



## Lesson #10: Jehovah-Tsidkenu

The name “Jehovah-Tsidkenu” is found just \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible. Both instances are found in the book of Jeremiah (23:6; 33:16). The name “Jehovah-Tsidkenu” means “The Lord our \_\_\_\_\_.”

What is “righteousness”? God’s Word provides us a hint into what it’s all about in Psalm 45:6-7. There we see that God \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness and \_\_\_\_\_ wickedness. Righteousness then is a lack of \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible teaches us that God is our righteousness, not our works, nor the gifts we possess, nor the friends we have. We are only righteous through a personal relationship with a righteous God.

Because God loves \_\_\_\_\_ and hates \_\_\_\_\_ we must love what God loves and hate what God hates.

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS

The word “Tsidkenu” means “still or \_\_\_\_\_.” It refers to a standard or measurement.

- A. God’s standard of righteousness is ignored by our culture’s \_\_\_\_\_**  
Jeremiah prophesied to a group of people that were ignoring God (Jeremiah 23:1). Their leaders had led them astray. The \_\_\_\_\_ told lies in the name of the LORD. The \_\_\_\_\_ brought false gods like Baal and Ashtoreth into their midst. The culture all around screamed out against God’s standard of truth much like the culture we live in today.
- B. God’s standard of righteousness is ignored by our life’s \_\_\_\_\_**  
The word “Tsidkenu” is derived from “Tsedek” which means “righteous.” When Jehovah declares Himself as “Jehovah-Tsidkenu” He is describing Himself as being perfect righteousness. Why then do we ignore God’s righteousness? The answer is found in our own \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 3:10; Isaiah 64:6). The word picture of “Jehovah-Tsidkenu” is showing us that our \_\_\_\_\_ nature does not measure up to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ nature. When we’re tempted to look down on people in high places who fall, we need to look at ourselves first and see our own unrighteousness. We are no better off than the people to whom the LORD said, “I will bestow punishment on you for the \_\_\_\_\_ you have done” (Jeremiah 23:2).

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_**  
God is completely righteous. He is declared righteous throughout Scripture (Psalm 119:137; Jeremiah 12:1; Daniel 9:14; Revelation 15:3). All that He does it out of His righteousness. His \_\_\_\_\_ shows it, His \_\_\_\_\_ shows it, His \_\_\_\_\_ show it, and even His \_\_\_\_\_ show it. God is Holy and God is righteous!
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_**  
In contrast to God’s righteousness is man’s unrighteousness and propensity for evil. Whereas God is holy, holy, holy, man is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 14:3; Romans 3:10, 23). Because of sin man’s ability to be perfect is \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_**  
Enter the righteousness of God – Jehovah Tsidkenu. Jeremiah prophesied this would come (Jeremiah 23:5). \_\_\_\_\_ is that Branch of David foretold by Jeremiah as coming to rule with righteousness over the people of God. Only through Christ could we be declared righteous.

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS

God’s righteousness should mean something to you on a day to day basis. It should \_\_\_\_\_ something of you.

- A. Since the Lord is our Righteousness we must live \_\_\_\_\_**  
The same grace that saves us is the same grace that \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us. You were saved for a purpose. Never settle for “\_\_\_\_\_” Christianity” instead of “spiritually alive” Christianity. As followers of Christ, we’ve been set apart for a life of holiness.
- B. Since the Lord is our Righteousness we must \_\_\_\_\_ His Righteousness**  
One person rightly said, “I want to be \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ, to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, and to make Christ \_\_\_\_\_.” Since we have been made righteous in Christ through salvation righteousness now becomes a part of our essential character. We begin to develop a great burden for those around us still wallowing in the mire of sin. We are compelled to proclaim the good news of the Gospel to them (Romans 10:14)

### Concluding Thoughts

We recognize from Scripture that “Jehovah-Tsidkenu” means “The LORD our righteousness,” but, what does “Jehovah-Tsidkenu” mean to you? To most of the world it means \_\_\_\_\_. Can you say this morning that Jehovah-Tsidkenu is \_\_\_\_\_ things to you? Do you truly hate what God hates and love what God loves?