



NAMES OF GOD – PART 4: GOD OF JACOB

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **I Know That I Know** (*The Belonging Co.*)
- **Been So Good** (*Elevation Worship*)
- **Endless Praise** (*Charity Gayle*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Genesis 17:7, 32:9-10
- Isaiah 2:2-3
- Luke 24:27
- John 4:22
- Romans 1:16, 11:1-31

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to His Word and the lessons from this sermon.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. God is known by the people He associates with, including Jacob.
2. God's commitment to Israel demonstrates His faithfulness and transformative power.
3. God's love and redemption for Israel (and us) is a free gift, not based on worthiness.
4. God chooses to bless and gift people differently, which we should celebrate rather than resent.
5. The restoration of Israel showcases God's faithfulness to His promises and people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to you that God is known as the "God of Jacob"? How does this impact your understanding of God's character?
2. The sermon mentions God's long-term commitment to Israel. How does this reflect in your own life and relationships? Do you struggle with commitment or putting down roots?
3. Pastor Brian states, "If he could cancel his promise to them, he could cancel his promise to you." How does this statement challenge or encourage your faith?
4. How do you typically respond when you see others receiving different blessings or opportunities than you? What can we learn from God's approach to gifting people differently?
5. Reflect on the statement: "God is drawing them back into their calling to be his priestly people." How might this apply to our own lives as believers?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Commitment Challenge:** This week, identify an area in your life where you struggle with commitment (e.g., relationships, church involvement, personal growth). Take one concrete step towards deepening your commitment in that area.
2. **Blessing Inventory:** Make a list of the unique blessings and gifts God has given you. Spend time in prayer thanking God for these and considering how you can use them to serve others.
3. **Learn More:** Choose a passage from the Old Testament that relates to God's promises to Israel. Study it this week and consider how it connects to the New Testament and God's overall plan of redemption.
4. **Pray for Israel:** Incorporate regular prayer for the peace of Jerusalem and the Jewish people into your personal or family prayer time.
5. **Celebrate Differences:** Intentionally affirm and celebrate the unique gifts and callings of others in your church or small group this week.

CLOSING PRAYER

End your session by thanking God for His faithfulness, asking for His help in applying these truths to your lives, and praying for the peace of Jerusalem and the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel and all nations.