



*Sing to God, sing praises to His name;  
Lift up a song for Him  
who rides through the deserts,  
whose name is the Lord, and exult before Him.*

*A father of the fatherless and  
a judge for the widows,  
is God in His holy habitation.  
God makes a home for the lonely;  
He leads out the prisoners into prosperity,  
Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.*

*Psalms 68:4-6 (NASB)*

*Resources for Your Journey*

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## *Book Resources for the Journey*

Sometimes the best medicine for an ailing heart is to hear the stories of faithful men and women who have walked the wilderness roads before us. Here are a few of the books that helped us keep a healthy perspective.

- *Life Principles Daily Bible* by Dr. Charles F. Stanley
- *Waiting on God: Strength for Today and Hope for Tomorrow* by Dr. Charles F. Stanley
- *Finding Peace: God's Promise of a Life Free from Regret, Anxiety, and Fear* by Dr. Charles F. Stanley
- *A Path through Suffering: Discovering the Relationship between God's Mercy and Our Pain* by Elisabeth Elliot
- *The Invisible War: What Every Believer Needs to Know About Satan, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare* by Chip Ingram
- *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges
- *Suffering Wisely & Well* by Eric Ortlund
- *Walking His Trail: Signs of God Along the Way* by Steve Saint and Ginny Saint
- *George Muller: The Guardian of Bristol's Orphans* by Janet & Geoff Benge (YWAM's Christian Heroes: Then & Now series)

## *Scripture for the Journey*

When the wilderness journey gets discouraging and drawn out longer than you ever imagined, don't despair! Open your Bible and strengthen yourself in God's faithful promises. These passages encouraged us in our legal matters. We have organized them into eight sections.

- A call for truth, justice, and peace.  
*Isaiah 1:17*  
*Proverbs 31:8-9*  
*Zechariah 8:16-17*  
*Job 29:11-17*  
*Psalms 82:3-4*  
*Psalms 85:10-13*  
*Psalms 146:5-9*
- Waiting upon the Lord.  
*Psalms 143*  
*Psalms 27:11-14*  
*Isaiah 26:3-4, 7-9, 12*  
*Philippians 4:6-7*  
*1 Corinthians 15:57-58*
- God's recipe for our success.  
*Joshua 1:5-9*  
*Exodus 14:13-14*  
*Deuteronomy 8*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

*Psalms 23*

*Psalms 118*

*John 15:4-5*

- God promises vengeance on His enemies.

*Romans 12:19*

*Deuteronomy 32:35-44*

*2 Kings 19:19-28, 35-37 (same as Isaiah 37)*

*Isaiah 59:16-20*

*Isaiah 54:17*

*Isaiah 35:4*

- God helps His children but destroys their enemies.

*Isaiah 41:10-13, 20*

*Exodus 14:15-31*

*Psalms 37*

*Psalms 52*

*Psalms 55*

*1 Corinthians 1:8, 2:3-5*

- When you are outnumbered in the battle.

*Deuteronomy 20:1-4*

*1 Samuel 17:45-47*

*2 Chronicles 20:1-30*

- Praying for a miracle.

*Isaiah 43:1-5, 16-19*

*Psalms 20*

*Matthew 17:20*

*Isaiah 61*

- When the victory finally comes!

*2 Samuel 22 (same as Psalm 18)*

*Exodus 15*

*Psalms 124*

*Psalms 126*

*Revelation 15:3*

- God gets all the glory!

*Romans 11:36*

*1 Peter 4:11*

*John 17:4*

*Matthew 5:16*

*Psalms 96:3*

*Exodus 15:11*

*Daniel 4:2-3*

*2 Timothy 4:18*

*1 Chronicles 16:29*

## *Songs for the Journey*

We saw the value of following the example of King Jehoshaphat who praised God in the battle (2 Chronicles 20). In the book of Psalms, King David also showed us the importance of worshiping Adonai in the good times and bad. We encourage you to add these songs to a play list for your next time of wilderness wanderings.

### ***Praise & Worship***

- ♪ “Firm Foundation (He Won’t)” by Maverick City Music
- ♪ “You’ve Already Won” by Shane & Shane
- ♪ “We Praise You” by Bethel Music
- ♪ “Turn Your Eyes” by Sovereign Grace Music
- ♪ “God Will Make a Way” by Don Moen

### ***Hymns***

- ♪ “Victory in Jesus” by E. M. Bartlett, Sr.
- ♪ “The Solid Rock” by Edward Mote
- ♪ “In Christ Alone” by Getty Music Publishing
- ♪ “Our God Will Go Before Us” by Getty Music Publishing

### ***Messianic***

- ♪ “The Battle is Yours” by Paul Wilbur
- ♪ “We Will Wait” by Joshua Aaron

### ***Contemporary***

- ♪ “Battle Belongs” by Phil Wickham
- ♪ “Split the Sea” by Hannah Kerr
- ♪ “Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)” by Chris Tomlin
- ♪ “Strongholds” by Chris Tomlin
- ♪ “Blessings” by Laura Story
- ♪ “Honey In The Rock” by Brooke Ligertwood

## *Names of God for the Journey*

In modern English, the names of people and places are important, but they don't necessarily define the thing they refer to. In the Bible, however, names carry great significance. God is very intentional about words—after all, He used words to create the universe—and the words He uses to refer to Himself are a rich source of insight into His nature and character.

Adonai is a relational God and wants to grow deeper in relationship with His children. Studying His names is a great way to improve our prayer life and worship. With the following resource you can cry out to the Creator using specific names for the trials and day-to-day situations that you face. And you can praise God for distinct attributes and innate qualities. While there are hundreds of names, titles, and descriptions given to God in the Bible, here are the names (in Hebrew and English) that we called out to in our wilderness wanderings.

### **Yeshua** | Jesus = Salvation, Safety

In English we know the Son of God by the name Jesus, but His name in Hebrew is Yeshua, which means safety and salvation. We are assured in the Scriptures that anyone who calls on His name will be saved!

“This Yeshua [Jesus] is ‘the stone—rejected by you, the builders—that has become the chief cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved!”

Acts 4:11-12

“...so that at the name of Jesus [Yeshua] every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ [Yeshua the Messiah] is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:10-11

“For if you confess with your mouth that Yeshua [Jesus] is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart it is believed for

righteousness, and with the mouth it is confessed for salvation.” Romans 10:9-10

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**YHWH | Yahweh | Yehovah** = LORD (all caps), I AM

Yahweh is the divine name that God uses to describe Himself in the Bible, and it is the most frequently used name for God in the Old Testament. Because it is so sacred, the Jewish people do not write or speak the name YHWH. Similarly in English translations, the name LORD is written in all caps to show reverence.

Yahweh described Himself to Moses as “I AM WHO I AM”, meaning He absolutely is. He has no beginning and no end. He is the Alpha and Omega. He is eternal and unchangeable. He is constant.

“Declare and set forth your case; indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD [Yahweh]? And there is no other God besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none except Me. Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.” Isaiah 45:21-22

“Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the LORD [Yahweh], our God. They have bowed down and fallen, but we have risen and stood upright. Save, O LORD [Yahweh]; may the King answer us in the day we call.” Psalm 20:7-9

“O LORD [Yahweh], You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O LORD [Yahweh], You know it all. You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me.” Psalm 139:1-5

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**Adonai** = Master, Lord God

Adonai is a plural noun from the Hebrew word “adon” which means lord or master and can also be used in reference to humans. When used as a name for God, we capitalize Lord. Its literal translation is “My Lords”, in reference to the Trinity.

Jesus told the people of Jerusalem that they would not see Him again until they declared that He is the true Messiah and their Adonai. We read in Luke 13:35, “...for I tell you, you will never see Me until you say, ‘Baruch ha-ba b’shem Adonai. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’” (Taken from Psalm 118:26.)

As the Creator of the universe, the Lord God is master and ruler over all people. We are His creation and His possession.

“For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords [Adonai], the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.”

Deuteronomy 10:17

“O Lord, our Lord [Adonai], how majestic is Your name in all the earth, who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!” Psalm 8:1

“Give thanks to the Lord of lords [Adonai], for His lovingkindness is everlasting.” Psalm 136:3

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**Elohim** = Father God, Mighty Creator

Through this name God reveals His might, power, and sovereignty. Elohim is also used to describe God as creator of the universe, as seen in the very first verse of the Bible. All things are possible for Elohim!

Like Adonai, the word Elohim is plural, but it is used with singular verbs. Many scholars see this as an allusion to the Trinity. This name encompasses the three-in-one nature of God.

“In the beginning God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“Arise, O God [Elohim], judge the earth! For You possess all the nations.” Psalm 82:2

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God [Elohim], the Lord is one!”  
Deuteronomy 6:4

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**El Shaddai** = God Almighty

El Shaddai is used nine times in the Old Testament, describing our all-sufficient and all-satisfying God. He is the One who sustains us and meets all our needs, and His purposes always prevail.

“I am God Almighty [El Shaddai]; walk before Me, and be blameless. I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.” Genesis 17:1b-2

“So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him...’May God Almighty [El Shaddai] bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.’ ” Genesis 28:1-3

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty [El Shaddai].” Psalm 91:1

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**Adonai Tzidkenu** = The Lord our Righteousness

Only Jesus lived a sinless life, which allowed Him to offer His life for our lives on the cross. When we accept this gift of salvation, we are covered by His blood and receive eternal life. It is then the duty of each Christian to pursue a life of righteousness by living according to the ways of God.

When it came to our legal matters, we prayed that the Lord would be our righteousness and show that our side was standing on truth and integrity of heart. We held on to the verse that says, “The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed” (Psalm 103:6).



“In his days Judah will be saved, Israel will live in safety, and the name given to him will be Adonai Tzidkenu [Adonai our righteousness].” Jeremiah 23:6

“When those days come, Judah will be saved, Jerusalem will live in safety, and the name given to her will be Adonai Tzidkenu [Adonai our Righteousness].” Jeremiah 33:16

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**Jehovah Jireh** = God Provides, The Lord Will Provide

This special name only occurs one time in Scripture, when Abraham is offering up his son Isaac and God provides a ram for the sacrifice instead. Many centuries later, God Himself did what He spared Abraham from doing. Jehovah Jireh provided for our deepest spiritual need by offering His one and only Son as a sin offering for us so that we can have eternal life.

In our legal matters, we saw the miraculous hand of God’s financial provision with each invoice that we received from our lawyer. God also provided throughout the entire wilderness

journey to meet all of our emotional, physical, and spiritual needs.

“Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide [Jehovah Jireh], as it is said to this day, ‘In the mount of the Lord it will be provided.’” Genesis 22:13-14

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**Jehovah Rapha** = The Lord That Heals and Restores

The Bible tells us that Jehovah Rapha can heal our physical sickness, give us emotional healing, and restore those who have not been faithful. We also read that Jesus (Yeshua) gave us complete spiritual healing through His shed blood on the cross at Calvary.

“If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the Lord, am your healer [Jehovah Rapha].” Exodus 15:26

“‘For I [Jehovah Rapha] will restore health to you and will heal you of your wounds.’ It is a declaration of Adonai. ‘For they called you an outcast: “Zion—no one cares about her.” ‘ ”  
Jeremiah 30:17

“He forgives all your iniquity. He [Jehovah Rapha] heals all your diseases.” Psalm 103:3

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### **Jehovah Shalom** = The Lord is Peace

Jehovah Shalom technically only has one occurrence in the Bible, though there are many more verses that teach us that Jesus is our source for true peace, especially in the storms of life. The one and only reference is: “The Lord said to him, ‘Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die.’ Then Gideon built

an altar there to the Lord and named it The Lord is Peace [Jehovah Shalom]. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.” Judges 6:23-24

Only Jesus Christ can make us complete and whole, and this kind of shalom is not dependent on our outward circumstances. It says in Philippians 4:7, “And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

And only through Jesus Christ are we made right with God. We read in Romans 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...”

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