

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 6, 2017

“He Is...The Hebrew Names of God: Jehovah-Shammah”

Revelation 21:1-7; 22-27

“For our heart rejoices in Him, because we trust in His holy name.” (Psalm 33:21)

name = *shem* =

The people of Israel believed that their God was a _____ God who was actively _____ in their lives.

GOD’S PRESENCE IN THE PAST

#1. God was present at _____.

“In the beginning God...” (Genesis 1:1)

God didn’t just create the world and then _____, He was actively _____ with His creation and was present with Adam and Eve in the garden.

“And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...” (Genesis 3:8)

This communion was destroyed by their _____. No longer was there _____ between God and His people. There was a _____ between them that would last right up until _____ comes on the scene.

#2. God was present in the _____.

_____ had the tremendous privilege of experiencing God’s presence on several occasions.

• **at the _____**

“Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” (Exodus 3:5)

• **at _____**

“Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.” (Exodus 19:18)

“And God said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ And Moses said to him, ‘If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.’” (Exodus 33:14-15)

• **in the _____**

God revealed His powerful presence to the Israelites in a _____ by day and a _____ by night.

• **in the _____**

“When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. ...” (Exodus 33:7-11)

tabernacle = *mishkan* =

It became a powerful symbol and reminder of God’s physical _____ among His people.

#3. God was present with the _____.

David was said to be a man after God’s own _____ and had a _____ with Him.

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.” (Psalm 139:7-10)

#4. God was present in the _____.

“As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord’s house...” (2 Chronicles 7:1-3)

God’s glory filled the Temple, but it still wasn’t like it was in _____. God was present, but there was no _____—there was still a _____ between Him and His people.

Scripture tells us that over time, the people lost _____ of the wonder of God’s majesty; they _____ spiritually, turning to _____, and eventually fell away from God.

“Then the glory of the Lord went out from the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth before my eyes as they went out, with the wheels beside them. And they stood at the entrance of the east gate of the house of the Lord, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them.” (Ezekiel 10:18-19)

Just like He did in the garden, God withdrew His _____ because of the people’s _____.

The first part of Ezekiel speaks about the Lord’s _____ making the connection for them between their _____ and their exile.

In the middle of the book, Ezekiel pleads with the people to _____ and return to the Lord, who is full of _____.

“I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11)

In the last section of the book, God gives Ezekiel a vision of, and detailed plans for, the rebuilding of the _____ in Jerusalem.

“...And the name of the city from that time on shall be, Jehovah Shammah: The Lord Is There.” (Ezekiel 48:35)

When we pray to Jehovah Shammah, we’re praying to the One who is always _____ us; the One who promises to never leave us or _____ us; to be with us always even to the end of the age—no matter where we are or what we’re experiencing.

EXPERIENCING JEHOVAH SHAMMAH TODAY

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power....” (Hebrews 1:1-3)

- **God is present in His Son, Jesus.**

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14) ‘

dwelt = *skeno* =

God’s presence was no longer restricted to a place, but was in a _____.

“For in him all the fullness of God was God was pleased to dwell.” (Col 1:19) Jesus is the exact _____ of the invisible God—everything we know to be true about the Son, is true about the Father.

- **God is present in His _____.**

Bible isn’t primarily about us and what we should or shouldn’t be doing, but rather about _____ and what He’s already _____.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching and rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that we may be thoroughly equipped

for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

The Bible isn’t just inspired by God, it’s *theo-pneustos*, or God _____.

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

God’s Word is active—it has the power to _____ us.

- **God is present in _____.**

Those who are born again have become _____ of God and His Spirit. God displays His _____ through believers, and as such, we must treat our bodies carefully and make sure they’re _____ to His purposes.

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

- **God is present in the _____.**

We need to protect and _____ His presence and make sure His glory is on _____ in us for all to see.

“What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore come out from them and be separate,’ says the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 6:16-17)

- **God is present in _____.**

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:3)

The time is coming when we will be _____ in God’s presence—face to face—and as John 17:24 says, we will “behold his glory.” Ezekiel’s prophecy will ultimately be fulfilled when the _____ is filled with the redeemed.

“I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.” (Revelation 21:22-23)