

LESSON TWO

THE NAME OF JESUS

A. GOD'S NAME WAS A SECRET IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Scriptural References:

"And Manoah said unto the angel of the Lord, What is thy name?" (Judges 13:17).

"And Jacob asked him...Tell me...thy name" (Genesis 32:29).

"They shall say to me, What is his name?" (Exodus 3:13).

"What is his name, and what is his son's name..." (Proverbs 30:4).

"Therefore my people shall know my name" (Isaiah 52:6).

The reason that we see such a constant enquiry regarding the name of Deity in the Old Testament is that His name was withheld from them to be revealed in this dispensation.

B. THE REAL NAME IS REVEALED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Scriptural Reference:

"Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

Here we find His real name revealed which is Jesus. JESUS means JEHOVAH-SAVIOUR. JESUS is the ONE name of our God and reveals Him as SAVIOUR.

C. FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST IS NOT THE NAME OF DEITY.

There are many titles of our God, all of which depict offices and characteristics of our God. Three of these titles are Father, Son and Holy Ghost. In like manner a man is body, soul and spirit but this is not the man's name. Would a bank cash a check that carries the signature, "Body, soul and spirit?" Certainly not. The check must carry his signature, which is his name.

At one time the writer was his son's schoolteacher and his pastor. To his son he was "Father, Pastor and Teacher." These were three titles but none of them was his name. Even so, Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not names.

D. JESUS CAME IN HIS FATHER'S NAME.

Scriptural References:

"I am come in my Father's Name" (John 5:43).

"The works that I do in my Father's Name" (John 10:25).

"I have declared unto them thy name" (John 17:26).

"Who art thou (Jehovah) Lord? And the Lord (Jehovah) said, I am Jesus" (Acts 9:5).

"The Lord, even Jesus...hath sent me" (Acts 9:17).

"Stephen, calling upon God...saying Lord Jesus" (Acts 7:59).

"For if Jesus had given them rest..." (Hebrews 4:8). This verse is referring to Almighty God and the Israelites.

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you" (Revelation 22:16).

This Scriptural evidence is conclusive in showing that the Father's name is JESUS.

E. JESUS IS THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.

Scriptural Reference:

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19).

We should note carefully that it is "NAME" not "NAMES." The word is only in the singular, ONE NAME. What is the "NAME?" The only way to search the Scriptures and find out in what name the apostles baptized. There can be no contradiction in Scripture.

Let us examine the Scriptural record:

Luke 24:47	-	"Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations . . ."
Jerusalem	-	Acts 2:38 - "baptizing...in the Name of Jesus Christ."
Samaria	-	Acts 8:12 - "preaching...name of Jesus Christ."
	-	Acts 8:16 - "baptizing...name of the Lord Jesus."
Paul	-	Acts 22:16 - "baptized...in the Name of our Lord."
Caesarea	-	Acts 10:48 - "baptized in the Name of the Lord."
Ephesus	-	Acts 19:1-6 - Here they were rebaptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.
Corinth	-	I Corinthians 1:13 - Into whose Name were they baptized?

Again the Scriptural evidence is conclusive showing that the NAME of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is JESUS.

F. AN UNDERSTANDING OF MATTHEW 28:19 IS ESSENTIAL.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the NAME of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST."

NAME	-	Singular.
FATHER	-	Title.
SON	-	Title.
HOLY GHOST	-	Title.

Jesus did not tell His disciples to baptize, repeating the words, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. He told them to baptize in the NAME of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The words, Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not names but titles pointing to ONE PERSON who has ONE NAME. That name is JESUS.

Shall we obey the command of Jesus or just merely repeat His words? It should be noted that those who have been baptized in the titles have not yet been baptized Scripturally.

G. THE NAME OF JESUS IS ABOVE EVERY OTHER NAME.

Scriptural Reference:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9).

Jesus is the name of Deity, the one supreme God. Therefore his name is above the name of the:

1. Greatest king who has ever reigned;
2. Greatest general who has ever won a war;
3. Greatest scientist, inventor or architect;
4. Greatest artist, musician or poet;
5. Greatest law giver, physician or preacher.

His name is greater than any other name in Heaven above, upon earth, or in Hell beneath. His name is greater than that of any other person in history, at the present time, or in the ages to come. There is absolutely no limitation to the degree that we may develop this truth.

H. THERE IS SALVATION IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Scriptural References:

"Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

"Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name" (Luke 24:47).

"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).

Not only is there salvation in the name of Jesus but His name is the ONLY NAME in which there is salvation.

I. THERE ARE MANY OTHER BLESSINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

1. HEALING IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Scriptural References:

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).

"And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong" (Acts 3:16).

2. POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Scriptural References:

"Even the devils are subject unto us through thy name" (Luke 10:17.)

"In my name shall they cast out devils" (Mark 16:17).

3. BLESSING IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Scriptural Reference:

"A book of remembrance was written...thought upon his name" (Malachi 3:16).

4. PROTECTION IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Scriptural Reference:

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs 18:10).

5. PRAYERS ANSWERED IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Scriptural Reference:

"If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14).

6. WATER BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Scriptural Reference:

"Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

7. HOLY GHOST GIVEN IN JESUS NAME.

Scriptural Reference:

"But the Comforter...whom the Father will send in my name" (John 14:26).

How can we question the importance of the name of Jesus when we study the Scriptures? There are those who would make light of this important truth and declare that "JESUS" was no more than any other name. It is evident that they are still in darkness as far as this glorious revelation is concerned. There is no name that we can breathe in prayer or sing in praise that can bring the blessing and power like the name of Jesus our Lord. When we have this revelation we can sing in the Spirit:

"Sweetest note in sereph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus, blessed Jesus."

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SELF HELP TEST

Write out in full one Scripture with reference to prove each of the following statements:

1. Jesus came in His Father's name.
2. There is salvation in the name of Jesus.
3. The name of Jesus is above every other name.
4. Prayers are answered in the name of Jesus.
5. There is power in the name of Jesus.
6. God's name was a secret in the Old Testament.
7. The Holy Ghost is given in Jesus' name.
8. There is protection in the name of Jesus.
9. Water baptism is to be administered in the name of Jesus.
10. There is healing in the name of Jesus.