



Defining Right

#1 in the Names of God Series



Knowing God

Right Relationship

Ways we define what's right

- Rules (best behaviour)
- Results (best outcome)
- Situation (most loving)
- WWJD (What would Jesus do?)

The Nature of God and His Will for all Relationships

*See Stanley Grenz, *The Moral Quest: Foundations for Christian Ethics*, 1997.*

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Matt 22:25-30

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**"*

Every command, law, exhortation, and instruction given in scripture was and is to achieve two things:

To fulfil our purpose to reflect the **nature of God** as his image bearers.

To fulfil **God's will for all relationships**





The Names of God

TSIDKENU
THE LORD OUR
RIGHTEOUSNESS

Hallelujah

THE
ETERNAL
CREATOR
ELOHIM

Hallelujah

HOSENU
THE LORD
OUR MAKER

Hallelujah
THE
LORD IS
THERE

YHWH

The Lord
will
provide

SHAMMAH

Hallelujah
THE LORD
IS PEACE

THE
LORD

Hallelujah
The Lord
Your

NISSI

The Lord

The Lord Your
Sanctifier

SHALOM

OF HOSTS

The
Lord

My
Banner

MCKADDISHKEM

— JEHOVAH —

TSIDKENU

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jeremiah 23:5-6

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.
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 Righteousness

The Nature of God and His Will for all Relationships

Romans 3:20-26

But now apart from the law *the righteousness of God* has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This *righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ* to all who believe.

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for *all have sinned* and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. *He did this to demonstrate his righteousness*, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— *he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time*, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Right Relationship

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. **Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**" Romans 12:1-2*