

SERMON NOTES - His Name Is...THERE

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1 - A summary of this talk, and various ways and Ideas for how to use the themes

Due to the nature of the video messages, a sermon preached on video/TV generally contains much more information than should be presented when preaching "live".

Video messages also don't include as many personal stories and anecdotes as would be shared in a personal sermon.

For this reason, when preaching this message "live", it is advisable for you to pick one or two of the main themes, ideas, or points below, and focus on them, adding your own stories and experiences, and your own personality.

THE BIG IDEA

God has given us His name so that we can know Him, rely on His nature, and call on Him. This week we look at "He is THERE". He is always near you. Call on Him.

THE MAIN THEMES & SUB IDEAS EACH OF WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A SERMON ON ITS OWN

You could use one or more of the following themes and ideas and craft a whole sermon out of any of these:

The talk you provided covers several themes related to the names of God, His presence, and how believers can experience and understand Him more deeply. Here are seven main themes with corresponding scripture references:

1. ****God's Name Revealed: YHWH (Yahweh)****

- ****Scripture Reference:**** Exodus 3:14-15: "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers... has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'"

- ****Explanation:**** The theme revolves around the significance of God revealing His personal name, YHWH, often pronounced as Yahweh, signifying His eternal and self-existent nature.

2. ****Compound Names of God****

- ****Scripture References:**** Various compound names of Yahweh are mentioned, each highlighting different aspects of His character:

- ****Yahweh Yireh (The Lord Will Provide):**** Genesis 22:14

- ****Yahweh Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness):**** Jeremiah 23:6

- ****Yahweh Rapha (The Lord Who Heals):**** Exodus 15:26

- ****Yahweh Shammah (The Lord Is There):**** Ezekiel 48:35

- ****Explanation:**** These names describe God's provision, righteousness, healing, and presence.

3. ****Desire for Deeper Knowledge of God****

- ****Scripture References:****

- ****Psalm 103:7:**** "He made known His ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel."

- ****Exodus 33:13:**** "Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight."

- ****Explanation:**** The theme emphasizes Moses' desire to know God's character and ways more deeply, beyond just witnessing His acts.

4. ****God's Presence as a Source of Rest and Guidance****

- ****Scripture Reference:****

- ****Exodus 33:14:**** "And he said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'"

- ****Hebrews 13:5:**** "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

- ****Explanation:**** God's presence provides rest, peace, and guidance, emphasizing that being in His presence is more than just physical proximity but involves a deep relational connection.

5. ****Transformation through Seeing God's Glory****

- ****Scripture Reference:****

- ****2 Corinthians 3:18:**** "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

- ****Explanation:**** Seeing and experiencing God's glory transforms believers into His image, leading to spiritual growth and deeper intimacy with Him.

6. ****Faith as a Means to Perceive God's Presence****

- ****Scripture References:****

- ****Hebrews 11:1:**** "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

- **Isaiah 6:3:** "And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'"

- **Explanation:** Faith enables believers to perceive God's presence and glory, even when it is not physically visible, leading to a deeper spiritual awareness and connection.

7. **The Name of the Lord as a Strong Tower**

- **Scripture Reference:**

- **Proverbs 18:10:** "The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

- **Explanation:** God's name is depicted as a place of refuge and safety, symbolising His protective and reliable nature. Believers are encouraged to rely on His name for strength and security.

These themes collectively emphasise the importance of knowing God intimately, experiencing His presence, and relying on His name and character for guidance, transformation, and security.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS BASED ON THIS TALK

1. How does understanding the name Yahweh Shammah change your perception of God's presence in your daily life?
2. In what ways can you cultivate a deeper awareness of God's presence through prayer and worship?
3. What do you think are the differences between knowing God's deeds and knowing His ways? How can you pursue knowing His ways more intimately?
4. How has God's presence transformed difficult situations in your life, and how can you share that experience with others?
5. Spend some time thanking God and praying specifically for each person's needs.

2 - How to Preach a Sunday Sermon

The SUNDAY sermon is normally not an in depth teaching time (this is usually done in other times and settings). Usually the Sunday Sermon achieves 3 main goals:

- It attracts non believers,
- It inspires believers and
- It educates everyone.

A sermon should not be too long (30 minutes is a good maximum time).

The mood and tone is important as people will often remember a FEELING more than information. People must sense and feel the love, joy and excitement of Jesus and the Christian life along with being motivated by GRACE, rather than legalism, guilt or religion.

A 4-Point Checklist for Sermon Preparation ...

- 1) You** must be able to articulate in your own mind what the talk's one big message is. You should be able to state this in one sentence before you give your talk, and this would also work well as the introductory sentence of your talk..

**1 BIG
IDEA**

It should be a compelling and motivating idea that is captivating and important, and it must have HELPED YOU in your life. If it is real for you, it will be real to those who hear you. As a general guideline, this idea should inspire people to faith, hope and action, and it is based on joy rather than on legalism or duty.

- 2) To** back up and support your big idea, you should have around 3 main points which are helpful and along the same theme. People should be able to follow your logical progression and see how the three points back up the main idea. You can have more than three points if you are making the same point from several different angles OR if you are using several different Bible verses to support the same idea.

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**SUPPORTING
Points**

- 3) For** each point you make, you should try to have one **story** or a **personal example** that illustrates what you are saying. They give a window to your sermon, allowing light to shine in, and bringing your points to life. Without illustrations, your sermon could feel like it's all "facts". Illustrations and stories engage people's imagination and emotions, and can show how the truths you are speaking of have impacted and affected you in a personal way.

**ILLUSTRATIONS
&
STORIES**

- 4) There** should be a practical way that people can apply what you have said – it should change people's lives, and you should conclude with this application. There is a **general** life application – "how will I live differently going forward?" – and there is also an **immediate** application – "what is God saying to me right NOW?" Encourage people to "do business with God" right then and there and to make decisions or commitments if necessary. This "life application" can be a good conclusion to your talk, OR the main idea that you started with can also be helpful as a concluding summary.

**PRACTICAL
APPLICATION
AND SUMMARY**

3 - How to lead a Small Group

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like those below:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do **PRACTICALLY** in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.

4 - Small Group Bible Study Questions and Guidelines for this message

OUTLINE OF THE SHORT VIDEO MESSAGE

1. ****God's Name and Its Significance****: God's name, YHWH (Yahweh), is a specific and meaningful name revealed in the Bible, signifying "I am who I am." This name is often linked with descriptive words like "Yahweh Shammah" (The Lord is there), indicating God's attributes and presence.
2. ****Presence of God in the Old and New Testaments****: In the Old Testament, God's presence was associated with specific locations like temples or mountains. However, in the New Testament, believers are considered the temple of God, signifying that God's presence is with and within them everywhere, not limited to physical places.
3. ****Experiencing God's Presence through Faith****: While God's presence is omnipresent, individual experiences of His presence vary based on faith and perception. By focusing on God's word, praising Him, and exercising faith, believers can sense and benefit from His constant presence.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON THIS SHORT VIDEO

1. How does the meaning and significance of God's name, YHWH, influence your understanding of His nature and character?
2. In what ways do you experience or perceive God's presence in your daily life, and how does this impact your faith?
3. How can practising faith and focusing on God's word help in overcoming life's challenges and recognizing God's presence?
4. Spend some time thanking God and praying specifically for each person's needs.

5 - Expanded Notes of the full Sermon as shown on TV / Website

INTRO - God Has given us His name

He revealed His name to Moses:

Exo 3:13-15 NKJV - "13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." ["*HYH, HYH*"] And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM ["*HYH*"] has sent me to you.' " 15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD ["*YAHWEH*" "*YHWH*"] God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'"

God is... THERE

JEHOVAH (**YAHWEH**) SHAMMAH (THE LORD IS THERE)

Ezekiel 40—48 describes a future temple and city central during the thousand-year reign of the Messiah. In the final verse of the section (and Ezekiel's prophecy), the city is called Yahweh-shammah, or The Lord Is There:

Eze 48:35 NKJV - "35 "All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE.'"

The benefits of knowing His name

Pro 18:10 NKJV - "10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe (*set on high*)."

Dan 11:32 NKJV - "32 "Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."

Rom 14:17 NKJV - "17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

1Ki 17:3-4 NKJV - "3 "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 4 "And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you **there**."

1Jo 3:2 NKJV - "2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

2Co 3:17-18 NKJV - "17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

How Moses learned more of God's name

Psa 103:7 NKJV - "7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel."

God's Face / Presence / Intimacy / Goodness / Glory & His Name go together...

Exo 33:11-15, 17-19 NKJV - "11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. ...

12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' 13 "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way(s), that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." 14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I

will give you rest." 15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. ... 17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." 18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." 19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name [of] the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.""

Exo 34:5-7 NKJV - "5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.""

God is "THERE"

Pro 18:24 NKJV - "24 A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

Heb 13:5 NKJV - "... For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you.""

Heb 12:22-24 NKJV - "22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel."

We are changed when we know His name

- Jacob (supplanter) → Israel (Prince with God) - Gen 32:26-30
- Abram (exalted father) → Abraham (Father of many nations) - Gen 17:5
- Simon (Reed) → Peter (Rock) - Jn 1:42

Revelation 3:12 NKJV — "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. (cf Rev 2:17 "a white stone, and ... a new name which no one else knows ")

Conclusion

Pro 18:10 NKJV - "10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe (*set on high*)."

Other verses referred to:

1Co 6:19 NKJV - "19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

Eph 2:21-22 NKJV - "21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

1Co 6:17 NKJV - "17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."

Isa 6:1-4 NKJV - "1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke."

Hab 2:14 NKJV - "14 For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea."

Heb 11:1 NKJV - "1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Heb 10:14 NIV - "14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."

2Ti 2:13 NKJV - "13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

Psa 22:3 HNV - "3 But you are holy, You who inhabit the praises of Yisra'el."

Jde 1:20-21 ESV - "20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life."

THE NAMES OF GOD

1. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **JIREH** (THE LORD WILL **PROVIDE**) Gen 22:14.
2. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **RAPHA** (THE LORD WHO **HEALS**) Exd 15:26.
3. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **NISSI** (THE LORD MY **BANNER**) Exd 17:15. Moses, recognizing that the Lord was Israel's banner under which they defeated the Amalekites, builds an altar named Jehovah-Nissi (the Lord our Banner).
4. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **MEKODDISHKEM** (THE LORD WHO **SANCTIFIES** YOU) Exd 31:13. Lev 20:8
5. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **SHALOM** (THE LORD IS **PEACE**) Jdg 6:24. the name of an altar built by Gideon in Ophrah.
6. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **SABAOTH** (THE LORD **OF HOSTS**) over 285 References of the name Jehovah Sabaoth in the Old Testament.
7. JEHOVAH(YAHWEH)-**RAAH** (THE LORD MY **SHEPHERD**) Psalm 23.
8. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **TSIDKENU** (THE LORD OUR **RIGHTEOUSNESS**) Jer 23:6; Jer 33:16
9. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **SHAMMAH** (THE LORD IS **THERE**) Ezekiel 48:35.