

# JEHOVAH JIREH

THE LORD OUR PROVIDER

**PRAYING  
THROUGH  
THE NAMES  
OF GOD**

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## BACKGROUND

God sees the future as well as the past and the present; He is able to anticipate and provide for what is needed. Interestingly the English word “provision” is made up of two Latin words that mean “to see beforehand.”

When you pray to Yahweh Yireh, you are praying to the God who sees the situation beforehand and is able to provide for your needs.

But we must remember something about God— a characteristic He shares with every parent. He doesn't want us to love Him only for His gifts. He didn't want Abraham to love him just because of Isaac. Imagine your kids wanting to be with you only because they knew there would be a big payoff on Christmas Day. You probably wouldn't like that. As a parent, you give to your children because you love them, not so they will love you back. God is the same way. He loves us; therefore, He gives us good gifts. But He wants us to love Him apart from His gifts. God is not a genie or cosmic bellhop. No, God loves giving from His hand as long as He knows we are really after His heart. That's exactly what He wanted to know about Abraham. He wanted to know if Abraham would let go of his most valued possession and simply worship God even when it hurt.

God put Abraham in a situation that only God could fix. Abraham couldn't deduce his way out of this one. He couldn't strategize his way out. He couldn't leverage his way out. Sometimes God allows you to be in a situation that only He can solve so you can recognize that He is the one who solved it. This is exactly what He did with Abraham.

## SCRIPTURE

So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide [Jehovah Jireh]. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”  
GENESIS 22: 14 NIV

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James 1: 17 reminds us, “Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.”

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God longs to be Jehovah Jireh to you today. But He wants to know and experience that you're willing to obey Him, to seek Him, and not to place anything above Him as more important in your life. When He sees you honour Him the way Abraham did, you will discover the power of Jehovah Jireh in your life.

Jehovah Jireh, my provider, your grace is adequate for all my needs. Those who seek your face on the mountain of the Lord find you there and find you sufficient in all things. You truly supply all of my needs from your abundant riches in glory. You have not left me wanting. Even at times when I've experienced lack, you have come through not only to meet my needs but also to bless me with something special—to let me know you see and you care.

You are the great providing God.

You give air for the lungs to breathe, light for the eyes to see, rain for the crops to grow, and love for the heart to live. You are an awesome God, worthy of all praise.

Jehovah Jireh, how many times have I looked to something else as my source when you alone are my provider?

Everyone and everything else is merely a resource, yet in my humanness, I still go elsewhere for what only you can provide. How wrong of me to feel fearful at work if someone isn't happy with me or to feel fearful at home if I don't see how my bills are going to be paid.

Forgive me for my audacity in thinking that the government has more control than you or that the doctor has the final say regarding my health.

You are my source.

You are my Jehovah Jireh, my provider and my Lord.

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## Prayer Suggestions

Jehovah Jireh, thank you for your provision. Thank you for not skipping a beat. In fact, if you forgot to have my heart beat as it does for even a very short while, I would no longer experience the goodness of life in the land of the living. Thank you for taking care of everything through your provision— my finances, health, food, shelter, love... all of it ultimately comes from you.

Every good and perfect gift comes from above, from Jehovah Jireh, who provides for us all.

Thank you for each and every thing— even for the difficult trials that strengthen my spiritual muscles and draw me closer to you.

Jehovah Jireh, my provider, I think I appeal to this name more than any other.

I frequently ask you to give me this or that, and I come once again doing the same.

Yet I ask you to give to me only what will produce the greatest growth in me and the most far-reaching impact for your kingdom on earth.

You revealed yourself as Jehovah Jireh when you met Abraham on the mountain just as he was about to sacrifice the pride of his life, his son Isaac, to you.

Too often I forget the gravity of the situation when you first shared this name.

Instead, I look to you as a cosmic genie, ready to dispense favors at my command.

Let me know you in the truest and most authentic form of this name, Jehovah Jireh, as you meet me in my pain, sacrifice, and dedication to you.

Let me see you on the mountaintop of my own struggles. Come through for me as you did in providing Abraham's sacrifice.