

Discovering The Name of Jesus

Lesson 009 Disciple

Introduction to the Name of Jesus

INTRODUCTION

God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name Acts 15:14 KJV

The name of Jesus identifies us to the world, to fellow believers, and to ourselves. God's people have always been identified by His name.

The Name in the Old Testament

In the Old Testament God established a covenant with the nation of Israel.

If they would serve Him, He promised to establish them, make them a holy people, bless them greatly, and make them a witness of Him to all nations.

He expressed this plan by identifying them with His name Jehovah. (*In the King James Version and New King James Version, LORD, in large and small capitals, stands for the name Yahweh in the Hebrew text, also known in English transliteration as Jehovah.*)

Moses told of this in Deuteronomy 28

1 IF YOU will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God. 3 Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your beasts, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock. 5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading trough. 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out. 7 The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouse and in all that you undertake. And He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you. 9 The Lord will establish you as a people holy to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. 10 And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name [and in the presence of] the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.

Deut 28:1-10 AMP

He will bless his people in the storehouse (church)

He will bless all you undertake

He will establish you as a holy people

People will see you are called by the name

They will be afraid of you

This is not the only example, but throughout the Old Testament, God identified His people as those who were called by His name (other examples include II Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 43:5-7; Daniel 9:19).

God's name represents His character, power, authority, and presence .

God's name represents God Himself; it is God in self-revelation.

The Name in Prophecy

The name of Jesus was prophesied to come in many scriptures. One of the clearest examples is found in Isaiah 12

1 AND IN that day you will say, I will give thanks to You, O Lord; for though You were angry with me, Your anger has turned away, and You comfort me.

2 Behold, God, my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and song; yes, He has become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

*4 And in that day you will say, Give thanks to the Lord, **call upon His name** and by means of His name [in solemn entreaty]; declare and make known His deeds among the peoples of the earth, proclaim that His name is exalted!*

5 Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done excellent things [gloriously]; let this be made known to all the earth.

6 Cry aloud and shout joyfully, you women and inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12:1-6 AMP

The day prophetically spoken of in verse 4 was the day of Christ, and of course the name is Jesus

Verse 1 speaks of receiving the Holy Ghost and can be referenced to John 14:26

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26 KJV

Verse 2 speaks of God (the Jehovah/Yahweh of the Old Testament) becoming Jesus!

Isaiah 12:2-3

Behold, God is my **salvation** (ישועה **Yeshuwah**); I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD (**Yah**) **JEHOVAH** (**Yahweh**) is my strength and my song; he **also is become my salvation** (ישועה **Yeshuwah**). Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

From our past studies we have seen how yeshuaw is the name of Jesus in the New Testament, and this scripture prophesies this will be so.

Verse 3 is a direct reference to John 7:37-39

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:37-39 KJV

This prophesy admonished us to call upon his name which had been lost in the Jewish culutre many years ago. Even today in Jewish writings he is referred to as G-D.

In Isaiah 7 we find another prophecy of the name

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14 KJV

We find the fulfillment in Matt 1:23,25

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us..... 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Matt 1:23,25 KJV

He would be called **God with us** and his name would be Jesus!

The Name in the New Testament

The New Testament church continued to exalt God's name, the only difference being that they had a greater revelation of God and His name.

The God of the Old Testament—Yahweh/Jehovah—had manifested Himself in flesh to be the Savior, and the name by which He chose to come was Jesus, which literally means Jehovah-Savior

Because of this the name of Jesus is the only saving name (Acts 4:12),

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:12 KJV

And Jesus is the highest name of God ever revealed!

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 KJV

Jesus is the name by which the New Testament church is identified!

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named

Eph 3:14-15 KJV

The name is taken on in water baptism!

God united both Jews and Gentiles into His church, thereby establishing a people of the name of Jesus

14 Simeon [Peter] has rehearsed how God first visited the Gentiles, to take out of them a people [to bear and honor] His name. 15 And with this the predictions of the prophets agree, as it is written, 16 After this I will come back, and will rebuild the house of David, which has fallen; I will rebuild its [very] ruins, and I will set it up again, 17 So that the rest of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles upon whom My name has been invoked...

Acts 15:14-17 AMP

This also shows us that New Testament believers have the name of Jesus invoked over them !

This also happens at water baptism!

Jesus instructed His disciples to gather in His name!

We are admonished to pray in His name John 14:13-14

To preach in His name Luke 24:47)

To cast out demons, receive divine protection, and receive healings in His name Mark 16:17-18

We also receive the Holy Spirit in His name John 14:26

He also warned that they would be reviled, persecuted, and hated for His name's sake Matthew 5:11; 10:22.

After the New Testament church was founded on the Day of Pentecost, the believers went forth in the name of Jesus. They baptized by invoking the name of Jesus See Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5; 22:16.

They prayed for the sick and received healings by invoking the name of Jesus See Acts 3:6, 16; 4:10; James 5:14.

They taught and preached everywhere in His name Acts 5:28, 40, 42

They called on His name Acts 9:21

They labored for His name Revelation 2:3

They held fast to His name Revelation 2:13

They refused to deny His name Revelation 3:8

They lived a holy life in order to bear witness of His name

But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

2 Timothy 2:19 ESV

They were reproached for His name I Peter 4:14

They even risked their lives for His name Acts 15:26

When persecuted, they rejoiced *"that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name"* Acts 5:41

They did not enjoy beatings, imprisonment, deprivation, and martyrdom any more than we do, but they rejoiced that even their enemies identified them with Jesus!

But with all the persecutions that can arise because of the name our last section looks at the blessings of the name!

The Blessing of the Name

God's people are encouraged to exalt His name, King David wrote in Ps 34:3 AMP

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

God's people like David, offer praise and bless His name .

1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! 2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever 3 From the rising of the sun to the going down of it and from east to west, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Ps 113:1-3 AMP

God's people seek His name and call upon His name

*1 O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, **call upon His name**, make known His doings among the peoples! 2 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; meditate on and talk of all His marvelous deeds and devoutly praise them. 3 **Glory in His holy name**; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek and require the Lord [as their indispensable necessity]. 4 Seek, inquire of and for the Lord, and **crave Him and His strength** (His might and inflexibility to temptation); **seek and require His face and His presence** [continually] **evermore**.*

Ps 105:1-4 AMP

They treat his name as holy, revered, and sacred by the way they use it and also by the way they live

Those who remember His name have an unfailing source of strength and protection

Some trust in and boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in and boast of the name of the Lord our God.

Ps 20:7 AMP

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the [consistently] **righteous man** [upright and in right standing with God] **runs into it and is safe, high** [above evil] **and strong**.*

Prov 18:10 AMP

God reserves blessings for those who think on His name.

Then those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who revered and worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name.

Mal 3:16 AMP

The faith, commitment, and holiness of God's true people in the Old Testament can be summed up in the words of Micah 4:5: *"We will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever."*

In Review

How Important does the Word of God indicate the Name of the Lord is?

What does this scripture mean? Colossians 3:17 AMP *And whatever you do [no matter what it is] **in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in** [dependence upon] **His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him**.*

IS there any saving name scripturally besides Jesus? YES/NO