



# YAHWEH, **not** My Way

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YAHWEH = "Jehovah," which means,  
"the LORD, the self-existent, eternal God."  
*(Strong's Concordance H3068)*

The name YAHWEH first appears in the Bible **after** Abraham **radically surrendered everything** to the LORD: he **gave over** himself, his child, his future, and his own understanding of what God had promised. Abraham **surrendered** to and **obeyed YAHWEH**, even **giving up** his own son to be **sacrificed**. Then God rushed in, **presenting** the substitute ram for Abraham's **obedient offering**.

Abraham had learned that YAHWEH was better than his own way.

**After** Abraham experienced this **supernatural provision**,  
He **testified** to God's **faithful character**,  
as documented in Genesis 22:14:

*And Abraham called the name of the place,  
The-Lord-Will-Provide;  
as it is said to this day,  
"In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."*

This is one of the many promises God gave me before we **moved** to Illinois; almost two years later, I can confidently report that He has **unfailingly kept His word**. But do **notice** what His word says: *it is in the Mount of the Lord where He provides*.

In other words,  
we need to  
climb the mountain  
in order to  
**experience**  
His **provision**.

Have you ever climbed a mountain?  
I have. Both literal and spiritual mountains.  
Both take **effort, determination, and perseverance**.  
Both involve **sweat, occasional tears, and aching muscles**.  
All of that fades in comparison, though, to the **thrill** of reaching the peak,  
**seeing** a new perspective, **delighting** in the cool breeze,  
and savoring the sweet **satisfaction of ascension**.

I guess if I sat on my couch all day, to some degree, God would still **give** me things I need: He'd **furnish** oxygen so I could breathe, food until it runs out, and a roof over my head until the ceiling caves. Indeed, God **provides** for us every day, in ways we cannot **see** and that are beyond what we deserve.

The Hebrew root word for **provide** in Genesis 22:14, though, goes much farther than meeting basic needs like food and clothing. The word is ra'ah, and here are a few of its meanings:

*ra'ah = to see*  
*consider, discern, make to enjoy, have experience, gaze*  
*take heed, meet, be near, perceive,*  
*think, view, visions*

"In the mount of the Lord, **IT** shall be provided."

Whatever it is that you need from the Lord, *IT shall be...*

Shown.  
Beheld.  
Enjoyed.  
Perceived.  
Viewed.  
Experienced!  
Discerned!

I don't know about you, but I'll take the mount of the LORD over a creaking couch and rotting roof any day.

I'll take YAHWEH, not *my* way.

## CHALLENGE

So, what exactly is the **MOUNT** of the LORD?  
**HOW** do we get there?  
What is **IT** that He promises to provide?

From what I see in Genesis 22,  
I believe the MOUNT is whatever God has called us to do.  
We GET THERE by **surrendering to YAHWEH and obeying Him.**  
He then **bestows-- grants vision** for-- WHATEVER IT IS we need.

And since **His way is always better than ours,**  
He **supplies** *even more than we need.*

Two years ago, as we prayed about transferring to Illinois, God called me to a deeper place of **radical surrender** to Him. I had to **trust** that **His way was better than mine.** A week after I officially **yielded everything** afresh to Him, a new fear about moving threatened me. I respectfully reminded God of His Word, ;) saying,

"Lord, I'm doing my best to **obey** You.  
Your word promises You'll **provide** the ram for my **sacrifice.**  
*Um...where is the ram?"*  
The Holy Spirit immediately replied with truth from His Word,  
"Daughter, you haven't gone to the mount yet."

Of course! I hadn't yet **made the move** and **gone up the mount!** Sure enough, it was **after** our feet hit the ground in Illinois when God **provided** the 'ram'. And another. And more and more, again and again.

Every time I've **bowled down and sacrificed** a new thing, situation, or need to my Heavenly Father,  
He has swooped in to **deliver**, in ways I could never have designed.  
As a result, I truly have  
**seen, beheld, enjoyed, discerned and experienced God's provision and glory,**  
in ways I could not describe in human words.

*I don't think it's an accident that the town we live in is named **Fairmount.***  
Yahweh is better than my way!

In the **Mount** of the **LORD**, it shall be **seen.**  
What is your mount?  
What has the Holy Spirit been nudging you to do, say, or change?  
Where has He been calling you to go-- physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually?  
Go!  
Climb the mount!  
If **YAHWEH** has told you to do it, then do it!

**Please don't be afraid. Remember that God is for you, not against you. (Romans 8:31)**  
**Throughout Scripture, mountains depict a place to escape from harm, to dwell safely,**  
**to worship God, and to experience His holiness and supernatural presence.**

**After** we **yield to YAHWEH and obey Him,**  
He **provides** the **vision** and **pro-vision** we so greatly need. What a **thrill.**

***JESUS,** may we **see with Your vision** from our mountain tops,  
as we choose **Your way, not ours.** Amen.*



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