



Lesson #8: Jehovah-Shammah

Have you ever cried out to God, feeling like He wasn't interested? You pray, you beg God, but you get no answer from heaven? If you have ever felt that way you are in good company. David, Moses, Job, and Peter all experienced this. _____ said that everyone had abandoned him at one point (2 Timothy 4:16). Even Jesus felt the emotion of abandonment, first by His _____, and then by God Himself. While on the cross Jesus would cry out, "My God, My God, why hast thou _____ me." You see you are in good company when you experience this pain of feeling alone. But you must not forget this one important fact: God is still there.

The Bible teaches us that God's presence is more than just a feeling, it is a fact. God gives Himself a name that reiterates this truth – "Jehovah-Shammah" which means "The LORD is _____." The name is only used on time. We find it in Ezekiel 48:35. Ezekiel is writing that we may know God better and as he ends his book he ends it with the name "Jehovah-Shallom." While this name may only appear in Ezekiel the concept or principle of God's presence with us is found throughout Scripture. In a very real sense, everything in the Bible is about God's _____.

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH'S _____ IS ALWAYS WITH US

Given the helpless and hopeless situation of humanity, God did the only thing He could do. He stayed with man. He didn't give up on us.

A. He sovereignly _____ to be with us in person

There is no question that the Lord personally intervened in human history with His presence. At one point Adam and Eve walked and talked with God in the cool of the garden (Genesis 3:8a) but when they sinned against God that fellowship was broken (Genesis 3:8b). It was in that moment that God began to make provision for mankind to bring him back into right _____ with Him (Genesis 3:15)

B. His son _____ that promise and was with us in person

God came down to dwell among us (John 1:14). Jesus' very name reflected God's presence – "Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, _____ with _____" (Matthew 1:23). The present fulfillment of God's presence is in the person of Jesus Christ and in the institution he founded (the church).

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH'S _____ WORKS IN US

His presence is a matter of _____. No matter where you are or how bad the storm, He knows and He is there.

A. His peace is there in times of _____

In Psalm 22 David felt forsaken. He felt that God had left him alone in a terrible place and so he was filled with frustration and fear. But when David began to focus on the _____ he recognized that God was there all along (Psalm 22:3-5).

B. His peace is there in times of _____

Sometimes we need God with us more than just in the emotions of life. Sometimes we need Him right near us when things are really tough and perhaps a bit scary. As difficult as the storms of life may be, you are not _____. God is always with you. He loves you, and cares about what is going on in your life (Hebrews 13:5). He hears your cries and sees your pain.

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH'S _____ WORKS THROUGH YOU

God came to dwell among us that He might save us.

A. His power works through you to _____ you

Instead of God being over there behind the curtain, God came to be God in here, which is in our _____. Jesus came to be received. We receive His presence when we believe on Him in our hearts (John 1:11-13). Once the Lord Jesus enters our lives through salvation the Bible teaches us that He actually takes up residence in our hearts. God is with _____, but are you with _____? Have you asked Jesus into your heart? This act of faith, qualifies His presence.

B. His power works through you to _____ you

You are more than just saved from an eternity in Hell, you are saved for an eternal _____! Life is no longer about you but all about God (John 15:5). You must practice His presence by making yourself conscious of his power and help in every need and in every situation.

- "The Lord is there" ... that is _____ in trouble
- "The Lord is there" ... that is _____ when doing wrong
- "The Lord is there" ... that is _____ when facing unknown

Concluding Thoughts

In a casual way we might say to a friend, "I am there for you." But the truth of the matter is that we can't always be there for one another. But, dear friend, God is there for you always!

Jehovah-Shammah doesn't want to be the God over _____ but the God who is _____!