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And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17

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Introduction

Every believer has been blessed with the wonderful privilege to call upon, speak, and use the mighty name of Jesus. The disciples of Jesus and believers in the Early Church understood the authority that was at their disposal through the use of the name of Jesus, and they walked in it.

This book attempts to help the believer re-discover the power of the name of Jesus and teaches how to walk in the power of that name in everyday life. We can walk in authority and dominion, in perfect peace, and in all of God's provision when we learn to walk in the power of the name of Jesus.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

(From the hymn "*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*", 1739 by Charles Wesley)

As believers, we face personal challenges in life. Whether it has to do with life situations, needs that present themselves, storms that arise, mountains in our way, sickness and disease that come at us, or things that the enemy attempts against us, we must know that we can arise and dominate these through the authority vested in us. We must know that this authority is ours through the use of the name of Jesus.

As we minister to those around us, we must do so boldly in the name of Jesus. The Lord Jesus has authorized us to use His name to do His works and represent Him fully.

The Church seems to be only "scratching the surface" on this important truth. May we be a generation of believers who discover our privileges and authority in the name of Jesus and walk in its demonstration in everyday life like never before. May we go further in demonstration of all that is available to us in the mighty name of Jesus than the generations before us.

May this study on the mighty name of Jesus enrich your life so that you will walk in the power of that name in your own personal life! May it cause you to bless countless others with an encounter with Jesus Christ!

God bless!
Ashish Raichur

1
The Name Above All Names

Imagine a baby born into a royal family. A name is given to the baby. While there may be many others with a similar name, this baby is uniquely identified by that name. And there is more. This child born into a royal family inherits royalty and all that the royal throne and the royal family represent. A royal title is attached to the name of the child that recognizes the royalty that has been inherited. All the kingdom's resources, influence and power are now behind that name. Over time, the child grows into an adult. Let's say this grown person now lives a remarkably outstanding life, achieves great things, and gains great honor, renown, and fame for those accomplishments. Now there is another dimension of greatness to this name. People now recognize and respect this name not only because of whom it uniquely identifies, or because of the kingdom and royalty attached to that name, but perhaps more so because of the greatness, achievements, and accomplishments of the person behind that name.

All these three aspects are seen in Scripture concerning the name of Jesus.

A name given to Him by the Father at birth

Matthew 1:21
And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

The name "Jesus" was the name that God chose and gave to identify the unique incarnate Son of God. As God, the

Eternal Word took on human form and became the Incarnate Word, the Father gave Him a name—the name "Jesus". He sent an angel to announce this to Joseph. It was a name given to Him by the Father at His birth.

Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew word, '*Yehowshuwa*' meaning "Savior" or "God who is salvation." So, when we mention the name "Jesus", we are declaring the name that brings salvation.

The word "save" in Matthew 1:21 is the Greek verb '*sozo,*' which (as with the noun *soteria*, "salvation") is a comprehensive word that includes eternal salvation, forgiveness of sins, victory over sin, healing from sickness, victory in conflict, deliverance from every work of the enemy, rescue from harm, preservation from danger, and total wholeness. It means "to be saved, healed, delivered, victorious, rescued, preserved, and made whole."

'*Sozo*' is used in several different ways in the New Testament.

Here are some references.

- **salvation** from sin (Matthew 1:21; Hebrews 7:25)
- **eternal salvation** (John 3:16-18; Mark 16:16; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9,10; Ephesians 2:8)
- **healing** (Matthew 9:22; Mark 6:56; Mark 10:52; James 5:15)
- **deliverance** from demonic powers (Luke 8:36; Jude 1:5, the word "delivered" is '*sozo*')
- **rescue / preservation** from danger (Matthew 8:25; Matthew 14:30; Matthew 27:42; 2 Timothy 4:18, the word "rescue" is '*sozo*')

- **safety** from spiritual conflict / danger (John 12:27; 1 Timothy 4:16)
- **freedom** from slavery (Jude 1:5)

When we mention the name "Jesus" and declare Him as Savior, we must keep in mind that He not only saves from sin but also in that name, there is salvation, preservation, protection, healing, deliverance, victory, freedom, and wholeness. There is total salvation in that name. The name of Jesus saves, preserves, protects, heals, delivers, brings victory, gives freedom, and makes whole!

He inherited the name

Hebrews 1:1-4
[1] God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
[2] has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
[3] who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
[4] having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

God the Eternal Word, through whom the worlds were made and who upholds all things by His powerful word, chose to become the Incarnate Word and walked as the Son of God. As the Son of God, He was God speaking to us. He was the display of the glory of the Father and the exact representation of the Father. As the Son of God, He provided for the cleansing of all our sins, was raised up, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father, exalted far above all the angels. It is this Son of God who was appointed Heir of all

things and He, by inheritance, has obtained a name that is far greater, more wonderful, infinitely superior, and much higher than any other. Angelic beings have names that are wonderful (Judges 13:18). But this name, the name of Jesus exceeds all of them.

As we mentioned earlier, an heir in a kingdom inherits royalty. All of God's Kingdom stands behind the name of Jesus. All who God is, all His splendor, glory, dominion, and power is behind the name of Jesus. This name is heavenly royalty. This name represents the highest royalty. There is no higher potentate, ruler, or king. This is the name of the One who is the Heir of all things, the name of the One who is "*the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords*" (1 Timothy 6:15). This is the name of the One who is "*crowned with glory and honor*" (Hebrews 2:9). The highest throne and the kingdom that rules over all others is behind this name. "*The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all*" (Psalm 103:19).

A name conferred on Him because of what He accomplished

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

[11] and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is so profound, "*Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name*" (v.9). Because of what Jesus accomplished through His incarnation, life on earth, death, and resurrection, He has been "*highly exalted*." He paid for the sins of the whole world. He reversed the Fall, disarmed, crushed, and destroyed satan and all his demonic hosts and rose triumphant from the grave. He has the keys (authority, dominion) of hell and the grave (Revelation 1:18).

The words "*highly exalted*" (Greek *huperupsoō*) means "to elevate above others, raise to the highest position, to exalt to the highest rank and power, raise to supreme majesty." The Father *"raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things"* (Ephesians 1:20-22). All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Jesus (Matthew 28:18). The name of Jesus belongs to such a One. This name is above every other name because He is above every other.

The greatest of all names

Philippians 2:9-11
[9] Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,
[10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
[11] and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God the Father has determined, decreed, and declared that at the mention of the name of Jesus, every knee should bow in all three realms. Every created being in heaven, earth and hell will submit to Him, reverence Him, and every tongue will acknowledge His Lordship recognizing Him as King.

The name of Jesus is above all names. His name is the "*greatest of all names*" (v.9, TPT).

Reflection



1) The Incarnate Word, the Son of God was given the name "Jesus" …
   a) at birth.
   b) He inherited that name.
   c) He was conferred that name because of His accomplishments.

Discuss the significance of each of these three aspects and how they make this name the greatest of all names.

2
The Person Behind the Name

We recognize that the greatness of a name is derived from the greatness of the person behind that name. A name is as great as the person behind the name. When we recognize the greatness of the person behind the name, we will recognize the greatness of their name. When you know the Person Jesus Christ, you will have great confidence in His name.

In this chapter, we reflect on the greatness of Jesus Christ, the Person behind the name. This is not a complete composition on all who Jesus is but a short summary so that we are reminded of the Person whose name we are studying about. You are welcome to add to this to ponder on the greatness of the One who stands behind the name "Jesus".

The name of Jesus is great because of who it represents—the Person Jesus, who He is, what He has accomplished, and what He will be accomplishing in time to come.

Jehovah—The name "Jesus" is the name of One who is in the God-Head. He is also called "Mighty God (*El Gibbor*)," "Everlasting Father" (Isaiah 9:6). He is co-equal and one with the Father and the Spirit (1 John 5:7). He fully represents the God-Head (Colossians 1:19; Colossians 2:9). He is Jehovah even as the Father and the Spirit are (John 1:1-3; John 20:28; Romans 9:5; 1 Timothy 3:16; Titus 1:3,4; Hebrews 1:8). He is the great I AM (John 8:58); He is Immanuel, God with us (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). Calling on the name of Jesus is calling on Jehovah God, the eternal, self-existent, unchangeable God who keeps covenant.

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The Eternal Word—The name "Jesus" is the name of the Eternal Word who was with God and who was God (John 1:1,2). He is the Word of God forever (Revelation 19:13). All things in the visible and invisible worlds were created by Him, through Him, and for Him (John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16). The Beginning, the Originator, the Source of everything, for all things came from, through, and by Him (Revelation 3:14). He is before all things, and is the Upholder, Sustainer, Regulator, and Completer of all things (Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3). There is power in the name of Jesus to create, to uphold, to sustain, to regulate, to control, to order everything in the visible and invisible (natural and spiritual) realms.

The Son of God—The name "Jesus" is the name of God who became a Man and walked the earth as the Son of God. There has never been a Person like this One, and there never will be. He is the image of the invisible God revealed to us (2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3). He is the expression of the Father's glory for us to see (John 1:14; Hebrews 1:3). He is one with the Father so that when we see Him, we see the Father (John 10:30; John 14:7,9). He spoke the Father's words, did the Father's works, fulfilled the Father's will (Hebrews 10:7). He ushered in the Kingdom of God here on earth (Matthew 4:17). He is the Heir of all things and the One who inherited all things (Hebrews 1:2,8). He was

shown to be the Son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit and in being raised from the dead (Romans 1:4). Out of His fullness, He has poured upon us immeasurable grace (John 1:16; Romans 5:17). The mention of the name of Jesus causes the glory of the Father to be revealed, causes the Father's will to be established, and releases heaven to us on earth.

The Lamb of God—The name "Jesus" is the name of the sinless, spotless, perfect Lamb of God who alone was able to remove the sins of the world (John 1:29; Revelation 5:6). He is the Lamb of God slain even before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:18-20; Revelation 13:8). He was tempted in every way as we all are and yet, He was without sin (Hebrews 4:15). His blood is holy, sinless, and pure. His blood offered before God in the heavenly Holy of Holies obtained our redemption (Hebrews 9:11,12). He has purchased and redeemed us by His blood and made us kings and priests to God (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13,14; 1 Peter 1:18; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Revelation 1:5,6). He is the Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7) whose blood covers and protects us and announces our deliverance from the Oppressor. We overcome satan and all demons when we declare what the blood of the Lamb of God has done for us (Revelation 12:11). He will forever be the Lamb of God enthroned (Revelation 22:3). In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven. We are washed, sanctified, justified in Jesus' name. In the name of Jesus, we stand totally redeemed, and satan has no claim over us and no place in us.

Messiah, the Anointed One—The name "Jesus" is the name of the Messiah, the Christ, the Holy Anointed One (Daniel 9:25; Psalm 2:2,7; Matthew 16:16,17; John 4:25,26). He is the Servant that Isaiah prophesied about (Isaiah 42:1; Isaiah 49:6; Isaiah 52:13; Isaiah 53:11; Matthew 12:18). The Anointed

One and His anointing removes every burden of demonic oppression and destroys every yoke of satan (Isaiah 10:27). In the name of Jesus, every demonic oppression is removed and every yoke of satan is destroyed.

The Light of the world—The name "Jesus" is the name of the One who is the True Light (John 1:9). He is the Dayspring, the Morning Light (Luke 1:78), the Bright and Morning star (2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 2:28; Revelation 22:16). He is the Light of the world (John 8:12). His light bursts through darkness dispelling gloom, hopelessness, and despair, and darkness cannot in any way diminish or stand before His light. In the name of Jesus, every work of darkness, everything formed or fashioned by darkness is destroyed and dispelled. Darkness recedes before that powerful name.

The Good Shepherd—The name "Jesus" is the name of the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), the Great Shepherd of the sheep (Hebrews 13:20), the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls (1 Peter 2:25), and the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4). He tenderly leads, guides, nourishes, comforts, heals, restores, protects, and guards His sheep. In the name of Jesus, we—His sheep—are covered, protected, and preserved and no one can snatch us out of His hand.

The Way, the Truth, the Life—The name "Jesus" is the name of the One who is the Way to the Father (John 14:6). He is the Door (John 10:7)—the only point of entry into the Kingdom. He is the Truth. Lies, deceptions, arguments, and reasoning drop powerless before Him. He is the Truth and He truly sets people free (John 8:31,32,36). He is the Life— the Bread of Life, the Source of eternal life (John 6:33,35,48-51). He is the Water of Life (John 4:10,14; John 7:37,38; Revelation 21:6; Revelation 22:17). He gives life and life in abundance

(John 10:10). In Him, our thirst is quenched and our deepest longings are satisfied. In the name of Jesus, the lost find the way, truth advances, liberates and reigns, and those dead in sin experience eternal life, the God-kind of life.

Savior—The name "Jesus" is the name of the Savior of the world (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:11; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 John 4:14). He bore the sins of the whole world (Isaiah 53:4; 1 John 2:2), paid the price we were to pay, and went to hell on our behalf so that we could be freely forgiven. In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we are saved. There is salvation in His name!

Healer—The name "Jesus" is the name of the Great Physician, the One who heals us from every sickness and every disease (Matthew 4:23-25). He caused the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, the crippled and maimed to be whole, and people to be healed from every sickness and every disease (Matthew 15:29-31). He carried away all our sickness, diseases, and pain on the Cross so that by His wounds, we have been healed (Isaiah 53:4,5; 1 Peter 2:24). He is the Sun of righteousness who covers us with healing in His wings (Malachi 4:2). In the name of Jesus, sickness and disease are removed. Ailments, deformities, abnormalities, chronic illnesses, incurable diseases bow before that mighty name so that people are healed.

The Prince of *shalom*—The name "Jesus" is the name of the One who is the Prince of *shalom*, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He is the King who brings wholeness to all who come to Him. On the Cross, He bore the punishment to bring us *shalom*—peace, total well-being, complete wholeness (Isaiah 53:5). He gives perfect peace, peace which the world cannot give (John 14:27; John 16:33). The mention of the

name of Jesus brings perfect *shalom*—peace, total well-being, complete wholeness. His name calms our fears, dispels confusions, drives away torments, and administers wholeness.

Miracle Worker—Source of all blessing. The name "Jesus" is the name of the great Miracle Worker. He raised the dead, turned water to wine, multiplied food, calmed winds and waves, caused a great catch of fish, and many other miracles and does the same today as in the Bible days (Hebrews 13:8). He is the One who has removed every curse for our disobedience by Himself becoming a curse for us on the Cross (Galatians 3:13,14). He has caused the blessing of Abraham to be released upon us. In Christ, we are blessed with every blessing that comes from God (Ephesians 1:3). In the name of Jesus, miracles happen, situations are turned around, the impossible becomes possible, every curse is removed and the blessings of God are released freely.

Kinsman Redeemer, Deliverer—The name "Jesus" is the name of the One who became our Kinsman Redeemer, our Deliverer (Isaiah 59:20; Romans 11:26). He became like one of us (Hebrews 2:11,14,15; Hebrews 10:5), our blood-brother, our family member so that He could step into our situation and bring us out of it. Jesus is the Last Adam, the Second Man (1 Corinthians 15:45-47). He is the Man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5). This Man redeemed us from the Fall. He brought us out of all that Adam put us under. He gave Himself as a Ransom, the redemption price for all (1 Timothy 2:6). He became poor so we could be made rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). We are now the redeemed of the Lord—redeemed from bondage to sin (Romans 6:14; Titus 2:14), redeemed from every curse (Galatians 3:13), delivered from satan (Colossians 1:13,14), and delivered from this present evil age (Galatians 1:4). He became what we were so He could lift us to where

He is and make us sons and daughters, heirs of God and joint-heirs. And because of Him, we have been made righteous, lavished with God's abundant grace, and we reign in life (Romans 5:15-19). My Redeemer lives! (Job 19:25,26). The mighty name of Jesus redeems, delivers, breaks bondages, liberates the oppressed, sets the captives free, and causes us to reign and have dominion in life!

The Destroyer of satan—The name "Jesus" is the name of the One who came as the Seed of the woman to crush the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). He is the One who cast satan out from his place of rulership on earth (John 12:31). This Jesus is the One to whom satan came and found no place, no access, no foothold, no power, nothing in Him (John 14:30). This Jesus, on the Cross, judged, condemned, and sentenced the devil (John 16:11). This Jesus, on the Cross, disarmed satan and all his demons and made a public show of His triumph over them (Colossians 2:15). He is the Stronger One who entered the strong man's house, disarmed him, and plundered His goods (Luke 11:21,22). This Jesus, through His death, destroyed satan (Hebrews 2:14). And He did all of this just for us, representing us, and on our behalf. Today, in the mighty name of Jesus, satan and his demons tremble and flee before the believer, demons are cast out, satan's works are destroyed, and people are delivered.

The Triumphant Conqueror, King Forever—The name "Jesus" is the name of the One who conquered hell and the grave and rose triumphant from the dead, the Firstborn, the First begotten from the dead (Revelation 1:5,18; Colossians 1:18). He is the One with all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). He is Head over all things with everything placed under His feet. He is seated at the Father's right hand, far above all principality and power and might and dominion,

and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come (Ephesians 1:20-22). Today, He is the Mediator of the New Covenant (1 Timothy 2:4,5; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 8:6; Hebrews 9:16,17), the Apostle of our confession (Hebrews 3:1), the Forerunner (Hebrews 6:20), the Minister of the sanctuary (Hebrews 8:2), our Great High Priest (Hebrews 3:1; Hebrews 4:14), Intercessor (Hebrews 7:25), and Advocate (1 John 2:1). He is the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega, the One in whom everything is held together, beginning to end, and yet Himself is without beginning and without ending, Supreme and Sovereign from beginning to end (Revelation 1:8; Revelation 2:8; Revelation 21:6; Revelation 22:13). He is the Amen (Revelation 3:14), the So Be It, the Fulfillment of all the purposes of God (Ephesians 1:10; Ephesians 3:10,11). He is the Rod out of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1), the Branch (Isaiah 11:1; Zechariah 3:8; Zechariah 6:12), the promised Seed of David (2 Timothy 2:8), the Root and Offspring of David (Revelation 5:5; Revelation 22:16), the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5) who has conquered all. He is Ruler over the kings of the earth (Revelation 1:5). He is Christ Jesus our Lord (1 Timothy 1:12), the Lord of glory (1 Corinthians 2:8) and Lord of all (Acts 10:36). He is the One who holds the highest rank, the first place in everything, and so He will be forever the Most Exalted One (Colossians 1:18). He is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Immortal, Invincible, to whom belongs all honor and everlasting power, who is coming back to rule and reign forever. Amen (1 Timothy 6:15,16; Revelation 19:15,16). His name provides everything we need. His name commands all realms, and at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow in heaven, earth, and hell, and every tongue confess that He alone is Lord.

His name, when called upon in faith, will cause to happen everything He would do if He were physically present. He is as close as the mention of His name. All who He is and all that He has accomplished is in that name, contained and expressed through His majestic name. He, Jesus, is in His name.

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Reflection



1) Reflect on the Person Jesus, who He is, what He has accomplished, and what He will be accomplishing in time to come. Think of at least three aspects of Jesus not mentioned in this chapter that you can add to the description of who He is.

3

The Old Testament Revelation of the Names of God

As we prepare to delve into discovering what Jesus has made available to us, believers, by giving us the right to use His name, there are two important aspects we need to cover.

First, we must understand that when Jesus spoke to the 12 apostles, and later to the 70 disciples and others about the use of His name, these were Jewish people. As part of their spiritual heritage, they had a deep understanding of the use of the name of the LORD God in every day matters of life. As New Testament believers, it will help us to gain this understanding as well by looking into the Old Testament. We will do a quick survey of the Old Testament understanding and use of the name of the LORD God in this chapter.

Second, the Lord Jesus is to us the perfect example and embodiment of what it means to walk in delegated spiritual authority. The Lord Jesus came in the name of the Father and did His works in the Father's name. He then sent us out in His name to represent Him even as He came in the Father's name representing the Father. So, in the next chapter, we look at what it meant to Jesus to come in the Father's name. We must do the same as we seek to go out into the world in Jesus' name.

Once we have covered these two important aspects, we will delve into our privilege and right to use the name of Jesus and cover what the New Testament presents to us.

We first present few of the important names and titles of God in the Old Testament. After that, we will survey how the people of Israel honored the name of God in their everyday lives.

Elohim (God)

Genesis 1:1
In the beginning God *(Elohim)* **created the heavens and the earth.**

The Hebrew word, '*Elohim*' is the most commonly used word translated "God" in the Old Testament and refers to the omnipotent, powerful, strong, and almighty God. Interestingly, '*Elohim*' is a Hebrew plural, and could also be used to mean "gods" or "strong ones" or "mighty ones" (more than one). Importantly, when '*Elohim*' is used for God, it is always used with singular verbs. Therefore, '*Elohim*,' although a plural name, when referring to God, it is used in a singular way, thus indicating unity and agreement without any divisiveness—*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord* (Yehovah) *our God* (Elohim)*, the Lord* (Yehovah) *is one!"* (Deuteronomy 6:4). '*Elohim*' is often referred to as a uni-plural noun, similar to a collective noun. This points to the Triune God, one God in three Persons. *"For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one"* (1 John 5:7). '*Elohim*,' the God of the Bible, the God who created all things is one God in three Persons.

El (God)

The Hebrew word *'El'* translated "God" signifies strong, almighty, or powerful. It shows God to be the Mighty One. It's first occurrence is in Genesis 14:18. *El* is connected with several attributes of God (as listed with a few Scripture references). It will be well worth your time to look up the Scripture references given, meditate, and dwell upon these names and attributes of God.

Let worship arise in your heart toward God as you meditate on these attributes of God.

- ***El Elyon:*** Most High God, Highest God (Genesis 14:18-22)
- ***El Shaddai:*** Almighty God, All Sufficient One, God who is more than enough, the Breasted One (Genesis 17:1)
- ***El Olam:*** Everlasting God, God of eternity, God forever (Genesis 21:33)
- ***El Kanna:*** Jealous God (Exodus 20:5)
- ***El Rakhoom:*** Merciful God, Compassionate God (Deuteronomy 4:31)
- ***El Aman:*** Faithful God (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- ***El Gadol:*** Mighty God, Great God (Deuteronomy 7:21; Deuteronomy 10:17)
- ***El Gibbor:*** Powerful God, Warrior God (Deuteronomy 10:17)
- ***El Yare:*** Terrible God, Fearful God (Deuteronomy 10:17)
- A God (*El*) of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- ***El Khahee:*** Living God (Joshua 3:10)

THE NAMES AND
TITLES OF GOD
REVEAL ASPECTS OF
GOD'S
NATURE AND ATTRIBUTES.

I AM Who I AM

Exodus 3:13-15

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?"

[14] And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
[15] Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.'

When Moses asked God for His name as recorded here in Exodus 3, '*Elohim*' said to Moses "I AM" (always exist, always be) "WHO" "I AM" (always exist, always be), or shortened to "I AM" referring to God who always exists, who always is. The God of the Bible is the God who is independent of time. He lives in the eternal now. He is. He lives in a realm outside of time. Time as we know it does not matter to God. He is the eternal, self-existent God. This great I AM is "*the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.*" These patriarchs walked and served this great I AM.

Interestingly, we know that in the New Testament, the Lord Jesus used this same title for Himself. "*Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM*" (John 8:58).

Jehovah (Lord)

Perhaps the most important name to the people of Israel, and a name used throughout the Old Testament is the Hebrew covenant name "Jehovah" (or *Yehovah* or *Yahweh*). This name in various versions of the English Bible is rendered as Lord, Jehovah, Yahweh, GOD, etc. The KJV and the NKJV render "Jehovah" as Lord and hence, it is easily recognizable.

Exodus 6:2-4
[2] And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I *am* the Lord.
[3] I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but *by* My name Lord I was not known to them.

[4] I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers.

The name "Jehovah" refers to the eternal, self-existent, immutable God who keeps covenant. As God spoke to Moses sending him out on his assignment, God placed emphasis on His name "Jehovah" pointing out that He was the God who keeps covenant. "Jehovah" is God's covenant name to His special people. Through this name, He was in covenant with His people, and all who He is, He made available to the people. He expected His people to hold His name in reverence and render praise to Him alone. *"I am the Lord* (Jehovah)*, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images"* (Isaiah 42:8).

We see in the Old Testament Scripture several Jehovah titles that reveal different aspects of who Jehovah God is, what He would be, and what He would do for His people.

- ***Jehovah-Elohim:*** The Eternal Creator (Genesis 2:4-25)
- ***Adonai-Jehovah:*** The Lord our Sovereign; Master Jehovah (Genesis 15:2; Genesis 15:8)
- ***Jehovah-Jireh:*** The Lord will see or provide (Genesis 22:8-14)
- ***Jehovah-Rapha:*** The Lord our Healer (Exodus 15:26)
- ***Jehovah-Nissi:*** The Lord our Banner (Exodus 17:15)
- ***Jehovah-Eloheka:*** The Lord thy God (Exodus 20:2,5,7)
- ***Jehovah-Mekaddishkem:*** The Lord our Sanctifier (Exodus 31:13; Leviticus 20:8; Leviticus 21:8; Leviticus 22:9,16,32; Ezekiel 20:12)
- ***Jehovah-Shalom:*** The Lord our peace (Judges 6:24)
- ***Jehovah-Sabaoth:*** The Lord of hosts (1 Samuel 1:3, etc. 284 times)

- ***Jehovah-Elyown:*** The Lord Most High (Psalm 7:17; Psalm 47:2; Psalm 97:9)
- ***Jehovah-Rohi:*** The Lord my Shepherd (Psalm 23:1)
- ***Jehovah-Hoseenu:*** The Lord our Maker (Psalm 95:6)
- ***Jehovah-Eloheenu:*** The Lord our God (Psalm 99:5,8,9)
- ***Jehovah-Tsidkenu:*** The Lord our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6; Jeremiah 33:16)
- ***Jehovah-Shammah:*** The Lord is present (Ezekiel 48:35)
- ***Jehovah-Elohay:*** The Lord my God (Zechariah 14:5)

The name of the Lord in daily life

We now present a quick survey of what the name of the Lord meant to the people of God in the Old Testament. We must keep in mind that this revelation or spiritual understanding was progressive. That is, God's people understood these things over time and over generations.

People worshipped God by calling on the name of the Lord. Abraham is a great example where through his journeys, he built altars in different places and called on the name of the Lord (Genesis 12:8; Genesis 13:4; Genesis 21:33; Genesis 22:14; Genesis 26:25). There were times of special encounters, and a new name of God revealing a certain aspect of God's nature was made known. **Example**: *Jehovah-Jireh* meaning "The-Lord-Will-Provide" (Genesis 22:14).

People often celebrated God based on what He had done. After crossing the Red sea, they declared, "*The Lord is a man of war; The Lord is His name*" (Exodus 15:3). After victory over Amalek, "*Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner*" (Exodus 17:15).

They were not to take the name of the Lord God in vain. The third of the ten commandments was, "*You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain"* (Exodus 20:7). *"And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord*" (Leviticus 19:12).

The name proclaimed caused the glory to be revealed. This is an important revelation we see in the Old Testament. When Moses asked to see the glory of God, God responded by saying, "*I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you*" (Exodus 33:19). The proclamation of the name of the Lord ushers in the glory of God. It is the procession announcing the arrival of the King. "*And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion*" (Exodus 33:18,19, see also Exodus 34:5-8).

THE PROCLAMATION
OF THE NAME OF THE LORD
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Take oaths (make vows) in His name. Interestingly, people were instructed to make solemn promises, oaths, and vows in the name of the Lord. This in effect was bringing God into the vow as a witness and hence, became a binding promise they had to keep. "*You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name*" (Deuteronomy 6:13). Jonathan and David both swore in the name of the Lord (1 Samuel 20:42). Remember that the Lord Jesus taught us, "*do not swear at all*," instead "*let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'"* (Matthew 5:34,37).

Priests blessed the people in the name of the Lord. The Lord appointed the priests to minister to Him and to bless the people in the name of the Lord. "*At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day*" (Deuteronomy 10:8, see also Deuteronomy 21:5). King David, after bringing the Ark into the city of Jerusalem, "*blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts*" (2 Samuel 6:18).

The priests and Levites ministered in the name of the Lord. "*For the Lord your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons forever*" (Deuteronomy 18:5). The priests therefore, became God's representatives to the people and represented the people to God.

Prophets spoke in His Name. Throughout the Old Testament, the prophets were people who spoke in the name of the Lord (James 5:10). Kings and people believed and acted on what the prophets spoke in the name of the Lord. For example, 1 Chronicles 21:19 records, "*So David went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the Lord*."

Where God's name is, God dwells there. Another interesting truth the people walked in was that the place where God had put His name, there He dwelt, and there they could worship Him. "*But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go*" (Deuteronomy 12:5). In the New Testament, the believer is the dwelling place of God by His Spirit. Unlike the Old Testament, in the New Testament, the gathering of believers in the name of the Lord becomes the place of His presence.

A people called by the name of the Lord. The Israelites were a people who bore the name of *Yahweh* God. "*Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you*" (Deuteronomy 28:10). Because they bore His name, and for the honor of His own name, God would not forsake His people. "*For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people*" (1 Samuel 12:22). In view of this, they asked forgiveness, asked to be revived, asked for divine intervention nationally in the name of the Lord. *"For Your name's sake, O Lord, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great"* (Psalm 25:11). They prayed to be revived in the name of the Lord. *"Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake!"* (Psalm 143:11). *"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name"* (Daniel 9:19).

They faced enemies in the name of the Lord. They went out to battle in the name of *Yahweh*. *"Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied"* (1 Samuel 17:45). *"We will rejoice in your salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions"* (Psalm 20:5). *"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God"* (Psalm 20:7).

They sang and praised the name of the Lord. Singing praises to His name was singing praises to Him. *"Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name"* (Psalm 18:49). His was an excellent, wonderful, and majestic name and worthy to be praised. *"O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the*

earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens" (Psalm 8:1). They would give glory to His name (Psalm 29:2; Psalm 115:1); give thanks to His name (Psalm 30:4); exalt His name (Psalm 34:3); praise His name (Psalm 54:6); bless His name (Psalm 96:2); and fear His name (Psalm 86:11). *"From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised"* (Psalm 113:3). God held His name and His word high above all—*"I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name*." (Psalm 138:2).

They had help, safety, and protection in the name of the Lord. *"... May the name of the God of Jacob defend you"* (Psalm 20:1). *"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe"* (Proverbs 18:10). *"Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth"* (Psalm 124:8)

They received those who came in the name of the Lord. "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord*" (Psalm 118:26). This was also speaking prophetically about the Lord Jesus.

To trust in the name of the Lord is to rely on the Lord Himself. *"Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God"* (Isaiah 50:10). *"I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people, And they shall trust in the name of the Lord"* (Zephaniah 3:12).

Nations will turn to the name of the Lord. The prophets spoke of a time when Gentiles will call on the name of the Lord and there will be one Lord alone who is worshipped. *"At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the*

Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts" (Jeremiah 3:17). *"And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls"* (Joel 2:32). "*And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be —"The Lord is one," And His name one*" (Zechariah 14:9). "*For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the Lord of hosts*" (Malachi 1:11).

God takes note when we meditate on His name. *"Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name"* (Malachi 3:16).

Jesus: All of God in one name

From this quick survey of the Old Testament, it becomes clear that using the name of the Lord was an integral part of the everyday life of the Jewish people. The Lord was close to His people through the mention of His name. They understood the importance of the name of the Lord.

Now imagine the Lord Jesus stepping into such a setting. The Incarnate Word, the Son of God, comes as a simple and humble carpenter from Nazareth. He begins His ministry, gathers 12 men, all Jewish, and then sends them out to go in His name! Just try to imagine Jesus telling His 12 apostles, *"Go use My name, Jesus Christ!"*

Why would His disciples, first the 12, then the 70, go out and try to heal the sick, cast out demons, and exercise authority

in the name of Jesus? What about the name *"Jehovah"* and all the covenant names of God that they knew so well as part of their Jewish faith?

Here are two important insights we can point to.

First, the 12 apostles had a revelation—they recognized and believed in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. That was the very reason they followed Him. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus declaring Him as the Messiah, the One who was before him, the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, the Lamb of God, the Son of God (John 1:29-34). Andrew followed Jesus because he heard John the Baptist. Andrew got his brother Simon Peter, "*We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ)*" (John 1:41). Philip found Nathanael who on encountering Jesus said, *"Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"* (John 1:49). We also know Simon Peter's announcement in Matthew 16:16, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* So, it is quite evident that these Jewish men, whom Jesus appointed as His apostles, believed in Him being the Messiah, the Son of God.

Second, the 12 apostles saw Jesus do amazing things right before their eyes. They saw the healings, the deliverances, and the miracles. So, when Jesus authorized them and sent them out to use His name, the name of "Jesus Christ of Nazareth," they did so willingly. Of course, they saw the results. This gave them confidence to keep doing what they had been commissioned to do. Others who saw what was happening through Jesus and through the 12 apostles also stepped out to use the name of Jesus and Jesus did not stop them (Mark 9:38-41; Luke 9:49,50). Jesus appointed another 70 Jewish followers to go preach and do mighty works in His name and they did (Luke 10:1,9,17).

These Jewish believers had experienced firsthand the power of the name of Jesus. All of what God revealed about Himself through the *Jehovah* titles is now wrapped up in this one name—the name of Jesus.

Two important lessons for us today. First, we must recognize who Jesus is. We must have a personal revelation of the greatness of the Person Jesus. Second, we must know that Jesus has authorized us to use His name and we must step out boldly to use the name of Jesus.

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Reflection



1) Review how people during the Old Testament times used the name of the Lord in their everyday lives. Pick out at least five of these that bear a parallel to the believer in the New Testament. Discuss how we use the name of Jesus in a similar (may not be the same) way.

2) If you were one of the 12 apostles or one of the 70 disciples who had been raised Jewish with a strong understanding of the name of Jehovah God…
   a) How would you have responded when a young carpenter from Nazareth said that you could do mighty things using His name?
   b) What kind of questions would you have struggled with?
   c) What would be the key factors that would have convinced you to go use His name?

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In My Father's Name

John 5:43
I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

John 10:25
Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

As we have mentioned earlier, the Lord Jesus is to us the perfect example and embodiment of what it means to walk in delegated spiritual authority. The Lord Jesus came in the name of the Father and did His works in the Father's name.

When Jesus said, "*I have come in My Father's name*," this meant that He came with authority delegated to Him by the Father to fully represent the Father. This meant that He carried a mandate to speak the Father's words and do the Father's works, to carry out the Father's will, and to finish the assignment given to Him by the Father.

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To do works in the Father's name meant that Jesus would do exactly what the Father would do, fully representing the Father, acting on His behalf, and in His place because of the authority vested in Him by the Father.

In this chapter, we consider how Jesus walked with the Father so He could then operate in the Father's name speaking on behalf of the Father and doing what the Father would do. It will serve us well to study carefully how Jesus walked with the Father to fulfill His mandate of having come in the Father's name to fully represent Him. The Lord Jesus has sent us out in His name to represent Him even as He came in the Father's name representing the Father. Since we have been sent by Jesus in His name, we must follow the example Jesus set for us.

A life lived in the Father's name

"In My Father's name" was more than just a claim to a "sending agency." Everything about Jesus' life on earth was touched by the fact that He was here in the Father's name.

This is how Jesus lived His life as Someone who came in His Father's name.

Jesus lived in the bosom of the Father, walked in intimate fellowship with the Father, and revealed the Father (John 1:18). *"As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father"* (John 10:15).

Jesus walked in perfect union with the Father so that He could say, *"I and My Father are one*" (John 10:30). *"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also ..."* (John 14:7). *"...he who has seen Me has seen the Father"* (John 14:9).

He was very aware of the Father's love and rested in the Father's love for Him. *"The Father loves the Son"* (John 3:35). *"For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these"* (John 5:20). See also John 10:17.

He was not afraid to acknowledge His relationship with the Father even though this meant He'd be put to death because of it (John 5:18).

He recognized that if people dishonored Him or rejected Him, they were dishonoring and rejecting the Father who sent Him (John 5:23). *"He who hates Me hates My Father also"* (John 15:23).

He was fueled, energized, and sustained by doing the Father's will and the Father's works. *"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work"* (John 4:34). *"I can of Myself do nothing ... I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me"* (John 5:30). *"As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, ..."* (John 6:57). *"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do"* (John 17:4).

He did the Father's works. He was committed to seeing and doing what the Father was doing (John 5:17,19).

Jesus understood that the works of the Father that He did were a witness, an attestation, a testimony of the fact that He was sent by the Father (John 5:36). He was confident of the Father's seal of approval over His life (John 6:27).

The works He did were an expression of His union with the Father. *"... believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him*" (John 10:38). *"... but the Father who dwells in Me does the works"* (John 14:10). *"Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves"* (John 14:11).

He spoke what the Father taught Him. *"… as My Father taught Me, I speak these things"* (John 8:28). "*I speak what I have seen with My Father*" (John 8:38). "*For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak...Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak"* (John 12:49,50). *"The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority ..."* (John 14:10). *"… the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me"* (John 14:24).

He had absolute confidence that the Father heard Him when He prayed. Standing before Lazarus' tomb, Jesus said, *"Father, I thank You that You have heard Me"* (John 11:41).

He knew He was *"… Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world ..."* (John 10:36)

Jesus walked with the assurance that *"all that the Father gives Me will come to Me"* (John 6:37). The people who were appointed to come to Him will come to Him. He also knew that they were safe in the Father's hand. *"My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand"* (John 10:29).

Jesus was assured and confident of the Father being with Him at all times. *"I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me"* (John 8:16). *"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, ..."* (John 8:29). *"... you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me"* (John 16:32).

Jesus lived a life that always pleased the Father *"... I always do those things that please Him"* (John 8:29). He walked in submission to the Father. *"... My Father is greater than I"* (John 14:28). *"... I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do"* (John 14:31). *"... I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love"* (John 15:10).

Jesus lived to glorify the Father. He prayed, *"Father, glorify Your name"* (John 12:28). *"I have glorified You on the earth"* (John 17:4).

Manifested and declared Your name

In His prayer to the Father in John 17, Jesus made mention of the use of the Father's name. We draw some insights from these statements.

John 17:6,26
6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it,* that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

John 17:6,26 (TPT)
6"Father, I have manifested who you really are
and I have revealed you to the men and women
that you gave to me.
They were yours, and you gave them to me,
and they have fastened your Word firmly to their hearts.
26I have revealed to them who you are
and I will continue to make you even more real to them,
so that they may experience the same endless love
that you have for me,
for your love will now live in them, even as I live in them!"

While the New King James version provides the literal translation of Jesus' statement, "*I have manifested Your name*," The Passion Translation (TPT) brings out the meaning of that statement, "*I have manifested who you really are and I have revealed you*." This makes it clear that Jesus' objective of coming, speaking, and working in the Father's name is to manifest and reveal who the Father really is. Even so, our objective in going in Jesus' name is to manifest and reveal to people who Jesus really is.

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Kept through Your name

John 17:11,12

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are*.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Jesus uses the same word "keep" (Greek *tēreō*) meaning "to guard, protect, keep an eye on" in both verses 11 and 12. While Jesus was with the disciples physically, in the Father's name, that is, by the authority of the Father, Jesus extended spiritual protection over the men who had been given to Him. And now, as He was aware that His departure was near, He

asks for that same spiritual protection available through the Father's name to continue to protect and guard His disciples. This teaches us that we can extend spiritual protection in the name of Jesus over people we care about and over those who are entrusted to us.

A life lived in complete union with the Father

John 20:21
So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

In observing how Jesus operated in the Father's name, we gain a lot of insight on what it means for us as disciples to use the name of Jesus. For us to say "in Jesus' name" is more than a phrase we use. Stating "in Jesus' name" should mean to us what stating "in My Father's name" meant to Jesus. It touched everything. All earthly life flowed from the fact that He was here in the Father's name. It was a life lived in complete union with the Father.

We cannot separate Jesus' statement, "*I have come in My Father's name*" from His personal walk with the Father. The fact that He came in the Father's name also meant that He walked in a certain manner with the Father—a walk of complete union with the Father. Even so, we should not separate our use of the name of Jesus from our personal walk with the Lord Jesus Himself. We are in Jesus and He is in us. This union with Jesus and how we live that out each day is important to our use of the name of Jesus.

The way Jesus lived His life on earth in union with the Father is a model of how we ought to live our lives in union with Jesus. *"As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me"* (John 6:57). *"At that day you will know that I am in My*

Father, and you in Me, and I in you" (John 14:20). *"He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked"* (1 John 2:6).

The use of the name of Jesus by a believer, while it is an expression of the authority delegated to us by the Lord Jesus, extends far beyond this. It is about who we are, how we live our lives, what we say and do. It is a life lived in complete union with Jesus. It is about fully representing Jesus in every way, in all things, at all times.

JESUS CAME IN THE FATHER'S NAME.
HE HAS SENT US IN HIS NAME.
AS JESUS WALKED IN UNION WITH THE FATHER,
WE OUGHT TO WALK IN UNION WITH JESUS
SO THAT THROUGH THE USE OF HIS NAME,
WE WILL FULLY REPRESENT JESUS.

Reflection



1) Review what it meant to Jesus when He said, "*I have come in My Father's name*." What did it mean in terms of …
   - the source of His authority—the Father has authorized me,
   - the objective of His assignment—reveal and glorify the Father,
   - the alignment of His daily life—live in complete union with the Father, and
   - the approach to ministry—speak what the Father speaks, do what the Father does.

How do we imitate this when we go out "in Jesus' name"?

5
The Right to Use the Name of Jesus

As we have mentioned earlier, the Lord Jesus sent out His 12 apostles, and later another 70 disciples, to represent Him and go preach what He would preach and do what He would do—healings, deliverances, and miracles—using His name. So, these people went about "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" doing mighty works.

The early disciples

We have a record in the Gospels of Jesus commissioning the 12 apostles to go and do the work He was doing.

Matthew 10:1,7,8 (see also Mark 6:7,12,13)
[1] And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him,* He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.
[7] And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
[8] Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 9:1,2,6,10a
[1]Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.
[2] He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
[6] So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.
[10] And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done.

While we do not have a record of Jesus explicitly teaching His 12 apostles how to use His name, we know that they went

out using His name. In Luke 9, shortly after the apostles being sent out, we have the following record.

Luke 9:49,50
49 Now John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."
50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid *him,* for he who is not against us is on our side."

So evidently, some other person who was not part of the 12 apostles "caught on" to what was happening. That person must have also seen and heard Jesus, believed in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, and then gone ahead to use the name of Jesus to cast out demons and work miracles (see also Mark 9:38,39). Hence, we know that the 12 apostles were boldly using the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to do His works, and so was someone else.

Jesus appointed another 70 followers and He gave them the same commission as He did to the 12 apostles.

Luke 10:1,9,17-19
1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.
9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'
17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."
18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

This makes it very clear that these apostles and disciples were preaching and doing mighty works of healing and

deliverance in Jesus' name. They were excited at the results they were seeing using the name of Jesus. "*Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name* (v.17)." Jesus then explains to them the scope of the authority they have through the use of His name. The authority they would walk in was "*over all the power of the enemy*." And they need not have any fear of the enemy retaliating successfully against them because Jesus said, "*and nothing shall by any means hurt you*."

THE NAME OF JESUS
GIVES US AUTHORITY
OVER ALL DEMONS AND
ALL OF SATAN'S POWER.

Jesus extends the right to use His name to all believers

In John's Gospel, we have the record of Jesus teaching His disciples about using His name in the context of doing His works and in prayer. We mention these Scriptures here, and will consider them again in detail later.

John 14:12-14

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

John 16:23,24

23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.
24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Please consider the following.

In John 14:12-14, the context is all believers doing the works that Jesus was doing and even greater works post His ascension following which He sent the Holy Spirit to empower all believers. The context of John 16:23,24 is also *"in that day"* referring to the time after His resurrection, which is the time we are in.

Hence, the right to use the name of Jesus and to do the works Jesus did and even greater works has been given to every believer. The right to use the name of Jesus to bring our requests directly to the Father and have our prayers answered has been given to every believer.

The Lord Jesus also taught His disciples several other aspects of using His name. We will be covering these in subsequent chapters.

Following His resurrection, in the Great Commission, we once again see the right to use the name of Jesus being given to all believers.

Mark 16:17,18

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Implicit in this commission is the fact that all those who believe, all believers, can use the name of Jesus to do all that Jesus mentioned. All believers can confront, exercise authority over, and cast out demons. If situations arise where they must do dangerous things (for example, take up serpents, drink anything poisonous, etc.), they will come through unscathed in Jesus' name. They will minister healing to the sick in the name of Jesus.

The power of attorney given to all believers

In today's language, we would say that Jesus gave us the "power of attorney," which is the right to use His name to carry out His stated purpose.

Without going into too many legal details, simply understood, the power of attorney depends on ...

1) who is behind that name—you are representing that person in matters that concern them
2) the extent of use—you can use it to do such and such, and the duration or period during which the power of attorney is in effect

Jesus has given us the privilege and the right to use His name. He is behind His name. We have taken time to get a glimpse of the greatness of the Person who has given us the privilege to use His name. Perhaps our hearts and minds will never be able to fully fathom, our words will be insufficient to describe the great privilege that has been given to us in Jesus giving us the right to use His name.

We are here to represent Jesus, reveal Him, advance the Kingdom, build His church, serve people, glorify the Father, and do His works in His name. He has authorized us to represent Him fully.

As far as we know from the Scripture, the Church, the saints will represent Jesus both in this present age (called the "Church age") and during the Millennium (the 1000 years reign of Jesus). So, our power of attorney is not expiring any time soon!

Jesus has given every believer, from the smallest child to the oldest adult, the power of attorney, the privilege, and the

right to use His name to represent Him fully. Each one of us can walk in the power and authority that His name represents. What a privilege we have! May our hearts grasp this! May we arise and walk in the power and authority that is ours in the mighty name of Jesus!

JESUS HAS GIVEN EVERY BELIEVER,
FROM THE SMALLEST CHILD TO
THE OLDEST ADULT,
THE POWER OF ATTORNEY,
THE PRIVILEGE AND THE RIGHT TO USE
HIS NAME
TO REPRESENT HIM FULLY.

Reflection



1) Review the Scriptures presented in this chapter that clearly indicate that every believer has been given the privilege of using the name of Jesus to do mighty works and in prayer.

2) If the believer's power of attorney is still in effect, then is it right to say that the days of miracles for the Church passed away at the end of the Early Church (or when the last apostle died)? Did Jesus indicate anywhere that the scope of the power of attorney would change after the Scriptures were written?

6

God the Holy Spirit Is Here in Jesus' Name

John 14:16-18,26
16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 14:26 (AMPC)
But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

In referring to the Holy Spirit, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit is *"another Helper"* (John 14:16) or *'allos parakletos.'* The word *'allos'* means "another of the same kind" (**Example**: Two apples) as opposed to *'heteros,'* which is "another of a different kind" (**Example**: An apple and an orange). The Holy Spirit is God and a Person in the God-Head (1 John 5:7). The Holy Spirit fully represents the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is exactly like Jesus and fully represents Jesus and so Jesus said while sending the Holy Spirit, *"I will come to you."* The Holy Spirit so completely represents Jesus that

the Holy Spirit is also called, *"the Spirit of Christ"* (Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11) and *"the Spirit of His Son"* (Galatians 4:6).

The Holy Spirit has been sent in Jesus' name. The Amplified Bible Classic edition explains what "*in My name*" means. It states, "*in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf.*" The Holy Spirit is here in Jesus' place, fully representing Him and to act on His behalf. This means the Holy Spirit will reveal and manifest Jesus making Him known, and will say and do everything Jesus would say and do if Jesus were here Himself.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HERE
IN JESUS' NAME.
HE IS HERE TAKING JESUS' PLACE,
FULLY REPRESENTING HIM
AND TO ACT ON HIS BEHALF.

John 15:26,27
[26] "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
[27] And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

The Holy Spirit testifies, bears witness of, speaks, and reveals Jesus. And we have been given the same assignment to testify, bear witness, speak, and reveal Jesus.

John 16:14
He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

The Holy Spirit is here in Jesus' name and so speaks and works in a manner that glorifies Jesus. And this is also our assignment—to glorify Jesus in the world.

An important truth to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit works through the believer. So, in His capacity of having come in Jesus' name, the Holy Spirit seeks to fulfill His work in cooperation with the believer.

Just as the Holy Spirit has come in Jesus' name, we too have been sent in Jesus' name. So, when we say "in Jesus' name," we are not standing alone. The Spirit of God is with us as we speak and work in Jesus' name. He is with us in everything that we do in Jesus' name. The believer moving in Jesus' name can be assured of the Spirit of God being with him. The Spirit of God will work in and through us in such a manner as to glorify Jesus and fully reveal Jesus through us. In fact, we can be assured that He is more eager to do this than we are! We are here together with the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name!

As the apostles said, "*And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him*" (Acts 5:32).

Reflection



1) The Holy Spirit is here in Jesus' name. The believer has also been sent in Jesus' name. Think through on what all this means to the believer. In light of this, how should we change our engagement, our interaction and cooperation with the Person of the Holy Spirit?

7

What Happens When We Use the Name of Jesus

When we declare that we are saying or doing something in Jesus' name, what exactly are we doing? For example, if we lay hands on a sick person, or minister to a sick person in any other way in the name of Jesus, what exactly are we doing? When we speak to demons commanding them to leave in Jesus' name, what exactly is that signifying in the spiritual realm? When we speak to a storm (this could be a circumstance, a situation) or a mountain (this could be an obstacle, a challenge) in the name of Jesus, what should we expect? When we pray asking the Father for something to be done in Jesus' name, how does the Father see this petition being placed before Him? In the spiritual realm, what dynamics go into effect when we as believers use the name of Jesus?

When we as believers use the name of Jesus, we are exercising the power of attorney that Jesus has given to us. We are doing something we have been authorized to do by the Lord Jesus Himself. Think about the traffic police. The street could be crowded with vehicles. But when the man in his traffic police uniform raises his hand indicating "Stop," all the vehicles come to a halt. Physically, it would be impossible for him to stop the vehicles. But because he has been authorized by the local government, and he in his uniform is exercising his authority (doing what he has been authorized to do), drivers recognize his authority and stop their vehicles. By way of comparison, we can say that when we use the name of Jesus,

spiritually speaking, we are stepping into our uniform, our heavenly authorization, and issuing a decree that the spiritual realm understands and responds to.

When we say, "in Jesus' name," we are boldly indicating that we are doing what we are doing representing Jesus in His place, on His behalf, doing what Jesus would do if He were present with all His authority and power backing us up.

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His name brings Him in on the matter. Jesus is now right there. He, Jesus, is in His name. In His name, He is present (Matthew 18:20). It is now as though He were laying His hand(s) on the sick person that we are laying our hands on. It is now as though Jesus was speaking the command that we are speaking in His name. Jesus is acting through us. All who He is now bears on the situation.

His name causes all of heaven's authority to come in on the situation. The same royalty that is behind His name, the same Kingdom power, dominion, and authority behind His name now weighs in on the situation. Nothing is impossible now. All authority is in His name. When we use the name of Jesus against sickness, sickness has no authority. When we use the name of Jesus against demonic powers, demons have no authority. They are powerless against that name. In Jesus' name, Kingdom dominion is brought onto the situation.

In His name, His power is present (1 Corinthians 5:4). When we use the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Christ, the One who has been sent in His name, is present right there. The power of the almighty God is released. The Spirit's power is released to accompany those words of command that we have issued in Jesus' name.

When we pray in Jesus' name, we are standing in His place, on His behalf, and petitioning the Father. It is as though Jesus Himself were making that petition. It cannot be any other way. Our prayer now carries His name along with ours. It would be meaningless to pray "in Jesus' name" and expect our prayer not to have His name on it! When we mention "in Jesus' name" in our prayer, we have expressed that we are making this prayer representing Jesus in His place, on His behalf, to ask what Jesus would ask if He were present with all His authority and power backing us up!

Representing Him accurately

In His name, we represent Him to say and do what He would say and do. It is therefore important that we represent Him accurately by saying and doing what Jesus would say and do.

Hence, it is important to know what Jesus would say or do in any situation. We must renew our minds, that is, our thinking, to think aligned to Jesus as we see Him in the Gospels. For instance, here are a few things that characterize how Jesus thought, spoke, and walked as seen in the Gospels.

In a storm that was almost sinking their boat, Jesus was at peace. When He awoke, He confronted the storm commanding the winds and waves to be calm.

When things go from bad to worse as in the case of Jairus' daughter who died while Jesus was still on the way to

Jairus' house, Jesus simply said, "*Fear not, only believe*," and the daughter was raised to life.

When faced with a need before Him with over 5000 men, women, and children, Jesus told His disciples to give them something to eat. It was a natural impossibility and yet, He proceeded to pray, multiply, and distribute five loaves and two fish from a little boy's lunch.

When He met the man who had just experienced a spiritual failure with the disciples of Jesus not being able to cast the demon out of his child, Jesus said to him, "*If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes*" (Mark 9:23).

When faced with a hopeless situation with Lazarus dead and in the tomb for four days, Jesus said, *"... if you would believe you would see the glory of God"* (John 11:40).

This is the mind of Christ. This is Jesus' perspective. This is how Jesus acted and responded to situations. This is what He saw and heard from the Father.

Listen to the Holy Spirit

John 16:13-15
[13] However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority,* but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
[14] He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.
[15] All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

The Holy Spirit is here in Jesus' name. He is in us. He is the One who guides us into all truth. He takes of what Jesus is saying and speaks that to us. Hence, for us to correctly

represent Jesus, we must also learn to listen to the Spirit of God. He reveals the mind of Christ to us (1 Corinthians 2:9-16) so we will know what to say and do so we can represent Jesus accurately.

Reflection



1) Reflect on the various spiritual dynamics that come into effect when we pray, speak, or act "in Jesus' name." How will this revelation change the way you pray, face personal life situations, and the way you minister to people in need?

2) To represent Christ accurately, when we pray, speak, or act in His name, we need to know the mind of Christ by
   - observing Him closely in the Gospels and
   - listening to the Holy Spirit.

   Evaluate yourself in these two areas.
   - Do you think you have a good understanding of how Jesus thought and responded to various situations as recorded for us in the Gospels?
   - Are you comfortable (proficient) in asking, listening, and hearing from the Holy Spirit in daily life situations?

(For further study, please see the APC books, "**Receiving God's Guidance**," "**The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**" and "**The Wonderful Benefits of Speaking in Tongues**" available as FREE downloads at **apcwo.org/books**.)

8

Believe in the Name of Jesus

Using the name of Jesus is not a good luck charm, a magical phrase like "open sesame," or an incantation, a ritual, or spiritual tradition that is used to have good things happen. Just speaking that name as vain repetition in a meaningless way will not empower us to see what the Lord has promised. In order to speak that name in an effective way, we must believe in the Person Jesus and believe in the authority of His name.

Believe in Him, believe in His name

There are numerous places in Scripture where we are called to believe in the name of Jesus as well as believe in the Person Jesus Christ.

Consider a few.

John 1:12
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 3:18 (see also John 20:31; 1 John 5:13)
"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 6:28,29
[28] Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"
[29] Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

As we have discovered in earlier chapters, to believe in His name is to believe in Him, the Person. For us to have faith

in the name of Jesus, we must know and have faith in the Person Jesus whom the name represents.

Use the name with faith in the name

Faith must be coupled with the use of the name of Jesus. Consider these Scriptures that teach us the importance of faith when using the name of Jesus.

Matthew 17:19-21
19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"
20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.
21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

We have established earlier in Chapter 5 that the apostles were operating in the name of Jesus, healing the sick, casting out demons, and working miracles. They were seeing good results. However, here in Matthew 17, we have a situation where the disciples failed to cast a demon out of a boy. Surely they used the name of Jesus as they had done many times previously yet the boy was not set free. Jesus came by later and delivered the boy. When the disciples enquired as to why they were not able to cast the demon out, Jesus pointed to one main problem—**unbelief**. As a solution, He pointed to the power of just a mustard-seed-sized faith. Faith must be coupled with the exercise of delegated authority in the name of Jesus. Prayer and fasting helps to move unbelief out of the way so that faith can arise in our hearts and deal with these kinds of demons.

FAITH MUST BE COUPLED WITH THE EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

When Peter and John raised the man, who had been crippled for 40 years, up into perfect wholeness at the gate of the temple, people were all amazed. This is what Peter stated in his message to them at the temple.

Acts 3:16
And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Peter pointed to the name of Jesus and faith in the name of Jesus that caused the healing of the crippled man. This emphasizes to us that the name of Jesus must be spoken with faith in the Person, who Jesus is and what He is more than able to do in the situation.

We see this reiterated for us once again in the epistle of James.

James 5:14,15
14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

We are to minister to the sick in the name of Jesus and pray the prayer of faith. It is the prayer made with faith and made in the name of Jesus that will cause the sick to be healed—once again clearly teaching us that we must exercise faith when using the name of Jesus in prayer when ministering to a sick person. Just as a reminder, the kind of faith James is referring to has been described for us in Chapter 1, the "no doubting, no wavering, single-minded, absolutely certain, kind of faith," *"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for*

he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:6-8).

When we use the name of Jesus in prayer, or when exercising authority over situations, sickness, demons, natural elements, etc., we must do so with the **"no doubting, no wavering, single-minded, absolutely certain, kind of faith"** in Jesus.

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Reflection



1) Imagine yourself being one of the apostles in Matthew 17:14-21 trying to cast the demon out of the boy. You, along with the other apostles, have cast demons out several times using the authority delegated to you in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth before but you are not seeing positive results in this case. What could be some of the causes of unbelief overriding faith in a situation like this?
2) How can we develop and strengthen our faith in the Person Jesus and in His name?

9

In Jesus' Name

As believers, we must understand and walk in the mandate that the Lord has laid upon us when He authorized us to use His name and sent us out in His name. Since it is the Lord who authorized us giving us the immense privilege and right to use His name, it is our responsibility to use that name and do what He wants us to do. We make no apology for operating in His name, stepping out to accurately represent Him, acting in His place, on His behalf to do what He would do if He were present. There is no shame on our part in us "trying to be like Jesus" because that is what we are called to be! *"As He is, so are we in this world"* (1 John 4:17). We live life the Jesus way—we live as Jesus lived—thinking, speaking, acting, responding, and behaving just like Jesus (1 John 2:6). And we do this in Jesus' name!

The Early Church understood it. These were simple, ordinary people but they knew what it meant to operate in the name of Jesus. As believers today, we must also understand what Jesus intended for us to have when He gave us the right to use His name.

Know and act on what you have in Jesus' name

Acts 3:6,7

6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."
7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Peter said, "*What I do have I give you*." Peter knew he had something. He knew that he had the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Peter knew he had been authorized to use what was in that name. He knew that there was healing in that name. He knew there was power in that name to heal this man crippled for 40 years from birth. And that day, Peter knew that the Lord wanted him to minister to this crippled man and give him what was there in the name of Jesus.

Yet, Peter had to do something. He had to speak and he had to act in the name of Jesus. Else, the name that Peter had, and all that was in that name, would be of no value to this crippled man. So, Peter stepped up boldly, spoke out in the name of Jesus commanding the lame man who had never walked to rise and walk. He acted boldly in the name of Jesus and raised that man up. That name did not fail. The power in that name made this man whole.

Acts 4:7
And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

Acts 4:10
let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

It is interesting to observe how Peter and John were questioned by the religious leaders about the miraculous healing of the crippled man. They were asked as to what power or "*by what name*" have you done this? The Greek word for "power" is *'dunamis'* and is used to refer to supernatural power. It is the same word used to refer to the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). *"By what name"* is another way of asking, "By whose authority?" or "Whom are you representing when you are doing this?" Peter's response is very clear. The power

and authority came "*by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth*." We must know the power and authority that we have available in the name of Jesus. God's power and authority is released when we step out boldly in the name of Jesus to do what Jesus wants us to do.

GOD'S POWER AND AUTHORITY IS RELEASED
WHEN WE STEP OUT BOLDLY
IN THE NAME OF JESUS
TO DO WHAT JESUS WANTS US TO DO.

Know who you are in Christ

A very important part of developing confidence in exercising the authority that has been delegated to us is for us to know our identity in Christ. Our ability to exercise spiritual authority to dominate demons, disease, circumstances, and situations is closely tied to our understanding of our spiritual identity in Christ. Among all the other things that we have in Christ, we must know that we as children of God have been made *"heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ"* (Romans 8:17). God has *"made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"* (Ephesians 2:6). As recipients of God's abundant grace and the gift of righteousness in Christ, we are positioned to rule, reign, and have dominion in this life (Romans 5:17). When we operate in the name of Jesus, we are operating from our position of being seated with Jesus at the Father's right hand, at the highest throne in all realms.

We must embrace these truths and act on them. We must be bold and fearless as we step out in Jesus' name!

The rest of this book

Till this point in this book, the focus has been on helping us understand what is available to us through the use of the

name of Jesus. We've spent much time in establishing a solid spiritual foundation so that we know what it means to be given the privilege to use the name of Jesus.

The rest of this book assembles in short, easy-to-read chapters what the New Testament teaches on how we use the name of Jesus. Let us use the name of Jesus in all facets of our lives as presented for us in the New Testament.

Reflection



1) Identify some of the inhibiting factors—things that hold you back from stepping out boldly in Jesus' name—in your personal life or when ministering to others. How can you overcome these?

10
Forgiveness in Jesus' Name

Luke 24:47
and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 10:43
To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

1 John 2:12
I write to you, little children,
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

Sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

First, at a personal level, know that we have been forgiven for His name's sake or because of His name. The name "Jesus" is the name of the One who has paid for all our sins. His was a once-for-all, complete sacrifice for sins. When we believe in Him and receive forgiveness of sins in His name, there is nothing more we need to do to have our sins forgiven. Our faith in what He has done, in who He is, and in His name is all that is required.

This is so simple and yet so thrilling that sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. As believers, if we do sin, we confess and receive forgiveness in Jesus' name. When we say, "Father, please forgive me in Jesus' name," we are making our request in the name of the One who has paid the price for our sins already. While repentance is important, God forgives us not because of our tears, sorrow, guilt, or remorse but because

of the One in whose name we have asked for forgiveness. The One who paid for all our sins stands right there in the presence of the Father on our behalf (1 John 2:1,2). *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9) because *"... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7).

Second, we are to preach (share, tell others) about repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. When we present the Gospel, we let others know that they can have their sins forgiven through faith in Jesus' name and what He has done for them on the Cross. We must not lay any other requirement such as joining our local church or doing anything else that seemingly gets them to purchase their forgiveness. Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 14.)

11
Salvation in Jesus' Name

Matthew 1:21
And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

We have observed in Chapter 1 that the name "Jesus" means "Savior" or "God who is salvation." We also explained that in the New Testament, "salvation" is a comprehensive word '*sozo*' that includes eternal salvation, forgiveness of sins, victory over sin, healing from sickness, victory in conflict, deliverance from every work of the enemy, rescue from harm, preservation from danger, and total wholeness. It means "to be saved, healed, delivered, victorious, rescued, preserved, and made whole." There is salvation in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:12
Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The Bible is very emphatic about this—there is salvation only in the name of Jesus. That is why we must share Jesus so that people will know Him and call upon His name.

Romans 10:13
For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Good News is that anyone can call on the name of Jesus and be saved.

Remember that salvation includes much more than just forgiveness of sins. As believers, we can call upon the name of the Lord for healing, for deliverance, for safety, for

protection—for all that is in that name—and the Scripture states that we shall be saved. Remember, salvation is in that name. We can call, make mention, declare that name boldly with faith in Jesus, and we will be saved.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 14.)

12
Eternal Life in Jesus' Name

John 1:12
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 3:18
"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 20:30,31
30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;
31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

1 John 5:13
These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

We are born again, born into God's family as His sons and daughters, when we believe in Jesus Christ for who He said He is and embrace His name. When we believe in His name, we have eternal life here and now. We can know, be certain, be confident that we have eternal life. And this is what God commands us to do—to believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ (1 John 3:23).

The name "Jesus" brings us eternal life, the very life of God, (Greek *zoe*) the God-kind of life. Jesus came to give us eternal life in abundance. This life fills us with light and

dispels darkness out of our lives (John 1:4,5). The mention of the name "Jesus" brings Jesus, the Life, in on the scene. Where His life is, what is of death departs. Where His life is, what is of darkness departs. Speak that name, declare that name, sing that name, and see death and darkness depart because His name is Life and Light, the God-kind of Life and the Light of God.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 14.)

13

Washed, Sanctified, and Justified in Jesus' Name

1 Corinthians 6:9-11
[9] Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,
[10] nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
[11] And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Acts 22:16
And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Like the believers at Corinth, all of us have things in our past that are displeasing to God. The wonderful news is that now, we have been washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

The word "washed" (Greek *apolouo*) is "to wash off, to wash the whole person." When we call on the name of the Lord Jesus, we are washed from our sins by the blood of Jesus Christ through the mercy of God. We are clean in Jesus' name. No stain of any of our sins is seen on us!

The word "sanctified" (Greek *hagiazo*) means "to hallow, to set apart, to consecrate, to separate from sin unto God." We are set apart, away from the world and unto God, and made His own in Jesus' name.

The word "justified" (Greek *dikaioo*) is "to declare righteous or just, free from all guilt, shame, judgment, and condemnation." We are justified freely by God's grace through faith in Jesus' name.

We must declare boldly that we are washed, sanctified, and justified in Jesus' name. One of satan's strategies is to make us feel dirty, sinful, unholy, unworthy, condemned, guilty, and ashamed. If the enemy gets us under any one of these, we are incapacitated and feel unfit to serve God. But we need to declare boldly what is ours in Jesus' name. The Lord Jesus Himself has provided for us to be washed, sanctified, and justified.

When we see people deep in sin, we must always look at them with eyes of hope. The Lord Jesus can wash, sanctify, and justify them just like He did for us! Pray and expect that to happen to them. People can be brought out of all forms of sin—become washed, sanctified (holy), and justified (righteous)—in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Declare the name of Jesus over them with expectation.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 14.)

14
Baptized in Jesus' Name

Matthew 28:19
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 2:38
Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the Great Commission, the Lord Jesus instructed us to baptize disciples "*in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*." Among other things, water baptism is a powerful expression of identification with and submission to the One (or what) you are baptized into. In this case, we are identifying and submitting ourselves to the God of the Bible, the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

After the Lord's ascension, starting from the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:28), we have a record of new believers at Samaria (Acts 8:16), those of Cornelius' household (Acts 10:48), those at Ephesus (Acts 19:5), and many more being baptized in the name of Jesus. There is no record that they followed the "baptism formula"—in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This of course is a point of great concern. However, we can safely assume that the apostles and those who continued after them strictly followed instructions and indeed baptized with the "baptism formula" as they were instructed by the Lord Jesus.

The record of the apostles inviting new believers to be baptized in the name of Jesus and then baptizing them can be understood to indicate two important things.

1) New believers had to believe and identify themselves with Jesus Christ for who He said He is. That He is truly God incarnate, the Son of God who came from the Father, paid the full price for our salvation, raised up by the Holy Spirit, and is seated at the Father's right hand.
2) In baptizing people in Jesus' name, the person administering water baptism is doing this representing Jesus in His place, acting on His behalf, and doing what He desires. Hence today, when we administer water baptism, we make the pronouncement, "In Jesus' name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" and then immerse the individual fully under water.

When we are water baptized in Jesus' name, we are making a public proclamation of our spiritual identification (spiritually being immersed into, being brought into union with) with Jesus Christ. As Galatians 3:27 states, "*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ*." We are clothed with Christ and it is Jesus who should be fully seen through us. The Passion Translation renders this verse as, *"Faith immersed you into Christ, and now you are covered and clothed with his life."* To put it plainly, we have said, "Yes" to the call to represent Jesus Christ fully and accurately in this world by living as Christ lives, speaking and doing what He would do. We are here in His name.

THERE IS FORGIVENESS,
SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE
IN JESUS' NAME.
WE HAVE BEEN WASHED, SANCTIFIED AND JUSTIFIED
IN JESUS' NAME.
WE ARE BAPTIZED
IN JESUS' NAME.

Reflection



This is for Chapters 10-14.

1) Reflect on the truth that there is forgiveness for sins, salvation, and eternal life in the name of Jesus. What does this mean to you personally? How do you apply this truth when you minister to others?
2) Reflect on the truth that you have been washed, sanctified, and justified in Jesus' name. What does this mean to you personally? How do you apply this truth when you minister to others?
3) What does it mean (spiritual significance) to be baptized in water in Jesus' name while the "baptism formula" of "*in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*" (Matthew 28:19) is pronounced as instructed in the Great Commission that Jesus gave us?

15
Pray in Jesus' Name

John 14:13,14
[13] And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
[14] If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

John 15:7,16
[7] If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
[16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

John 16:23,24,26,27
[23] "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.
[24] Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.
[26] In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;
[27] for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

One of the areas where Jesus taught us to use His name is in prayer. He instructed us to ask the Father directly in His name. He gave us the assurance that when we do this, we will receive what we have asked so that our joy will abound.

Now let's consider what it means to pray in Jesus' name. When we pray in Jesus' name, it is as though Jesus Himself were doing the praying here on earth. We are standing in His place, representing Him, acting on His behalf, and lifting up a

prayer that Jesus would have lifted up if He were here on earth. And in heaven, it is as though Jesus Himself was placing this petition before the Father, something which the Father will never turn down. This puts prayer on a totally different level giving our prayers in Jesus' name so much significance and importance. Every prayer we pray in Jesus' name has Jesus' signature on it, so to speak. We are assured that the Father will give us whatever we ask in Jesus' name. The secret to such "power in prayer" is that His Word remains in us and we remain in vital union with Him (John 15:7). Our prayers in Jesus' name must flow out of our complete union with Him. Such prayers will never be turned down by the Father.

In the Scriptures we have listed at the beginning of this chapter, we see how answered prayer is tied to the Father being glorified in our lives, to us bearing lasting fruit, and in our joy overflowing. The Father desires for us to enjoy these privileges by having all our prayers answered as we pray to Him in Jesus' name.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 17.)

16

Give Thanks and Worship in Jesus' Name

1 Corinthians 1:2
To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Ephesians 5:18-21
[18] And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
[19] speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,
[20] giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
[21] submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Colossians 3:16,17
[16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
[17] And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him

Hebrews 13:15
Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

We are instructed to lift up our thanks, our praise, our worship in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we begin to worship, we say, "Father, we worship You in Jesus' name." It is this name that has given us access into the Father's presence. It is this name that has made us acceptable, washed, sanctified,

and justified in God's presence. It is this name that makes our sacrifices well-pleasing and acceptable to God because this name represents the One who has washed us with His own blood and made us kings and priests to our God. It represents the One who has opened for us a new and living way through His sacrifice on the Cross, and whose blood gives us boldness to enter into the Holiest place. It is in this name and this name alone that we offer our praise, worship, and thanksgiving.

Therefore, when we praise and worship our God, we rest in this truth. Our sacrifices are accepted not because of our merit, not because of our own righteousness, or because of any great work we have done. Our sacrifices of praise, worship, and thanksgiving are a sweet-smelling aroma before God because they are offered up in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the Old Testament, the priests were the ministers in the sanctuary who received the offerings brought by the people and offered it up to God. These priests were men, themselves fallible and could themselves be rejected by God. However, Jesus is our High Priest, the Minister in the heavenly Sanctuary. "*Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man*" (Hebrews 8:1,2). When we offer our sacrifices of praise, worship, thanksgiving, our tithes and offerings in Jesus' name, it passes from us to our Great High Priest, the Minister in the heavenly sanctuary, and is offered up before the Father. This is what happens when we offer up our spiritual sacrifices in Jesus' name!

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 17.)

17
Do All Things in Jesus' Name

Colossians 3:16,17
[16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
[17] And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Whatever we do, every activity, every detail, the Scripture instructs us to do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus! Let's do this. Remember we have already discovered what happens when we use the name of Jesus in Chapter 7. When we declare "in Jesus' name," it brings Jesus into the situation. His presence, His power, His authority, and His Spirit are all involved now in the matter. All who He is has now come to bear on the situation because we have called upon His name, declared we are acting in His name.

- When you wake up in the morning and get your feet on the floor, declare, "I go through this day in Jesus' name. I declare victory, blessing, peace, joy, wisdom, and prosperity over all my ways in Jesus' name."
- When you are in the kitchen cooking, declare, "I do my cooking today in Jesus' name."
- When you get into your vehicle to drive, declare, "I drive today in Jesus' name."
- When you go into a business meeting, declare, "I go into this meeting in Jesus' name."

- When you are helping someone, serving someone, praying for someone, ministering to their needs, giving to their need, ministering healing or deliverance, do it in Jesus' name.

Whatever you do, declare that you are doing it in Jesus' name. Then represent Jesus accurately. Think, say, and do what Jesus would do. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you do this. "*Let every activity of your lives and every word that comes from your lips be drenched with the beauty of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One*" (Colossians 3:17, The Passion Translation).

OUR PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED
IN JESUS' NAME.
OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP,
AND THANKSGIVING ARE ACCEPTED
IN JESUS' NAME.
EVERYTHING WE SAY AND DO, WE DO IT
IN JESUS' NAME.

Reflection



This is for Chapters 15-17.

1) Reflect on the significance of praying to the Father in Jesus' name. How can you develop "power in prayer" to see all your prayers answered and walk in what Jesus said can be yours for your prayer life?
2) Reflect on what happens when you offer your spiritual sacrifices in Jesus' name. How does this help eliminate all questions and doubts whether God is pleased with what you are offering up to Him?

3) Reflect on what it means when you declare that you are doing something in Jesus' name, whatever it may be—at home, at work, or elsewhere. Apply insights from Chapter 7 where we explained what happens when we use the name of Jesus.

18
We Gather in Jesus' Name

Matthew 18:18-20
[18] "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
[19] "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.
[20] For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

1 Corinthians 5:4
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Lord Jesus revealed that when two or three gather in His name, He is present there. As we stated earlier, His name brings Him in! He, Jesus, is present in His name. When we as believers gather together in His name, we can do many things together. We can worship, pray, study His Word, fellowship, encourage, minister to each other, and so on. In the passage in Matthew referenced, we see specifically that with the Lord being present amongst us, we draw from His authority and power and cause that to bear on matters on the earth through the prayer of agreement (the people gathered together in Jesus' name agree together in prayer) and through "binding and loosing."

The apostle Paul affirms this when he stated that as believers are gathered together in the name of our Lord Jesus, the power of our Lord Jesus is also present there.

When we come together as believers in the name of Jesus, whether it is two of us, three of us, or many more of us, Jesus is present. His power is available for us to draw from and cause to bear on matters that concern us. We must come into agreement, be of one heart and one mind, and through the prayer of agreement, cause the power of our Lord Jesus Christ to work on the situations we pray about. We bind and loose on earth permitting and prohibiting things on earth according to the Father's will, and heaven backs this up. There are great realms of power, dominion, and authority available to us as we gather together in Jesus' name. Let us tap into what Jesus has made available to us.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 19.)

19

Receive, Honor, and Bless One Another in Jesus' Name

Matthew 10:41,42
41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.
42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Mark 9:37 (see also Matthew 18:5; Luke 9:48)
"Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

Hebrews 6:10
For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

3 John 1:5-8
5 Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers,
6 who have borne witness of your love before the church. *If* you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,
7 because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.
8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

When we honor someone because of Jesus' name, we honor Jesus Himself. Whether it is another disciple, even a

little child, or a minister of the Gospel, when we honor them because of Jesus' name, we honor the Lord Jesus and the Father. The good that we do in Jesus' name, even as simple as offering a cup of cold water or any other work and labor of love, is done to the Lord Himself. When we honor, bless, and support those who go out in ministry in the name of the Lord, we share in their work for the Kingdom of God. And the Lord will remember these and reward us.

We must understand the importance of receiving and honoring one another in Jesus' name. The fact is that we may not always like every person we meet. We may not agree on everything with every person. But we can still walk in love, honor, and bless each other in the name of Jesus Christ.

While the Scripture does teach us to give *"double honor"* to *"those who labor in the word and doctrine"* (1 Timothy 5:17), we must not think it as less important to bless the least of the saints of God. Remember Jesus said, *"...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me"* (Matthew 25:40). Whatever we do, small or big, when we do it in Jesus' name to a little saint of God or to a renowned minister of God, we are doing it to Jesus. That is what matters. We are accurately representing Jesus when we do this.

[**Sidenote**: As a note of caution, we must also be "*wise as serpents*" and not permit others to abuse our kindness and waste away our God-given resources of time, energy, and money "in the name of a disciple."]

WHEN WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME,
JESUS IS THERE
AND HIS POWER IS AVAILABLE!
WHEN WE HONOR AND BLESS ONE ANOTHER
IN JESUS' NAME,
WE HONOR JESUS AND THE FATHER!

Reflection



This is for Chapters 18 and 19.

1) Reflect on the truth that as we gather together in Jesus' name, Jesus is present and His power is available. What instructions did Jesus give us in Matthew 18:18-20 that teach us about how we can draw from His presence and power and cause that to affect matters on earth?
2) How can you make honoring and blessing others in Jesus' name a normal, natural, and consistent part of your lifestyle? If there are inner issues (for example, unforgiveness, hatred, prejudice, strife, jealousy, competition, insecurity, etc.) that keep you from honoring one or more people, confess that to the Lord and ask Him to release you from them. Keep your heart clean and free to honor and bless all people in Jesus' name.

20

Preach, Teach, and Minister in Jesus' Name

Acts 4:17,18
17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."
18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:28
saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

One of the things the religious leaders feared about the Early Church was their preaching, teaching, and ministering in the name of Jesus Christ. They feared that name! This is so true in our day as well. People don't mind nice homilies, sermonette, and inspirational talks as long as we don't mention the name "Jesus Christ". However, external pressure and threats did not stop the apostles from teaching, preaching, and ministering in the name of Jesus. They kept on ministering in that name, and so must we. The very basis for our life and ministry, all that we preach and teach is in that name.

Preaching in the name of Jesus changes lives, causes healings, miracles, and deliverances to take place. This is what took place in Jerusalem in those early days.

Acts 8:5-8,12
5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.

6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.
8 And there was great joy in that city.
12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Philip had been nurtured and trained in the local church at Jerusalem. At Samaria, he preached Christ, which included preaching about the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. Philip did what he had seen the apostle do and had the same results. People turned to Jesus, miracles took place, demons were cast out, people were healed, and experienced great joy! This is what preaching in the name of Jesus Christ will produce.

As we preach, teach, and minister today, we must do so in the name of Jesus. This means that we do so representing Jesus and with the intent of truly revealing Jesus for who He really is. The name of Jesus has not lost any of its power, and if we are doing our preaching, teaching, and ministering in His name correctly, we will see the same outcomes as the Early Church did.

We must be bold in our preaching in the name of Jesus. Saul was a highly educated Pharisee who was completely against the name of Jesus Christ. Immediately after his powerful encounter with Jesus, on his way to Damascus, he *"preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus"* (Acts 9:27,29).

Each of us must recognize that the grace and calling we have been given is to touch the nation for His name. As the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 1:5, *"Through Him we have*

received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name."

The Lord Jesus, who is the Head of the Church, sees us as we preach, teach, and minister in His name. He observes our perseverance, patience, and untiring labor for His name's sake (Revelation 2:3).

So, let's stay true to the name of Jesus Christ in our preaching, teaching, and ministry. If we do not proclaim Him and His name loud, bold, and strong, we are failing Him, the One who gave us the privilege to use His name.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 24.)

21
Heal in Jesus' Name

Mark 16:17,18
[17] And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
[18] they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Acts 3:6,12,16
[6] Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."
[12] So when Peter saw *it,* he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?
[16] And His name (Jesus)**, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**

Acts 4:7,10
[7] And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"
[10] let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

James 5:14,15
[14] Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
[15] And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Jesus is the Great Physician, the Mighty Healer, and healing is in His name. Jesus has commissioned all believers to use His name to heal the sick. There is no one method or approach to minister supernatural healing. We may lay hands on the sick, minister to them from a distance, minister to them over a phone call, send a prayer cloth (cloth that has been prayed over), anoint with oil, etc. The important thing is that we are ministering in Jesus' name. The mention of the name "Jesus" brings Jesus in. When we speak and command sickness and disease to leave and the sick person to be healed in Jesus' name, we must know that we are standing in Jesus' place, representing Him, and it is as good as Jesus Himself ministering to that individual. Our expectation must not be anything less than what would happen if Jesus were physically present ministering to that individual. This is what it means to minister healing to the sick in Jesus' name. We are not ministering based on our own power or holiness. We are ministering in the authority and power that is in Jesus' name.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 24.)

22

Work Miracles in Jesus' Name

Mark 9:38,39

[38] Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

[39] But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

Mark 16:17,18

[17] And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

[18] they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Acts 4:29-31,33

[29] Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

[30] by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

[31] And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

[33] And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

There are miracles, signs, and wonders in Jesus' name. Supernatural, unusual, unexpected, and impossible things can take place in the name of Jesus. Natural laws can be temporarily suspended. Things in the natural realm—animate and inanimate—are subject to the authority of Jesus' name.

All believers have access to miracles, signs, and wonders in Jesus' name.

Circumstances, situations, material things, etc. in the natural realm will respond to the command that we issue in the name of Jesus. Of course, we are not speaking randomly or arbitrarily to control and dictate these things according to our whims and fancies. We cannot do such things. But when there is a need to enforce the Father's will either in our own lives or for someone else, we can arise with faith in our hearts, and speak a word of command, or pray, in the name of Jesus and see the miraculous happen. Jesus is the Miracle Worker. He is the One who works miracles, signs, and wonders. He has authorized us to do what He would do if He were here by using His name. The Early Church prayed for this. They asked to see signs and wonders being done in the name of Jesus. And they did. It's our turn now!

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 24.)

23

Cast Out Demons in Jesus' Name

Luke 10:17-19
[17] Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."
[18] And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
[19] Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

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Acts 16:16-18
[16] Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.
[17] This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."
[18] And this she did for many days.
But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

In the name of Jesus, every believer has authority (Greek *exousia* meaning "delegated authority") over demons ("serpents and scorpions"*)* and over all of satan's power (Greek *dunamis* meaning "supernatural power"). We have authority

over all the ability of the enemy. Jesus has commissioned us to cast out demons using the authority we have in His name. In Acts 16, we see an example of how we do this. We command the evil spirit(s) in the name of Jesus Christ to come out, or to leave, or to stop doing what they are doing. And they will obey.

There may be times when demons interfere in our lives attempting to trouble, harass, oppress, or torment us in some area of life. We must sternly and boldly rebuke their work, commanding them to stop and leave in the name of Jesus Christ. When we submit to God and resist the devil, the Scriptures state that he will run terrified from us (James 4:7). We do the same when we minister to others who may be in some way troubled by evil spirits.

Try to envision what is happening in the spiritual realm when you confront demons in Jesus' name. In the spiritual realm, you are in Christ, an heir of God, and a joint-heir with Christ who is seated at the right hand of the Father having satan and every demon underneath your feet. You are covered by the blood of Jesus and anointed by the Holy Spirit. You have the sword of the Spirit in your hand and have the armor of God protecting you. You have angels on assignment assisting you. And now you step forward in Jesus' name. You are declaring that you are representing Jesus, acting in His place, on His behalf to do what He would do if He were there. When you announce in Jesus' name, Jesus is there. The Holy Spirit is there. And then you command the demons to leave. Do the demons stand a chance? They may be stubborn and try to resist but you know fully well that they don't stand a chance. Absolutely not! In Jesus' name, you are unstoppable. They must flee.

As far as the believer is concerned, demons are terrified of us when we know and operate in our spiritual authority in the name of Jesus. As believers, we should not have any fear of being attacked and overpowered by demons in retaliation to us casting them out. Jesus clearly stated in dealing with demons *"nothing shall by any means hurt you"* (Luke 10:19). That is the final word on this matter. We do not expect any demon to be able to hurt us. *"We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him"* (1 John 5:18).

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). Jesus has sent us out in His name to do the same. Boldly exercise authority over demons and destroy their works in Jesus' name.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 24.)

24
Do Greater Works in Jesus' Name

John 14:11-14
[11] Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.
[12] "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
[13] And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
[14] If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

The Lord Jesus placed great emphasis on the miraculous works that He did in the Father's name. He pointed to His miraculous works of healings, deliverances, signs, and wonders as evidence that He was truly sent by the Father. As Peter preached in the inaugural on the Day of Pentecost, *"Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—"* (Acts 2:22).

The Lord Jesus announced that His believers will do the kinds of miracles He did and even greater miracles. And immediately following this pronouncement, He spoke of believers asking in His name. By exercising our privilege to use His name, we will do the miracles He did and even greater miracles.

Even greater miracles imply that we are not restricted to just the kinds of miracles that are recorded for us in the Bible. For example, there is no record of metal implants in people's

bodies disappearing, or organs that were taken out of people's bodies reappearing in their bodies, chemical imbalances in people's bodies being restored, etc. The point is that we must be open to seeing miracles happen today which do not have a similarity or parallel in the Bible. Jesus said, *"greater works"* (John 14:12) and this opens up the realm of all kinds of miracles, signs, and wonders that God will do through us in Jesus' name.

Let's be bold! Let's expect to do greater works in Jesus' name! Jesus said that we could!

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Reflection



This is for Chapters 20-24.

1) Preaching and ministering today in Jesus' name should have the same results as in the book of Acts since the name of Jesus has not lost any of its power. What changes should we make to see more miracles, healings, deliverances, signs, and wonders when we preach and teach in Jesus' name?
2) As a believer, what are some ways in which you can exercise your privilege and authority in Jesus' name to minister supernatural healings, deliverances, and miracles to people around you?

25
Unauthorized Use of Jesus' Name

Matthew 7:21-23
21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'
23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matthew 24:5
For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

Acts 19:11-20
11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,
12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.
13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."
14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.
15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"
16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.
17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.
18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.
19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned *them* in the sight of all. And they counted up the

value of them, and *it* totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.
[20] So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

The Lord Jesus warned about the unauthorized use of His name. First, there are people who have spiritual power, but from the wrong source. Demons empower such people to produce deceiving signs and wonders (1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15). They may even do these supposedly in the name of Jesus to deceive people (remember a counterfeit looks just like the genuine). The real test is if Jesus Christ is truly glorified, if people are brought to personal faith in Jesus Christ, if these people truly have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and whether they practice a godly lifestyle (as opposed to practicing lawlessness). We will know them by their fruits (Matthew 7:16). Secondly, like the seven sons of Sceva, there are those who want to use the name of Jesus just to get some benefits but without being in relationship with Jesus, and they cannot do so.

The fact that there will be counterfeits should not alarm us. Only when something is of great value, do we find counterfeits. To identify counterfeits, we must be fully immersed and thoroughly conversant with the genuine. We do not discard the genuine out of fear of the counterfeit. Rather we get established in the truth. We begin to walk in the authority and power of Jesus' name ourselves. We grow in our place of intimacy with Jesus so that we can walk in union with Him and represent Him accurately. We guard our motives and seek to reveal and glorify Jesus using His name.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 29.)

26

Persecuted for Jesus' Name

Matthew 10:22
And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Luke 21:12,17
12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute *you,* delivering *you* up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.
17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

The Lord Jesus warned us that we will be hated and persecuted for His name's sake. Those who persecute us will think they are doing something noble and good.

Acts 5:40-42
40 And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them,* they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.
41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.
42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

It was not too long after Jesus' ascension that the apostles started to face threats, opposition, and persecution from religious leaders. However, the apostles thought it was an honor to suffer shame for His name. That is how much they loved the Lord Jesus and His name. The Early Church faced intense persecution, yet they continued undaunted in their faith and in serving Jesus Christ.

Consider for instance Paul's commitment to the Lord Jesus and to the name of Jesus when he spoke to believers in Caesarea who were very concerned on what would happen when he went to Jerusalem, *"Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus"* (Acts 21:13).

May we so love the Lord Jesus and so love His name that we are unashamed and unafraid to suffer persecution and ridicule for the name of our Lord. The apostle Peter wrote to persecuted believers to let them know that *"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified"* (1 Peter 4:14). The Lord Jesus takes notice when we hold on to His name and refuse to deny our faith in Him and His name when persecuted (Revelation 2:13; Revelation 3:8).

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 29.)

27

Sacrifice for Jesus' Name

Matthew 19:29
And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Acts 9:16
For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

Acts 15:26
men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are times when we must willingly choose to sacrifice for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some may give up earthly gain. Some may give up earthly relationships. Some may take on hardships to fulfill an assignment given to them by the Lord. Some may place their lives at risk to serve Jesus. Some may take on great responsibility to advance Kingdom work. There are all kinds of sacrifices that we may be moved, led, or called to make for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In all of this, we are motivated by our love for Jesus, by our love for His name, and for the people God has called us to serve. *"For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again"* (2 Corinthians 5:14,15). Our motives must remain pure. We do not sacrifice to appear pious before men, out of false humility, or to make

a pretense before people. God sees our hearts and He sees the life we live.

When we sacrifice for His name's sake, the Lord said that in this life, we will receive a hundredfold (Mark 10:29,30) and be blessed in the world to come. God is no man's debtor and He will give to us in this life more than what money can buy.

Let us count it pure joy and a great privilege to sacrifice for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as each one is called to by our Lord.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 29.)

28

We Bear the Name of Jesus

Acts 9:15
But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Acts 15:14
Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

As believers, we not only have the privilege and right to use His name but we are also called to bear His name. As in the Old Covenant, God has called us, the New Testament Church, out as *"a people for His name"*. Each of us are bearing His name, and as James puts it, *"that noble name by which you are called"* (James 2:7). As believers, we are known by that wonderful, beautiful, worthy, honorable, and majestic name of Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:12
that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The way we live, the way we conduct ourselves, our speech, our manners, our behavior should be such that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is glorified. People should observe our life and give praise to the name of Jesus. As believers, we cannot be living in sin or doing things displeasing to God. The instruction in Scripture is clear and plain, *"Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity"* (2 Timothy 2:19).

For example, at our workplaces, we should conduct ourselves so that the name of Jesus is honored. Paul wrote, "*Instruct every employee to respect and honor their employers, for this attitude presents to them a clear testimony of God's truth and renown. Tell them to never provide them with a reason to discredit God's name because of their actions*" (1 Timothy 6:1, TPT).

Knowing that we bear His name, and out of intense love for Him, we live in a way that brings glory, honor, and praise to His worthy and matchless name.

(**Reflection** is given after Chapter 29.)

29

Admonish in Jesus' Name

1 Corinthians 1:10
Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

2 Thessalonians 3:6
But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

We see in the New Testament Church that Paul, a spiritual leader rebuked, corrected, and admonished in the name of the Lord Jesus those believers over whom He had spiritual responsibility. Of course, he did this in love. He did this for their good and for their edification. Most importantly, he did it in the name of Jesus Christ, that is, on behalf of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. Paul was therefore, communicating the Master's heart to the believers. This also meant that when those under Paul's spiritual leadership received this correction or instruction, they had to hold it with the reverence it deserved and not treat it lightly. Those of us in spiritual leadership have this sacred responsibility to admonish believers lovingly in the name of Jesus.

[**Sidenote**: We must be cautious here and not allow any spiritual leader to control, manipulate, or abuse us using the name of Jesus on the pretext of exercising spiritual authority. Many people have been hurt because of such abuse (1 Peter 5:2-4).]

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This is for Chapters 25-29.

1) Think through on why satan would create counterfeits that use the name of the Lord Jesus but are demonically empowered? How can we as believers discern and detect such counterfeit uses of Jesus' name?
2) Have you experienced persecution for the name of the Lord Jesus? How did you journey through it? Are you strong in your resolve that you will never deny the faith and never deny His name even in the face of persecution that threatens your very life?
3) Have you been called upon by the Lord to make sacrifices for His name's sake, for the work of His Kingdom, or to serve Him in some way? How did you journey through it? Are you so in love with Jesus that you are ready to make any sacrifice that He would call you to make for His name's sake?
4) We are called to be a people known by His name. Are there areas in your life where you know the Lord Jesus is honored and glorified? Are there areas in your life that do not honor or glorify the name of Jesus you are called to bear?

Take some time to thank God for the positives, and ask Him to transform the negatives so that the name of Jesus is glorified through all areas of your life.

5) Review the name of the Lord in daily life in the Old Testament outlined in Chapter 3, and all that you have discovered in the New Testament (Chapters 10-29). What are the parallels you observe in the use of the name of the Lord?

30
The Name of Jesus Is Forever

The last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, begins by stating it is a revelation given by Jesus Christ. It closes with a benediction in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the book of Revelation, we observe several names and titles by which the Lord Jesus is referred to.

- *Faithful Witness, Firstborn from the dead, Ruler* (Revelation 1:5)
- *Alpha and Omega, Beginning and the End* (Revelation 1:8)
- *First and the Last* (Revelation 1:11)
- *The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David* (Revelation 5:5)
- *The Lamb* (Revelation 5:12)
- *The Word of God* (Revelation 19:13)
- *King of kings, and Lord of lords* (Revelation 19:16)

And many more…

It is interesting to note that Jesus refers to having a new name for Himself.

Revelation 3:12
He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name.

What is *"My new name?"* This is a mystery. Is it the name of Jesus, a name that He did not have before the Incarnation

and which was given to Him at His birth and conferred upon Him because of what He accomplished? Is it another title that the Scripture does not reveal at this time which will be conferred upon Him? We do not know. We can say this—that the word "new" used in verse 12 (Greek *kainos*) is new in character, nature, quality, freshness differing from "new" (Greek *neos*), which refers to new in time, recent.

In the final chapter in the "forever city" New Jerusalem, all of God's people have His name on their foreheads. It is a sign that we belong to Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, forever.

Revelation 22:1-5

[1] And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
[2] In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.
[3] And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.
[4] They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.
[5] There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

We will have the privilege of having His name on us forever!

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OF THOSE IN HEAVEN, AND OF THOSE ON EARTH,
AND OF THOSE UNDER THE EARTH,
AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS
THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,
TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.
PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

Amen!

Reflection



1) You have completed reading this book. Well done! Please take time to review and reflect on the entirety of what you have discovered about the name of Jesus as you journeyed through this book. What are the key learnings that you have assimilated into your spiritual life? What are some truths that you have embraced as a permanent part of your walk with God?
2) As we review a topic frequently, we discover things, we uncover new facets of truth, we receive further revelation, and are strengthened in what we have already learned. Keep revisiting this truth on "**The Mighty Name of Jesus**" often. Plan to revisit this book soon. Put it down in your calendar.
3) Truth is best learned when experienced. Keep growing in your experience of the power of the mighty name of Jesus.

Do You Know the GOD Who Loves You?

About 2000 years ago, God came into this world as a man. His name is Jesus. He lived a perfectly sinless life. Since Jesus was God in flesh, everything He said and did reveal God to us. The words He spoke were the very words of God. The things He did were the actions of God. Jesus did many miracles on the earth. He healed the sick and suffering. He opened blind eyes, unstopped deaf ears, made the lame to walk and healed every kind of sickness and disease. He fed the hungry by miraculously multiplying a few loaves of bread, calmed the storm and did many other wonderful things.

All these actions reveal to us that God is a good God who wants people to be well, whole, healthy and happy. God wants to meet the needs of people.

So why then would God decide to become a man and step into our world? Why did Jesus come?

All of us have sinned and done things that are unacceptable before the God who created us. Sin has its consequences. Sin is like a great unsurpassable wall between God and us. Sin separates us from God. It prevents us from knowing and having a meaningful relationship with the One who created us. Therefore, many of us try to fill this void with other things.

Another consequence of our sins is eternal separation from God. In God's court, the penalty for sin is death. Death is eternal separation from God in hell.

But the good news is that we can be free from sin and be restored to God. The Bible says, ***"For the wages [payment] of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"*** **(Romans 6:23).** Jesus paid for the sins of the whole world when He died on the cross. Then, three days later He rose again, showed Himself alive to many and then went back into heaven.

God is a God of love and mercy. He does not wish that any person be lost in hell. And so, He came to provide a way for the entire human

race to be free from sin and its lasting consequences. He came to save sinners—to rescue people like you and me from sin and eternal death.

To receive this free forgiveness of sins, the Bible tells us that we have to do just one thing—accept what the Lord Jesus Christ did on the cross and to believe in Him wholeheartedly.

***"… through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins"* (Acts 10:43).**

***"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:9).**

You too can receive forgiveness and cleansing for your sins if you will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following is a simple prayer to help you decide to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and what He has done for you on the cross. This prayer will help you express your acceptance of what Jesus has done for you and receive forgiveness and cleansing for your sins. This prayer is only a guideline. You can also pray in your own words.

Dear Lord Jesus, today, I have understood what You did for me on the cross. You died for me, you shed Your precious blood and paid the penalty for my sins so that I could be forgiven. The Bible tells me that whoever believes in You will receive forgiveness for their sins.

Today, I decide to believe in You and to accept what You did for me by dying for me on the cross and rising again from the dead. I know I cannot save myself by my own good works, and neither can any other human save me. I cannot earn forgiveness for my sins.

Today, I believe in my heart and say with my mouth that You died for me, You paid the penalty for my sins, You rose again from the dead, and by faith in You, I receive forgiveness and cleansing for my sins.

Thank You, Jesus. Help me to love You, to know You more and to be faithful to You.

Amen.

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Our vision at All Peoples Church is to be salt and light in the city of Bangalore, a voice to the nation and to the nations.

All Peoples Church is a **Jesus loving**, **Word focused**, **Spirit filled**, family church, an equipping center, a missions base and a world outreach.

- As a **family church**, we grow together as a community in Christ-centered fellowship, caring and serving each other in love as the assembly of God.
- As an **equipping center**, we empower and equip every believer to live victoriously, mature into Christlikeness and fulfill God's purposes for their lives.
- As a **missions base**, we engage in meaningful ministry to bless our city, nation and the nations with the full Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Word of God and supernatural demonstrations of the power of the Holy Spirit.
- As a **world outreach**, we serve locally and globally by nurturing godly leaders and Spirit-filled churches who can impact their regions for the Kingdom of God.

At APC, we are committed to presenting the complete, uncompromised Word of God in the anointing and demonstration of His Holy Spirit. We believe that good music, creative presentations, brilliant apologetics, contemporary ministry techniques, the latest technology and so on, can never substitute the God-ordained approach of proclaiming the Word in the power of the Holy Spirit with signs, wonders, miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:4,5; Hebrews 2:3,4). Our theme is Jesus, our content is the Word, our method is the Holy Spirit's power, our passion is people and our goal is Christ-like maturity.

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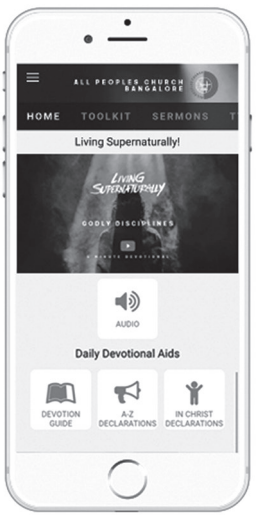
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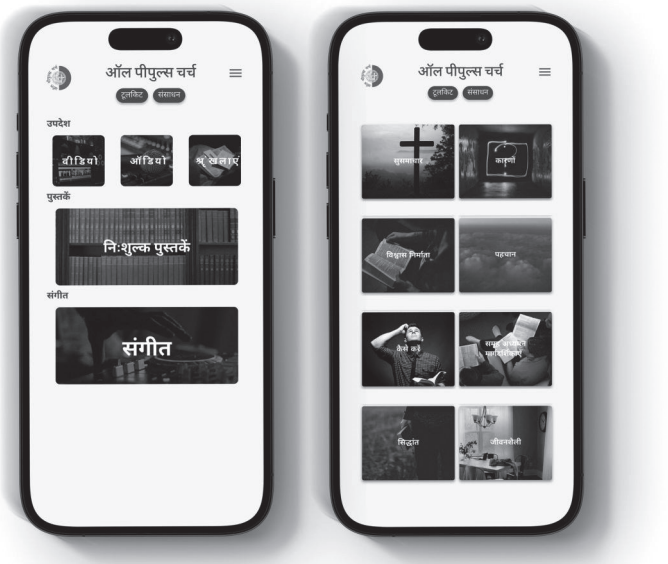
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