

Hebrews 6.20

Even Jesus...

There are many names given in the Bible. Names of men, many names given for God as He often revealed to us some portion of His nature or power and was called a name that commemorated that truth... but the name that stands above every name in all the scripture, in fact in all of creation and eternity alike is the mighty name of Jesus. It is a name that divides friends and separates families. It cuts off those who honor it from the world that hates it. Pay attention to the way that people will act when you define Jesus as He defined Himself. The world is fine with us loving God - they do too, they are just not specific about the god they serve... but when you set yourself to follow after the Biblical Jesus, they will come unglued... this is not accidental and it is not circumstantial. It is evidential. They cannot love the Jesus of the Bible because their hearts are dead and dead hearts hate the living. Jesus is the author of life, and every fight to end life is a fight against Him, His power and His name. It is therefore a name that we must hold high and

proclaim from every corner, rooftop, and mountain.
Jesus IS Lord, and Jesus ALONE is Lord!!

I. THE SINGULAR NAME

A. There is no other name –

Acts 4.8-12

B. Careful to use the name –

1) Here the writer brings the name to the front lest there be any confusion.

- a) He has ceased speaking about anything else
- b) He wants the reader to be clear about the focus of the discussion. Remember that we have been in that parenthetical discussion for a while now and he is returning to the main topic of the entire book - the superiority of Christ, over all things.

- c) This singular focus is something that we ought to be imitating. There is NOTHING that will bring peace to our troubled world but the name of Jesus. He ALONE is the King of Peace, and if we hope to see the culture war won, and our nation return to a time of life instead of the death it now worships then the name of Jesus MUST be the focus of our singular message.
- 2) In Acts 4 if we read on they were commanded to cease and determined to disobey –

Acts 4.13-22.

- a) Even the enemies of Christ know there is power in the name of Jesus
- b) The name of Jesus saves, heals and restores. Not in a magical thinking kind of way,

- i. We cannot run around naming things in the name of Jesus and expect they will be ours
 - ii. We cannot willy-nilly pronounce our authority in the name of Jesus over things that we do not have that authority over
 - iii. We do not get His name like a Mastercard that gives us the world...
- c) but in the truth that Jesus IS LORD. That we have surrendered unto Him, and as we do HIS will in HIS authority then the very gates of Hell will not, CAN NOT stand against us!

C. Careful to use it exclusively

- 1) The time for split allegiance is long past –

Matthew 6.19-24

- a) Our desires largely define our destination, for we will always aim for them

- b) The eyes represent the desires of the heart, the things on which we set our eyes are the things which we desire... we look with longing, we must have and the cost becomes invisible to us... though it is obvious to all the world that we have sold our souls, we are blinded by our lusts
- c) And so, desires that are not Christ thus lead us into ruin...

Proverbs 25:27–28 (NKJV)

27 It is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory is not glory.

28 Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls.

D. Careful to define the role

- 1) Forerunner - having gone before us in every way
 - a) Defeated death
 - b) Removed the curse of our father Adam
 - c) Purchased our forgiveness by His own blood

- d) Gone ahead to our heavenly home and is preparing a place for us there
- 2) High priest - having stood between us and God and made a way for us to approach the eternal Godhead
- a) No longer are we enemies of God but we have been adopted as His children
 - b) No longer kept out of His presence we are invited, even commanded to come boldly unto Him
 - c) The price of your passage into the throne room of God has been forever splashed in scarlet upon the very foundations of God's throne. The mercy seat is open to you and the way will never be closed.
- 3) Eternal priest - having established a priesthood that will never end and will never lose its ability to save to the uttermost
- a) This most powerful priesthood is a singular office and a singular effect

- b) It is never ending and thus He needs no replacement and no help in completely securing His charge.
 - c) He alone is our priest, no other man can ever be High Priest unto God.
 - d) The sacrifice has been offered, accepted and is remembered forever.
 - e) Its efficacy is sufficient for all time and eternity
 - f) It is able to save, and will save every single person for whom it is offered. No one will miss heaven who is intended to be there.
- 4) Priest of the order of Melchizedek - having established a priesthood with NO consideration given to man and his traditions..
- a) No human tradition was needed for Jesus' sacrifice to be accepted.
 - b) No other priest was there sprinkling blood, wearing holy clothes, uttering holy words...
 - c) The temple was not the location, the vestments were still safely stored

- d) The songs were not sung, the incense was not burned, the showbread was not refreshed...
- e) King Jesus was the fulfillment of all of the picture and His word surpassed every single part, every single scrap of meaning that any of that had was only about THIS moment...
 - i.the king in agony
 - ii.dying for the subjects
 - iii.in order that they might be set free
 - iv.from their rebellion against His rule.

II. THE POWERFUL NAME

- A. Savior - Jesus means "Jehovah is salvation"
- B. God given name - this is the name that God told Mary she was to call Him –

Luke 1:31 (NKJV)

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

C. The name foretold - the reality of the person of Christ is woven through the entire scripture

- 1) Jesus is the central theme of the entire Bible.

Luke 24:27 (NKJV)

27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

- 2) His name in Hebrew is Joshua, and the specific rendering Jesus is a Greek transliteration.
- 3) The name Joshua is foretold as the man who would be the branch who rebuilds (and becomes) the temple of God –

Zechariah 6.9-13

D. The name of His reproach and suffering - he lived and died as Jesus, taking no other name and bearing no other title. He even avoided the title

Messiah, and would only seldom acknowledge the fact.

E. The name of His humiliation - it was with the name Jesus that He was slain, crucified, beaten and despised

F. The name of His victorious resurrection - it was Jesus and no other who broke down the barrier of death for us.

G. The name of His triumphant return and reign - at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, and every tongue profess –

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.

III. THE ETERNAL NAME

A. The same Jesus who died - forever the Lamb who was slain –

Revelation 5.1-7

B. The same Jesus who is risen –

Matthew 28:5–7 (NKJV)

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

C. The same Jesus who will return –

Acts 1:11 (NKJV)

11 who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

D. Any attempt to make Him other, any attempt to make Him less than He is, or force Him to share His glory with another is to exclude yourself from any part in Him.