the way of deliverance, one of the four facts about sin and forgiveness. In the verses prior, David expressed the blessing of one whose sins are forgiven. He shared the anguish he went through by not talking about his transgressions. He only found relief when he confessed his transgressions to the Lord, and God forgave the iniquity of his sin, or, rather, his immoral behavior that was an offense to God's law. The immoral behavior was adultery, murder, and deception in the story of David, Bathsheba, and Uriah. In II Samuel chapters 11 and 12, David committed adultery with Bathsheba, who became pregnant. To cover up the deception and affair, David set Uriah up to die in a battle where even some of David's men were innocently killed. As a result, his trouble was that of a tight place, affliction, anguish, distress, sorrow, and tribulation based on the Hebrew word tsar as used in verse 7. This trouble had been the result of sin, and a hiding place was necessary.

David was essentially saying, "Lord, you conceal, cover, and disguise my sins through your forgiveness. Because of your forgiveness, you provide deliverance, or a way of escape from my affliction, anguish, distress, and sorrow, which were the result of transgressions against your Word."



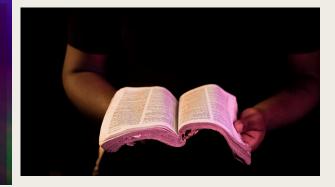
Wiersbe also notes how Psalm 119 describes how the Word enables a person to grow in holiness and handle the persecutions and pressures that always accompany an obedient walk of faith. In addition, Psalm 119, verses 113 to 120, speaks to God protecting his people when it comes to their enemies. In this case. these enemies are people who are doubleminded, evildoers, deceitful, full of falsehood, and wicked. In response to dealing with these kinds of people, the psalmist wrote, "You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word."(Psalm 119:114 NKJV) The psalmist was making a declaration concerning God's law. The psalmist was placing his faith and hope, or the Hebrew word yâchal, which means trust, in what God says, regardless of the enemies around him. The psalmist knew there was protection when holding fast to God's word. There was life, not death, and there was safety, not harm, when believing and following after God's statutes. Because his hope is in the Word of God, the psalmist understood that God will cover, keep close, and protect him from his enemies.

PERSONAL WORSHIP

The Word says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." (Romans 8:1). In the life a believer, personal worship with God as a hiding place has to be consistent when it comes to transgressions. A believer cannot allow time to lapse with days, weeks, and months when sins have been committed. Because of this, daily prayer and asking for forgiveness are necessary to remain in right standing with God and benefit from him being a hiding place. The enemy would want nothing more than to allow unconfessed sins to form a wedge between a believer and God. This is especially true when the Word states, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:8–9)

Personal Worship Pointers

- Read Romans 8:1
- Read I John 1:8-9
- · Daily pray and ask for forgiveness
- · Read the Word daily and write it on the tablet of your heart.
- Hold fast to God's Word every day to increase your faith
- Commit God's promises to memory as a part of daily worship





The walk of a believer will bring weekly, if not daily, encounters with individuals who fall into the category of being an evildoer. This is why every day, a part of one's personal worship has to include reading the Word and writing it on the tablet of one's heart. Just like David, a person can become discouraged because of evildoers, yet the hope in God's Word will prevail. Holding fast to God's Word every day will increase the faith of believers to know God as a hiding place when it comes to unbelievers. Committing God's promises to memory as part of daily worship will enable a believer to not trust in the words and actions of people but in the Word and actions of God as a hiding place.

CORPORATE WORSHIP

"When the worship of the Lord was right and good, the faithful earnestly desired to be there. To join the procession to the sanctuary for the great celebrations was a delight eagerly anticipated...the welcome assurance of divine protection...the sense of security in the Lord...the joy in the providence of God...the comfort in knowing that in this holy place, one could find forgiveness from God, hope in the Lord, and unity among believers." (Recalling the Hope of Glory: Biblical Worship from the Garden to the New Creation, Allen P. Ross)

This is how Christians can use Jehovah's name of Hiding Place during corporate worship. As worshipers, people should come into the sanctuary knowing that His power to conceal, hide, and protect is there among unified believers. The assurance of hope in His presence affords liberty in the sanctuary away from evildoers or the burden of unconfessed sins. This is because Jehovah is a hiding place.

Corporate Worship Pointers

- · Welcome the assurance of divine protection
- Enter the sanctuary knowing that His power to conceal, hide, and protect is there among unified believers
- Ensure singing, dancing, and spoken words attest to the qualities of God being a believer's hiding place
- Remember your mindset
- During corporate worship know that both known and unknown sins are forgiven.



The singing, dancing, and spoken words during corporate worship can attest to the qualities of Him being a believer's hiding place. More importantly, the best use during corporate worship would be one's mindset. There has to be a belief so strong in the sanctuary that when the songs, dancing, and spoken words go forth unto God, He is actively in that moment being a hiding place. He is a hiding place of protection and security, knowing that enemies are present every day in the walk of a believer. Jehovah is a place of comfort and forgiveness during worship, knowing that both known and unknown sins are forgiven. He is faithful and just to forgive and to ALWAYS be a hiding place.

Join us next month to explore the meaning of God as Jehovah-Jireh!