

1. IS THERE HOPE?

Is there hope? That’s one of the fundamental questions of life.

Where do you go to find the help and the hope that you need?

“May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in Him. Then you’ll overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13 (GW)

In ancient cultures, they would choose a name because of what it meant, because of what it described. In fact, your name was usually the definition of your character. When God chose to reveal Himself to the Hebrew nation, He used Hebrew terms to describe Himself. In the Bible, God calls Himself by many different Hebrew names. Each one of those names is a description of His character. Each one of those names is a promise to you. Each one of those names is a benefit that God says, I provide to human beings. Over the next weeks we will look at some different Names of God.

“For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.” Psalm 52:9 (NIV)

In Ezekiel 48:35 God is referred to as **Jehovah Shammah**—I am the God who is always there.

“I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.” Psalm 139:7-8 (NLT)

BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME...

1. His presence is always watching over me.

“So don’t worry, because I am with you. Don’t be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you.” Isaiah 41:10 (NCV)

WHAT WE
NEED
MOST

“I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and will watch over you.” Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

“I have hope when I think of this: The Lord’s love never ends; His mercies never stop. They are new every morning.” Lamentations 3:21-23 (NCV)

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New Living Translation (NLT); God’s Word Translation (GW); New Century Version (NCV).

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