

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Ezekiel 48:35 “...The name of the city from that day shall be: *THE LORD IS THERE.*”

Quote: No one is immune to doubt and discouragement when dealing with a crisis; however, we must refuse to become so sinfully distracted by hard circumstances that we see them as our problem to escape and not as God’s providence to embrace.

Ezekiel was told about the restoration of Jerusalem. The final verse in the inspired book that bears his name states that this rebuilt city would be called, “Jehovah is There.” God, Who is omnipresent, is everywhere in all of His essence at all times. But there is a place where God is said to dwell *in a very special way*. Just before Christ ascended into Heaven, He told His disciples, “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*” He also promised that, while He was preparing that place, He would send the Holy Spirit to dwell within believers to comfort and to teach them. What a wonderful truth! God the Holy Spirit dwells within the hearts of those who have placed their faith in the risen Christ!

We cannot imagine the place that *Christ is preparing where believers will dwell with Him forever!* After God showed John the horror of Hell for those whose names are not written in the Book of Life, he wrote, “I saw the holy city, *New Jerusalem*, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and *He will dwell with them*, and they shall be His people. *God Himself will be with them* and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for *the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*” *Jehovah-Shammah—THE LORD IS THERE!* What a glorious hope we have in this name of God!

Friend, the only assurance that anyone has that this will be a reality for them is faith in the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ Whose perfect life provided the only righteousness that God will accept, and whose death and resurrection insured immunity from the holy and eternal wrath of God Who is “righteous in all of His ways. And holy in all His works.”

“JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH”— The Lord is There

One of the names of the Lord our God, Which speaks of His love and His care, Is called in the Hebrew—“Jehovah-Shammah” And it means that “The Lord is there.”

In your hours of sorrow and your times of grief, When your soul seems so filled with despair, Reflect on the words of “Jehovah-Shammah” And know in your heart—“He is there.”

The LORD is There

When you’re flat on your back or you’re suffering pain And you’re feeling that life is not fair, Start counting your blessings from “Jehovah-Shammah”; Just think on His love—“He is there.”

When your plans go awry or your dreams fall apart, When your burdens are heavy to bear, Lean hard on the promise of “Jehovah-Shammah”; You are never alone—“He is there.”

When the devil’s temptations press hard on your soul, And he deviously seeks to ensnare, Run quickly to Jesus, your “Jehovah-Shammah”; Then your battle is won—“He is there.”

When your heart overflows with thanksgiving and praise, And you pour out your love in your prayer, There’s rejoicing in heaven by “Jehovah-Shammah”; For He hears and we know—“He is there.”

—Margaret Elaine Harlan

“He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: ‘The LORD is my helper; I will not fear’....⁴

¹ John 14:1-3, 16, 17 ² Rev.21:2-4, 23 ³ Psa.145:17 ⁴ Heb.13:5,6