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The Name of Jesus

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Philippians 2:9-11

SYNOPSIS

The Name of Jesus is above all other names.

HIGHLIGHTS



☞ The Name of Jesus

Last week we talked about the Name of the Lord. When asked by Moses what his name was, God replied simply with, "I am." Then, a little later God elaborated on his name, saying he is "the LORD" in all caps. In the original language that name is just four letters: YHWH. In English, we pronounce his name as "Yahweh." His name indicates that he is the source of all existence and reality. He always was, He is, and He always will be. We also talked about how the four letters YHWH represent breathing sounds. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing. YH (inhale): WH (exhale). God chose to give himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive. All of us, always, everywhere. Waking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.

Names can say something about a person. One preacher I heard of from Indiana had the name Harry Pitts. Another pastor had the last name of O-D-O-R (Odor). If his first name had been John, Bill, or George, it would have been bad enough, but his first name is I-V-A-N: Ivan Odor! Even if you added "Brother" before it, it would be "Brother Ivan Odor." Someone might answer, "You sure do!"

☞ Jesus is used 1273 times

The name has its roots in the Old Testament. Jesus is the Greek form of the O.T. Jewish name ☞ Joshua. In its older Hebrew form, the name literally meant "Yahweh is salvation" or "**Yahweh saves.**" It's the oldest name known that contains the divine name of God, Yahweh, within it.

When we westerners think of a name it simply means a designation by which we can differentiate people, but in Judaism it is much more. In Hebrew thought a name tells a story of a person's nature, character or deeds. Moses - means to draw out. He was used of God to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. Abraham - means father of a multitude.

A preacher by the name of Ray Steadman went through the names of Genesis 5 and came up with the following:

The list begins with Seth, which means "Appointed."

Enosh, his son, means "Mortal;" and

His son, Kenan, means "Sorrow."

His son Mahalalel, means "The Blessed God."

He son Jared means "Came Down," and

His son, Enoch, means "Teaching."

Then, Methuselah, means "His death shall bring;"

Lamech means "Strength,"

And, Noah means "Comfort."

☞ Now put that all together: **God has Appointed that Mortal man shall Sorrow; but The Blessed God Came Down, Teaching that His Death Shall Bring Strength and Comfort.**



There were three ways a person got their name:

1. Birth. 2. Inheritance 3. Achievement

By birth: Philip By inheritance: Owen Waldo By achievement: Pastor

Jesus obtained His name through these same means:

1. by birth: Matthew 1:21...She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus...
2. by inheritance: Hebrews 1:4...he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.
3. by achievement: Philippians 2:5-9... Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being *in very nature God*, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, **7** but *made himself nothing*, taking the very nature of *a servant*, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became *obedient to death* — even death on a cross! **9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

There's something about the name of Jesus... It's amazing how the world tries to stifle the mention of the Name of Jesus.

Acts 4:18

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:40

They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Has anything changed?

- On his show "Home Improvement," Tim Allen was told he couldn't mention the name of Jesus in connection with a Christmas episode!
- Chuck Colson wrote that "ABC officials chose to bleep out the word "Jesus" on its talk show, "The View." A guest who had a very successful weight-loss program exclaimed, "Thank you, Jesus, is all I have to say!" The network bleeped out Jesus' name!
- Franklin Graham has created firestorms for his use of the name 'Jesus' in public prayers. As long as preachers pray to a generic God, or to Buddha, or Mohammed, or to Goddess Gaia – there's no problem. But if you say "Jesus" – stand by – the politically correct police will pounce on you in a moment.

The name of Jesus is unlike all others...

☛ 1. His Name Proclaims his Presence



☞ **Matthew 1:23**

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**" - which **means, "God with us."**

Matthew 18:20

where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Some of his titles and descriptions indicate his presence with us:

☞ **Advocate**
Bridegroom
Counselor
Faithful and True

Good Shepherd
Mediator
Prince of Peace
Son of Man

His name reminds us that Jesus is with us. He is nearby at all times.

☞ **2. His Name Proclaims his Preeminence**

☞ **Philippians 2:9-11**

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him **the name that is above every name**, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus has the name that is above all others. He has preeminence. Even the misuse of his name says something... No one says "What in Allah's name is going on?" No one texts "OMB" for "Oh My Buddha." Because only Jesus' name has the power and punch behind it to matter. For 2,000 years the name of Jesus has not just rescued alcoholics, but transformed them; it has purified prostitutes; made liars into lovers of the truth; cleaned up cursing mouths; has saved souls from hell!

Some of his titles and descriptions indicate his preeminence:

☞ **Alpha and Omega**
Ancient of Days
Anointed One
Chief Cornerstone
Creator of All Things
Great I AM

Head of the Church
King of Kings
Lion of the Tribe of Judah
Lord of All
Lord of Lords
Son of God

Jesus is preeminent. He is above all others. Nothing and no one compares to him.

☞ **3. His Name Proclaims his Power**

☞ **Salvation in his name**
John 1:12



Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

☞ **Acts 4:12**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Salvation and eternal life are things that we can earn. Salvation and eternal life come from believing in Jesus and what his name stands for.

☞ **Authority in his name**

Luke 10:17

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the **demons submit to us in your name.**"

☞ **Mark 16:17**

these signs will accompany those who believe: **In my name they will drive out demons**

☞ **Healing in his name**

Acts 3:16

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. **It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing** to him, as you can all see.

Some of his titles and descriptions indicate his power:

☞ **Almighty**

Author of Salvation

Deliverer

Eternal Judge

Finisher of our faith

The Healer

Lord God Almighty

Messiah

Redeemer

Resurrection and the Life

Jesus has all authority and power belongs to him. When we call on the name of Jesus, we are reaching out to the one with all power. He has power to heal and save.

There's something about that Name! His name represents his person. Jesus is the Savior, Healer, and Deliverer. He's the Way, the Life, and the Truth. He's the Lord of all and the soon coming King.

☞ **The name of Jesus means that he is with us; he is always present. His name means he is above all others; he is preeminent. The name of Jesus has power to save, heal and deliver. There's power in the name of Jesus. He has the name above all names!**