

A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME PHILIPPIANS 2:9

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⁹ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Introduction:

If I were to give you a check for a million dollars it would be worthless, but a similar check with Rockefeller's signature would be a great value.

Names mean something.

The Bible says in Proverbs 22:

Proverbs 22:1

¹ A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Today I want us to consider the greatest name ever to grace Heaven and ever was spoken on earth.

It is a name that has been spoken by almost every language, and whispered in the hour of death.

The songwriter said it like this:

Jesus, O how sweet the name
Jesus, Every day the same
Jesus, Let all saints proclaim
It's worthy praise forever.

Note:

1. HIS NAME WAS A SELECTED NAME

A. It's A Name Picked by the Father

The name Jesus was not given to our Lord by Mary and Joseph. It was a name handpicked by God, Matt. 1:21.

Matthew 1:21

²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

This alone makes it a name that stands out as special.

The name Jesus reveals the Father's heart.

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

When the Father chose the name Jesus as the one His Son would bear during His time on earth, He was telling every creature in one word that His goal was the redemption and salvation of mankind.

Not only is His name a Selected Name but also:

2. HIS NAME IS A SWEET OR A PRECIOUS NAME

1 Peter 2:7

⁷ Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

Note His Name Is Precious Because of:

A. What He Is Doing

He Hears and Answers Our Prayers

Illustration: Peter

Acts 12:5-17

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers,

bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. 9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. 12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. 14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. 15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. 16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were

astonished. 17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

The Lord still hears and answers prayer.

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

James 4:2

² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Not only is He hearing and answering our prayers but also:

Note Not Only Is His Name Selected and Sweet but also:

3. HIS NAME IS A SOOTHING NAME

John 14:1-6

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. ⁴ And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. ⁵ Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

A. His Name Is Soothing In Times of Sorrow

Illustration:

Mary and Martha when Lazarus died

The widow of Nain at her son's death

B. His Name Is Soothing When We Are Dying

Illustration:

A Christian woman lay dying – someone whispered, “She’s sinking”.

But she opened her eyes and said “How can I sink? I am standing on the Rock of Ages.”

Note Not Only Is His Name Selected, Sweet and Soothing but also:

4. HIS NAME IS A SAVING NAME

The angel told Joseph:

Matthew 1:21

²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Acts 4:12

¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Think of this those far removed from God, the lowest, vilest sinner in all the world are invited to come to Jesus and be saved.

Isaiah 45:22

²² Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

That is why he came.

Luke 19:10

¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Close:

What does His name mean to you?

Have you sought Him for your salvation?

Philippians 2:9-11

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.

There will be a day when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess the Jesus Christ is Lord.