

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2-22-15 PM NOTES
"HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME" (PART 5)
PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11
#7 in Series, "Learning to Pray from the Experts"

Review:

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- II. *Jehovah*—The self-existent One who was and is and is to come. He exists outside the time dimension that He created and therefore He is the great "I AM"
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The above list is not a listing of all of the names of God. He is *Jehovah Shalom*—The LORD our peace. He is *Jehovah Nissi*—The LORD our banner of identity and victory. He is *Jehovah Raah*—the LORD our shepherd. He is *Jehovah Shama*—the LORD who is present and near. He is *Jehovah M'Kaddesh*—the LORD who sanctifies us.

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Acts 4:11-12 (ESV) “¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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Before we dig into the prayers prayed by the saints in Scripture (the “experts”), I thought it would be good to focus on the God to whom we pray. There is no better way to focus on God’s beauty, God’s perfections and God’s nature than to focus on His names. In the Bible, a person’s name stood for the whole character of the person. Let’s review the names of God that we have focused on.

- I. Elohim – The God of infinite strength who always keeps His promises and covenants
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That is not by any means all of His names. He is Jehovah Shalom – The LORD our peace. He is Jehovah Nissi – The LORD our banner of identity and victory. He is Jehovah Raah – the LORD our shepherd. He is Jehovah Shama – the LORD who is present and near. He is Jehovah M’Kaddesh – the LORD who sanctifies us. Even that isn’t an exhaustive list. When we know His name(s), we will respond by loving, trusting, and worshipping Him. **Psalms 9:10 (NKJV)** “And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.”

Christians, in the model prayer are taught by Jesus to hallow God’s names. We hallow His name(s) when we treat God as holy, meditate on His holy names, stand in awe of Him, and worship Him in the beauty of holiness. To hallow His name, we must know His name(s).

As we close out this little series within a series, I want us to look at the Name of our God that is above all other names. **Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)** “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.*” Every name that God has ascribed to Himself is rich with meaning and comfort to those who are rightly related to Him, but the Bible calls Him by one name that is above every other name – the name “Jesus”! Here is a key verse that enables us to see why this name of God is above all other names. **Colossians 2:9 (NASB)** says, “For in Him [Jesus] all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form”. One paraphrase (Living Bible) paraphrases that verse, “For in Christ there is all of God in a human body.” This is one of the most important declarations of Scripture. Look closely with me at Colossians 2:9. The word “dwells” literally means to settle down and be at home. What is it that settles down and is at home in Jesus? It is the fullness of Deity. This is speaking of the fact that the sum total of who God is dwells in Jesus. That is an absolutely amazing truth. If you are familiar with the New Testament, that statement shouldn’t surprise you. It is stated many times in many ways. We read in **John 14:8-9 (NKJV)** “⁸ Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’ ⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? How can that be? It is because as **Colossians 2:9 (NASB)** says, “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form”. Think of some of the names of God that we have looked at: Elohim is the name of God that identifies His as the all powerful creator. Jesus is Elohim in flesh. The Bible says of Jesus in **John 1:3 (NKJV)** “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” **Colossians 1:16 (NKJV)** “For by Him [context shows this is speaking of Jesus] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” He is our Jehovah – the self existent one who lives above time – the eternal “I Am”. He said in **John 8:58 (NASB)** Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

Abraham lived almost 2 centuries before Jesus! Jesus is Adonai (Lord) in a human body. He said in **John 13:13 (NKJV)** “You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am.” Jesus is our El Elyon (most high God). Thomas fell at His feet and declared in **John 20:28b (NKJV)** “My Lord and my God!” Jesus is El Shaddai, God almighty. **Matthew 28:18 (NKJV)** “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’” Jesus is our Jehovah Rapha – the God who heals. Peter said of Jesus in **1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)** “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.” Jesus is our Jehovah Jireh – The Lord who provides. Paul said of Jesus in **Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)** “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”. Jesus is our Jehovah Tsidkenu – the Lord our righteousness. **1 Corinthians 1:30 (NKJV)** “But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God--and righteousness and sanctification and redemption”. Jesus is our Jehovah Sabaoth – The Lord of Hosts who wins the battle. **1 John 3:8b (NKJV)** “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” We could continue even with some of the names of God that we didn’t cover. Jesus is Jehovah Raah (the Lord our shepherd). **John 10:11 (NKJV)** “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” He was saying that he is the shepherd of Psalm 23 in a body. Jesus is our Jehovah Shalom – The Lord our peace. **John 14:27 (NKJV)** “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

With what we have just looked at, listen once again to **Colossians 2:9 (NASB)** “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form”. Is it any wonder that Paul says in **Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)** “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.” Let’s get to more deeply know Jesus, this most exalted name of God by examining Philippians 2:9-11.

I. His Name Exalted (V9)

In the Greek language, that is a superlative. It is literally, “God has super-exalted Him”. Philippians 2:6-8 details Christ’s humiliation (from heaven’s glory to death on a cross). Oh how far down He came, how low He stooped as He who was equal to God “emptied Himself” (NASB) of the outward display of glory and took on a flesh and blood body. Now after the cross and the resurrection, He is super-exalted to a level greater than He was before He emptied Himself.

A part of that exalting was the exalting of His name. Verse 9 speaks of “the name” What is the name that is so highly exalted? There are some who say that it is a secret name that hasn’t been revealed to us yet. I disagree with that. It doesn’t say that He gave Him a new name. The point is that God took that name He already had and super exalted it to a level it didn’t have before His saving work. That name was so super exalted that it is now above every name. I believe that the name so highly exalted is the name Jesus! It means “Jehovah saves!” Oh how focused on that exalted name the song writers have been (and rightly so).

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

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And Crown Him Lord of all.

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His name has been exalted above every name!

II. His Name Esteemed (V10-11)

When Jesus ascended back into heaven after His resurrection, this esteem and worship started. Think of the scene as He was lifted up from the earth as His disciples watched Him go in Acts 1:9. Think about what it must have been like when He entered into Heaven in that resurrection body with the nail prints still in the hands and feet and the scar in the side where He was pierced. Remember that after He rose He invited Thomas to touch the scars. These scars (I believe) will be eternal reminders that the saints are in heaven only because of the terrible price that He paid. Think of that scene! The angels adored Him. The Old Testament saints who had recently been brought from the paradise side of Hades to heaven because the sacrifice they looked forward to and trusted in had now been made, no doubt bowed to their knees before Him and confessed that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Abraham would have bowed down and worshipped Him as the sinners' substitute that he learned of in Genesis 22 when Jehovah Jireh provided a substitute for Abraham's son Isaac that he was willing to sacrifice. Moses was no doubt there, David, Isaiah and all the prophets welcomed Him home. Oh the scene in heaven when the victorious Savior arrived. Paul was speaking of more than the reception Jesus received at His ascension to Heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. I believe that verses 10-11 speak of a time that is future even to us. What will it look like on that day, and when will that day be?

A. The Posture (V10a)

All will one day bow before Him. That is the posture of submission, the posture of an inferior to a superior. We bow to give honor and one day every person who has ever lived will give Jesus Christ the honor that He is due.

B. The Places (V10b)

Paul uses terminology here to impress upon us that this bowing in submission will be universal. First, he tells us those in heaven will bow. They won't have to be commanded to bow; they will be compelled to bow because they know Him and their lives have been touched by Him. This first group that will bow will be the angels whom He created (John 1:3). Along with the angels will be the bowing of the saved from Adam to the latest saint who was absent from the body and present with the Lord.

Second are those alive on the earth. As to the timing, I think that this probably refers to His second coming. The saved who are here when He comes to the earth to rule and to reign will bow in awe of Him who has come and destroyed all of His enemies. I think that at the point when death and Hades give up their dead to stand before the Great White Throne of Judgment, that they will be forced to bow their knees in submission to the Savior they rejected. Think of who will be there and will bow their knee before Him – Old Testament King and Queen Ahab and Jezebel, Nero, the Roman Emperor who killed the Apostle Paul and thousands of Christians. Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin, and Osama Bin Laden will bow. Genghis Kahn, Haman from the book of Esther, and every evil despot and terrorist and everyone who never submitted themselves to Jesus as Lord will bow.

Third, those under the earth will bow the knee. This refers mostly to demonic spirits. They rebelled against the Father and followed Lucifer in his rebellion. Their doom is sealed, but they will stand before Him and be forced to bow their knee and confess that Jesus is Lord. Their confession will not be from a repentant heart, but they will give glory to the One with the name above every name – Jesus. The way that most of the English translations treat this verse, the bowing of the knee is somewhat in doubt. They should bow the knee, but some may and some may not. No, that is not the way that should be correctly translated. Listen to the more literal NASB: **Philippians 2:9-11 (NASB)** ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that **every tongue will confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." You can mark it down. Every knee will bow.

C. The Profession (V11)

The word “confess” means to declare or to agree with. Every saved person, every lost person, and every angel (good or rebellious), and Satan himself will be forced to confess, agree with God the Father that Jesus Christ is Lord. When that confession is made, the Father will be glorified.

III. His Name Evoked

Here is something exciting. This exalted esteemed name has all authority and all power in it. When the Bible speaks of the power and authority of Jesus’ name it is not saying that His name is a magical incantation. Many times in the Amplified translation of the Bible when it translates “the name of Jesus”, they add these words in parenthesis, “presenting all that He is”. The Bible says in **Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)** “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.” Allow me to show you three different specific areas where we are to evoke this name that is above every name.

A. For Salvation

Acts 4:11-12 (ESV) “¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” To say that we are saved by His name means that we are saved by trusting in who He is and what He has done. It is in His name alone that we are saved. That really galls some people. Those of us who believe what the Bible says in Acts 4:12 are called bigots and narrow and arrogant. It is ironic that we don’t call a physician narrow or bigoted when he says, “You have a fatal disease and this is the one thing that you can do to be cured.” We don’t call a lawyer bigoted or narrow when he tells us that there is only one course of action that we can take to win your case. Why do some get so upset when the God who created us says that there is only one name upon which we can call for salvation and that is the exalted name of Jesus? Our response ought to be, “Thank you that in your grace and mercy you made a way.”

Praise His name that we can evoke it for salvation.

B. For Supplication

In **John 14:14 (NKJV)** Jesus said, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.” As we get deep into this series on prayers prayed in the Scriptures, we will see how often we are exhorted to ask in this name that is above all names – Jesus. When we pray in the name of Jesus we are confessing that we have no merit with God. When we pray in Jesus’ name we are coming to the throne of grace asking God to answer not based on our merit, but on the merit of Jesus. Jesus deserves the answer to every prayer offered in God’s will. He has given us the right to come before the Father based on His merit and not our own.

C. For Spiritual Warfare

I am not speaking of quoting formulas while speaking to Satan or demons. I am speaking of coming against the enemy in Jesus merit and victory over the enemy. **Hebrews 2:14 (NASB)** “Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself [Jesus] likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil”. We need not fear Satan or his demons. We approach warfare in His name and he is the victor over Satan and every demon.

CONCLUSION

Oh praise the name that is above every name. Praise the one who is the fullness of the deity in a body. Praise the one before whom one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Praise the one who has given us the use of His name for salvation, supplication and spiritual warfare. Praise the name of Jesus!