

His Name

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Let's join our hearts in prayer.

Dear heavenly Father, most glorious and holy and just and perfect Lord, oh, Lord, I praise thy name this morning. I thank you, Lord, for bringing us here. I thank you, Lord, for all that you have done this week, what you have done this day, what you have done in the lives of thy sheep in this room. Lord, I pray now that you would fill this place, that you would fill it with thyself, that you would come with power, that, Lord, you would anoint my lips, calm my spirit and, Lord, may you be pleased to glorify your name, thy name. Oh, Lord, may you do all things this day for thy name's sake. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

I would like you to begin with me today. This will be a little different message this morning, because we will be using our Bibles a lot. We are going to begin in Psalm 115, beginning in verse one.

I thought about just printing out the verses I wanted to speak about today, but the Lord would have us to go to each one of them. Some of them have surrounding things we need to talk about.

I want to focus in this morning on Psalm 115 verse one. The psalmist David writes:

“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.”¹

David was very jealous for the name of his Lord. You will find throughout the Psalms, you will find through out his life that David was not only zealous but jealous. He cared so much for the name of his Lord, that it was the name of his Lord that would be lifted up and it was the name of his Lord that would be glorified. I think about that often as the Lord impresses upon me to ask him to do things for his name's sake. I thought about that many times and I wondered, because, all of the Scriptures testify of him. He is truly a Lord with a name higher above every other name. And that is what I want to focus in on this morning. What is in his name? What is it for the child of God that is in the name of

¹ Psalm 115:1.

his Lord? And I pray now of the Lord's blessed liberty to be able to go through his Word, to seek those things that glorify his name. For the Lord says and the Word says:

"...and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."²

I pray for that liberty this morning to look at what his name is. It is such a precious thing to be brought to say these words that the psalmist says.

"Not unto us, O LORD."³

It is not for our glory. It is not for our name. It is not for our sake. We spend a lot of times and time in this life from the time that we are young until the days that we get older establishing a name on this earth. And we care about that name. We care about what people think about that name. We care about what that name means. None of us in here would want our name to speak evil out in the world. We wouldn't want that name to be a name that people cringe at and say, "You know, there is no way Christ could be found in that person." Those things and those thoughts should be far from us this morning. But I hope our desire and I hope it is the will of Lord today to give us a zeal of his name, that that is the name that we desire to be exalted. That is the name. He is the Lord our banner, our Jehovah Nissi, the name that the Christian goes by, the name that is high and more precious than anything when it... he hears it in his ears and he hears the voice of his shepherd. He knows that that name, that name is glorious.

So I want to talk about some thing that the Word of God says today that is found in his Word that speak that is in his name. And the first thing that I want to talk about this morning is salvation. It is not just salvation that is in his name. You turn with me to the very familiar verse, Matthew 1:21 is where it begins today. I do believe for the child of God it is of the utmost importance to begin here. We know this verse by heart. We love to exalt this verse and to speak about this verse, about our Lord.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS."⁴

In the Old Testament that name was Joshua. It is the same name. That is the Hebrew name, Joshua. It means savior.

"...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall..."⁵

We love those shalls and wills of our Lord. For we know when we hear those things attributed to our Lord that they are kept. We know that those things when we hear that he shall, we know that he will do it. He has shown his children time and time again that he is faithful to the call, that he is faithful for the power and he is faithful to bring glory for his name and for his father's name.

² 2 Corinthians 3:17.

³ Psalm 115:1.

⁴ Matthew 1:21.

⁵ Ibid.

“...he shall save his people from their sins.”⁶

This is where the whole gospel is. It is in this name. It is in this name that there is salvation in. And of the child of God when he hears these words, he knows that none can pluck him from the hand of his dear Redeemer. None can sway him if he is convinced. And we know that the Word of God tells us that it is the Holy Ghost that convinces us. He convinces us that we are his child. He convinces us that we are sinners in need of this Savior. He convinces us that we have been washed. He convinces us that this one has done it all for his children.

As I said, we will be going pretty rapidly today. We have quite a few places to go. So the next place I would like to take you is in Acts chapter four verse 12 another familiar verse. Once again we are talking about salvation in his name.

“And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people...”⁷

Oh, sorry. That is three. I need to turn over to four. There it is. Ok. Chapter four. We will be coming back to Acts three here shortly, but Acts four verse 12.

“Neither is there salvation in any other.”⁸

You know, if we stopped right here, there are so many things in this life that people say is a salvation for you. What is your salvation? There are things that people make out to be whether they are idols, whether they are the allurements of this world. Maybe they are riches. Maybe salvation is in someone or something, but we are told right here that there is salvation:

“Neither is there salvation in any other.”⁹

See, Jesus is not a means. He is not a means of salvation. He is salvation. He is not a way of salvation. He is the way. He is the truth. And he is the life.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name.”¹⁰

And that is very important. Children, understand that today. As you sit in here today.

“...there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”¹¹

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Acts 3:12.

⁸ Acts 4:12.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Ibid.

There is no salvation in your parents. There is no salvation in your loved ones. There is no salvation in the preacher of the Word. There is only salvation in Christ's name and Christ's name alone. He is salvation.

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

We have lots of names today that are exalted. We have two of them that have been in the headlines for days and days and people really put their whole life into whether one or two of these people win in less than a month. And that is where life is. That this where salvation is. If this one wins, my life is over. If this one wins, I have a much greater life. Is that where your life is today? Because there is no other name under heaven and unless... the last time I looked, everything is under heaven. All men are under heaven. All principalities are under heaven.

“...there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”¹³

The sheep don't like those must tos and have tos, but this isn't talking about us. It is talking about what he has done. It is talking about his salvation. That is where salvation must be. It is not in that loved one next to you. It is not in a name. It is not in the barns that we build up to have our riches. It is not in a candidate. It is not in a doctrine. It is in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And that is the thing today. What is in this name? We begin today by seeing that salvation is in his name.

I would like you to go now with me to John 20 as we see that life is in his name. That is not a cliché either. We like to use that. Well, I have life in Christ. Well, do you? Is Christ your life that everything and as ... is he an answer to every concern in your life? Is he the one thing needful? We look at the end of John 20 and we will back up to 30 and we will read 30 with 31.

“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written...”¹⁴

The Word of God is written. All that John has attested to throughout his epistle here has attested to this fact:

“...that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.”¹⁵

He is the living bread. He is the eternal life. He is life eternal.

“...and that believing ye might have life through his name.”¹⁶

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ John 20:30-31.

¹⁵ John 20:31.

Notice how that goes together. Life through his name. That is that living faith we have been talking about week after week. It is what Paul said he lives by the faith of the Son of God. This is the life that we have in Christ. It is not a cliché. It is not that I am a little soldier in some kind of army that I have got to go out and do something for this one. No, it is not. Oh, the Lord is so faithful to show his children over and over what he has done for thee. That is where life is. We are to procuring life. It has been procured. It has been safely tucked away. It has been energized. Our life is energized in Christ and Christ alone and there is no other name that believing. How do we believe? By the author and finisher of our faith.

As Paul said:

“I live by the faith of the Son of God.”¹⁷

“...that believing ye might have life through his name.”¹⁸

His name is where the life is. And David was no different in this. David understood this. This ... when the Holy Spirit moved upon David to write those words:

“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory.”¹⁹

This is why he could write something like that. He knows that his whole life... I tell the children this all the time because it is worthy to be repeated over and over. When you look at the life of David, when he wrote in the Psalms and his dependency upon his Lord, it is even more special, if I can use those words, to see it in David's life, because he was a ruling king. He was a conquering king, but he did nothing without his Lord. And even though he was the greatest one upon the face of the earth and he had conquered every one around him, he still lived every day in that dependency upon his Lord. And many times he would have those struggles in his soul and he would start to backslide and he would start... and listen. The sins of David are catalogued throughout the Word. And you know ours are, too. We are an open epistle. Our Lord sees them all. We are going to talk about that, too. That this actually the next place we are going to go.

But right now my desire, I hope the Lord's desire, as the Spirit gives liberty is to reveal to you today that there is life only in Christ. And all this thing for whatever it is man down here calls life, the work life, the business life, the weekend life, the running around from Monday to Tuesday to Wednesday to Thursday, that is not life. That this the race that we have down here. But if Christ is not our life, if Christ is not in every bit of those days, then what we have is counterfeit, what we have is just an existence for now.

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ Galatians 2:20.

¹⁸ John 20:31.

¹⁹ Psalm 115:1.

I would like you now to go to Acts chapter 10 for we see that in the name of the Lord we also have forgiveness. We are going to be in Acts quite a few times today. Right now we come to Acts chapter 10. We will back up and do 42 and 43.

And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.²⁰

Forgiveness of sins, pardon of sins through his name. This is why there is glory to his name. This is why the child of God is so zealous for the name of his Lord, because he sees his forgiveness and make no mistake about it. The child of God is aware that he needs salvation. He is aware of the need to be forgiven. We see this in part sometimes down here as the ones we love we may offend. We desire so much to be reconciled to them. We say things, we do things, we try to reconcile the best way that we can. But it weighs so heavily upon us when we are not. It causes us trepidation, but that is the way the relationship is with the child of God and his Lord. He brings us to see the necessity of the need to be forgiven, the need of this Savior, the need for the one to take the sting of the law away, to take the burden of it off our shoulders, to take the sting of death and the fear of death away, to take away the bondage that we have because of the weight of sin, to take away the fear that all of our life we are subjected to down here. We need to be forgiven because we understand when we are just... when the veil is open, to show us the holiness and the justice of this holy Lord.

And he uses the law to do that, to show us how holy and just he is, to see ... and when he reveals that to the child of God, they feel so dirty. They feel, as Joshua did, as he stood there in filthy garments with the devil sitting next to him whispering in his ear accusing him. But the Lord said, "No, bring him other garments. Bring him the righteousness, the robe and the righteousness of me." And that is how we know we are forgiven when the Lord brings the power of his righteousness to clothe us in that righteousness, to show us that that sin and that iniquity has been covered. And not only covered, it has been removed. It has been put in the ephah and it has been carried thousands and millions of miles away where we can't see it anymore, but not only we don't see it, the Father doesn't see it. he sees the righteousness of his Son.

Yes, there is forgiveness in this name.

"...through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."²¹

Is he precious to you this way this morning? Is there something in this name that is so much more glorious than your name? That is so much more glorious than any name you can even conjure up today on this earth? I will leave that to the Holy Ghost. But I want you to know also in this name there is healing and there is help.

²⁰ Acts 10:42-43.

²¹ Acts 10:43.

We are in Acts. We are going to stay in Acts this time. Just turn back to Acts chapter three. Healing and help in the name of our Lord. We are going to begin in verse six.

“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”²²

Was Jesus there? No. Was the power of his name there? Yes. Was the glory of his name there? Yes.

You know how Paul and Barnabas rented their clothes when they were accused or favored, I might say, of being gods. Oh, they were so upset. They were so zealous for the name of their Lord. Peter is the same way here. Peter said:

“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none.”²³

I have nothing to give you of this world’s goods.

“but such as I have give I thee.”²⁴

In the name of Peter? No.

“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”²⁵

This is Jehovah Raffe, this is the Lord our healer. That is a physical healing. But do you understand this is the same thing he does to your soul? Every time he brings your soul to him it is the same way. He speaks to your soul, “Rise up and walk to me.” This is how we have communion with the Lord. It said as much in verse 16. Look at verse 16 now.

And his name through faith in his name has made this man strong. This man has done nothing to receive this healing. This man has done nothing to conjure up the power of God. It is through the name of Christ, his name and through his name, through faith in his name. There is that believing living life, that his man has been made strong whom you see and know. Yea, the faith which is by him, it is by the Lord Jesus Christ, has given him this. Listen. This isn’t healing bodily. He has given him this perfect soundness. Do we not desire that? I desire that every day, a perfect soundness in my soul to drive the wicked one far away, to drive the voice of the old man and the desires of the old man far away, to silence the voice of the world and all the allurements of the world, to silence the voice of sin that I have committed. I need this Lord who has this power in his name to heal and to bring forth spiritual health. It is by him, by the faith of him, by the glory of him that he has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

²² Acts 3:6.

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Ibid.

²⁵ Ibid.

Oh, we always, I know many times as we are sitting in waiting rooms waiting on those we love, and always... the Lord always seems to provide that verse about keeping our mind stayed upon him. And that is how perfect peace comes, how the Lord keeps our mind stayed upon... our mind... the only way we can have that perfect peace is our mind to be stayed somewhere. And, you know, as well as I do, we can sit there and our mind is just going everywhere. How is it going to be stayed there? It is this way. It is this one who comes with healing in his wings, should I say healing in his name and help for the soul of his dear child. That is what the Lord brings in healing and health in his name. What a glorious name.

But we are not done. There is washing, sanctification and justification in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Turn with me over to 1 Corinthians chapter six. I guess we will begin in verse nine.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.²⁶

You say, what a horrible list of sins. And then you get hit right between the eyes.

“And such were some of you.”²⁷

Can you not see your name up there? Can you not see what you have been delivered from? Can you not see a past? Can you not see a life that once was?

“And such were some of you.”²⁸

What else can you say to that but amen?

“...but ye are washed.”²⁹

Ye are washed with the Holy Ghost. Ye are washed in the blood of the Lamb. You are washed and made whiter than snow. It is one of those things we never understand and be able to comprehend how blood red can wash you and make you white as snow. We can't understand that on the physical level. We certainly can understand that through the power of him to show us the cleansing power of his blood.

“...but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified.”³⁰

²⁶ 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

²⁷ 1 Corinthians 6:11.

²⁸ Ibid.

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ Ibid.

This is where holiness is. The holiness is in Christ's holiness. Ye are sanctified. Ye are made holy. And I know it is as a side note, but every time I come here I am always impressed upon the same thing. You can't add anything to the Lord's holiness. There is no such thing as progressive sanctification. If we are holy with Christ's holiness, there is nothing to add to it. There is nothing to take away from it. It is perfect. It is the perfect holiness of the Lord. He is our sanctification. He is our holiness. He has set us apart. That is what sanctification means. He has taken the child of God and he has set them apart for his holy use, for his name's sake, for his glory.

Does your life attest to that that he has set you apart for the glory of his name? That is him.

“... but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified.”³¹

Oh, I love that word. I love that word the most because I always see myself as guilty. I do. Day after day the anger, the impatience, the crossness that I have with those that I love. when the Lord shows me that and says, “Thou are the man,” the guilt that just ... it wants to engulf me. But Christ is my justification. He comes to my soul and he says, “I have pronounced you not guilty to the Father who is the judge of all things, not guilty.”

Lord, how can you do that? Because you are holy in me, because you are washed by my blood, because I have done it, because I have pronounced you just in the sight of all men and in the sight of God. All men may not see it, but we are presented as the bride to the Father without any spot or blemish, justified. All of this in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. Do you see the perfect trinity there? Do you use how the perfect trinity worked here? In the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God, we have all three of them mentioned. And all this started with such were some of you and such were some of you. That is needful. We don't like it, but it is needful.

Why would you need to be washed if you are not dirty? Why would you need a sanctification if you are already holy? And why would you need to be justified if you have already justified yourself?

This one is precious, too. His name is how and where he gathers his own. Turn with me to Matthew 18. Look at verse 20.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name...”³²

Oh, Lord, how is it that we are gathered? He is the gatherer. He sends his Spirit to gather his people together as he has done today. He gathers them in a place.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”³³

³¹ Ibid.

³² Matthew 18:20.

³³ Ibid.

I don't know about you, but that humbles me this morning to know that the Lord is in the midst of us this morning. This name, this glorious name is in the midst of us this morning. He has gathered us here to be praised. He has gathered us here for all glory to ascend to him, to ascend to the Father, to ascend to the Holy Ghost. And it is how we are gathered. You know, I have looked back in my life and I have been a, quote, unquote, church goer my whole life. And I can't say that there has been sincerity in those times of going to church, especially as a young man. I went because, basically, I was made to go. I went because if I didn't a guilt trip would be put on me. But oh how different it is when the Lord draws you to a place where his people are and the blessed unity of the Spirit fills the place and the love of Christ is poured out in that place all for his name's sake. Not a one of the children of God are exalting their name, but they are exalting the name of the dear Savior.

His name is worthy of universal praise and exaltation. Turn with me over to Philippians two. We begin in verse nine.

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him.”³⁴

Understand that today, dear ones. It pleased the Father to exalt his Son. It pleased the Father to place everything in the hands of his Son, all gifts to dispense, all glory to his name.

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.”³⁵

See, that name puts down all other names in this world today. Do you know why? Because God the Father has exalted him. He has exalted that name which is above every name.

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”³⁶

You know, I have been much perplexed over the last couple of weeks when I look out in this nation and I see it try to so hard to throw the name of my Lord out of the schools, out of the courts, out of pages of books, off our currency, wherever it is. There is always a group. There is always someone. There is always a special interest group, man's army trying to fight against this name, this name that the Lord God has exalted above every other name. But make no mistake about it. Every knee should bow. There will come a day that every knee shall bow.

“...of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.”³⁷

³⁴ Philippians 2:9.

³⁵ Ibid.

³⁶ Philippians 2:10.

³⁷ Ibid.

Do you not see a triumphant Lord there? I do. It speaks to my soul. It speaks to my soul when it is worried about how wicked man is. Can you wipe the name of Christ away from me? No. Because it is written in my soul. It is written in my heart. And how do I know this? Our last place to go is in John chapter 14. Maybe you have read this before, but may the Holy Spirit show you this power. Look at John 14 verses 13 and 14. This is the power in his name.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.³⁸

This is the power of my Lord. This is the power of his name to perform all things for me. This is the power of the Lord, all those things that we have mentioned today. And it is not an exhaustive list of our Lord. It is not an exhaustive list of his name, but I hope it is. What I hope the Lord uses it for is to exalt his name, to exalt his name in your soul this morning. Oh, to ready you for this ordinance, to ready you for this day of worship and most assuredly to glorify his name.

Once again, I will read our main text, Psalm 115:1. And I hope you can join with me now in your soul that you, as you read these words, it truly is in your soul.

“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth’s sake.”³⁹

This is what is in the name of our Lord. May he speak to you this morning to reveal to you the glory of his name.

I have one last verse I am going to read to you as we go into prayer to ask the Lord’s blessing on this Word. And that is from Psalm 79:9 which I thought was a good ending. And may the Lord stir you up this way.

“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name’s sake.”⁴⁰

Dear heavenly Father, may you glorify your name for your name’s sake. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

³⁸ John 14:13-14.

³⁹ Psalm 115:1.

⁴⁰ Psalm 79:9.