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## The Names of Love - Part 8 - Jehovah Tsidkenu

Jer. 23:6, “In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”

The Name of God in this passage is Jehovah Tsidkenu; The Lord Our Righteousness.

The kingdom of Judah was about to fall and the northern kingdom of Israel had already been overrun and carried off into bondage. Judah was following a king, but not THE KING. Zedekiah led them away from God instead of to Him. God was trying to get their attention through the prophet Jeremiah, but no one was listening. It is like Mt. 15:8 “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.”

Tsidkenu is a term of measurement that means straight or still. Jesus is God’s standard. Our lives are measured against His righteousness. It was used against Daniel’s leader Belshazzar when God wrote on the wall in Dan. 5:27 “You have been weighed on the scales and been found lacking.”

The root of this word Tsidkenu is Tsidik which means Holy, Pure and Right. Our God is three times holy. Isa. 6:3, “And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.” And again in Psa. 5:4a, “For You are not a God Who is pleased with wickedness.”

When we are confronted with Jehovah Tsidkenu, we realize that there is no way that we can stand before Him on our own merit. We are not righteous. We have all sinned. No matter how many good things we have done, we are still stained by the sin that is in our lives. Psalm 14:3, “There are none that are righteous, not even one.” And again in Eph. 2:8-9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

The bottom line is this: we cannot stand on our own merit; we cannot attain righteousness, so it must be imputed to us. Enter in Jehovah Tsidkenu through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the Holy Righteous One. He is the spotless Lamb. Oh praise His Holy Name!

Dear Jehovah Tsidkenu, our Righteous God, we come before You today with grateful hearts, thanking You for Your amazing love and grace. We don’t deserve Your love, but You gave it anyway. You love us so much. Thank You Father. Thank You Jesus. Thank You Holy Spirit. For You are Holy, Holy, Holy. In Jesus Name, Amen