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*Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.* Hebrews 12:12-13

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## OUR NAME

*And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.* Isaiah 4:1

Desperate times call for desperate measures. We see illustrations of this truth throughout the scriptures. The LORD JESUS declared this in commenting upon the ministry given to John the Baptist. *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”* (Mat 11:12) We see this illustrated as a man’s friends brought him to the LORD to be healed. *“And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.”* (Mar 2:4)

We see it again as blind Bartimaeus, sensing that CHRIST was passing by him, cried out even though the crowd sought to silence him, *“And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called.”* (Mar 10:47-49) The Sun stood still in the valley of Ajalon when Joshua prayed. (see Josh.10:12-14) But a greater miracle took place on this road out of Jericho as the ETERNAL SON of GOD, *“stood still”* at the cry of a blind beggar and met his need.

Yet another illustration of this truth is seen as a Gentile woman (i.e.; *“a woman of Canaan”*) besought the LORD JESUS to heal her daughter who was *“vexed with a devil”*. It appeared that the LORD would turn a deaf ear to her pleas as HE said, *“I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet (i.e.; fitting) to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to dogs (i.e.; Gentiles).”* (Mat 15:24-26) The LORD was merely drawing her unto HIMSELF and bringing out a confession of her own unworthiness and HIS glory, which HE had wrought in her by the gift of FAITH. She replied, *“Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”* (Mat 15:27) Thus, she would not be denied, just like the persistent widow in the LORD’s parable. (see Luke 18:1-8) *“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.”* (Isa 59:1) HE delights in the cries of the brokenhearted and will not turn away from the poor in spirit. *“The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”* (Psa 34:17-18) *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”* (Heb 4:16) Our GREAT HIGH PRIEST hears HIS sheep.

Prior to the LORD’s birth to Mary, an Angel visited Joseph and told him of the ORIGIN of this CHILD which was growing in Mary’s womb. Then he told him three things (see Matt.1:21) which would occur using the term, “shall”, which denotes that there is no doubt that these things would happen. He said, *“she shall bring forth a SON.”* This was a birth which was never in doubt from the very beginning when the LORD pronounced judgement upon the Serpent which would come in the PROMISED SEED of the woman. It was necessary that HE be born of a woman. *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”* (John 1:14)

He said, *“Thou shalt call HIS NAME JESUS.”* Though this name (carnally speaking) was well known among the Hebrews (i.e.; JOSHUA or YESHUA), no one before or since HIS birth has borne this particular NAME because it has reference to HIM whose NAME is above every NAME. This NAME is synonymous with that NAME which HE spoke to Moses from the burning bush; *“I AM THAT I AM.”* HE is the ALPHA and

the OMEGA, the BEGINNING and the END, the FIRST and the LAST, which is and which was and which is to come, THE ALMIGHTY. Let all the Earth bow down before HIM.

Then the angel said, “for HE shall save HIS people from their sins.” This is the work which HE determined to do even before HE created the world. *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.”* (1Pet. 1:18-20) The purpose for which HE has *“obtained eternal redemption”* for HIS people is the exact same reason that HE delivered the children of Israel from Egypt. *“Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.”* (Psa 106:8) The LORD does all things to magnify the glory of HIS grace in the revelation of JESUS CHRIST as the REDEEMER of sinners.

HE has a glorious NAME. *“That thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD”* (Deu 28:58) *“And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.”* (Psa 72:19) “

HE has a fearful NAME. *“Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.”* (Rev 15:4)

HE has an enduring NAME. *“His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.”* (Psa 72:17) *“I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.”* (Psa 45:17)

HE has a pleasant NAME. *“Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.”* (Psa 135:3) The great delight of the sons of GOD is to hear HIS NAME proclaimed and worshipped. *“My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.”* (Psa 63:5)

HE has a singular NAME. *“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”* (Zec 14:9) While there are many “names” whereby the LORD would teach us of HIS character, power, and purpose, yet HE is ONE. *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. (Deut 6:4-5) CHRIST declared the same. “I and my Father are one.” (John 10:30) “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? (John 14:9)*

HE has a NAME which is synonymous with all that GOD would reveal to men about HIMSELF. *“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.”* (Rev 19:11-13)

HE has a RIGHTEOUS NAME. *“In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”* (Jer 23:6) HE is righteous in HIS person and in HIS work in the behalf of HIS people for HE is the only RIGHTEOUSNESS which they desire and the only RIGHTEOUSNESS which is acceptable in the courts of Heaven.

Thus do the sons of GOD desire to be known by HIS NAME, as a loving and devoted wife desires to take the name of her husband that they might be joined together as one. *“For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.”* (Isa 54:5) This is that which the Apostle Paul describes, *“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.”* (Php 3:7-10)

As a loving and devoted HUSBAND, HE has assumed the debts of HIS bride, silenced her critics and accusers, and given her the riches which HE possesses. *“Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.”* (Eze 16:8) *“Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”* (Eph 5:25-27) mam