

Series: Isaiah

Lesson # 21

Title: The Name of the Lord

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Throughout scripture sinners are commanded to call on the name of the Lord. The world over, sinners are being told from pulpits to call on the name of the Lord. **Romans 10: 13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Paul was jealous for spiritual soundness in the saints at Corinth for the honor, for the glory of the name of Jesus. Paul said this: **2 Corinthians 11: 2: For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3: But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4: For if he that cometh preacheth another jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.** (I am fearful you will hear of this other jesus as if he were the true.)

Does that mean that some preach another jesus than the one Paul preached? The apostle Paul said, "Yes!" That should create a concern in us. Because it means that some have heard, and are hearing another name! It should cause great concern in us, especially when we consider the truth which Peter declared when he said, **Acts 14: 12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

You see, calling on the name of the Lord involves more than vocally reciting the name, Jesus. What we have been taught concerning his name determines whether or not we truly have called on THE NAME, OF JESUS. And it is impossible for any sinner to believe on someone of whom we have never heard.

Indeed, **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? (Romans 10: 13, 14.)**

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Let's read our text: Isaiah 9: 1-7

I. FIRST, THE LORD OF HOSTS DECLARES THE INCARNATION AND VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST.

Isaiah 9: 6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

The triune God chose to reveal his name to elect sinners by saving them from their sins. The honor of glorifying his great name was given to Christ Jesus, the Son of God.

Colossians 1: 19: For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

- Those God chose to save sat in great darkness--God chose Christ to be our great Light.
- God's elect must be stripped of our vain righteousness's--Christ is the only one so Altogether lovely who is able to make us drop everything for him.
- Those whom God chose to praise him had to have the yoke of sin, the yoke of the law's justice, the yoke of death and the yoke of Satan's accusations all broken from off them-- God entrusted this great work to one who would come to us through the womb of a virgin.

Isaiah 9: 6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

A. First, he declares the humanity of Christ. -- "*For unto us a child is born.*"

Our Savior is a man like us, touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He came to suffer the wrath of God and die as the Substitute of his people, therefore he assumed a nature capable of suffering and death. He came to redeem his elect seed, not angels nor all the seed of Adam, therefore he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Hebrews 2:16: For verily he took not on *him* the nature of angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham. 17: Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Philippians 2:5-8: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2 Corinthians 8:9: For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Hebrews 2: 18: For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Illustration: Brother Pete this cruel world shows us it is a world of sin. Sometimes, it feels like the whole world has turned their face from us.

This One knows that suffering you felt this week more than you and I know it. He suffered it as a man, in all points like you and I.

Therefore, he knows better than any man, how to comfort you. Aren't we thankful it is so!

B. Then the LORD of hosts declares the deity of Christ.--Isaiah 9: 6:...Unto us a son is given

The Son was not born but given, sent from heaven. He was **MADE** of the seed of David according to the flesh and **DECLARED** to be the Son of God with power (Rom. 1:3-4).

- Who grew in the womb like every other child for 9 months
- Who nursed his mother's breast like every other child
- Who was nurtured and raised up by Mary and Joseph like every other child

Yet, made both Mary and Joseph; he designed the womb and the courses of child birth by his own divine power. He gave them each the life and wisdom to keep him from a child up.

The Ancient of Days became an infant of days. Why is that so important to a sinner?

1. Man had broken God's law and a man must repair it; but his obedience to the law could be of no value to us were he not also the infinite God.
2. Man had sinned and man must die; but his death could never satisfy the justice of God for us were he not himself the infinite God. -- His deity gives merit to all that he did as a man.
3. Christ Jesus our Savior is the Son of God given--the gift of God's love.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:9-10: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. *10* Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

I John 5: 11: And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13: These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

C. Thirdly, he declares Christ's victorious exaltation...**and the government shall be upon his shoulder:**

The government, of the universe and the world--of all things--in general, is his:

Hebrews 1:3: Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

The government of the people fell upon him, which resulted in his crucifixion. The government of God was upon his shoulder--that he might be just and the Justifier. But the word "government" is translated from a word which means--"rule, dominion."

The government shall be upon his shoulder--announces to us beforehand, the victory that he shall win. This is that Kingly power over the whole kingdom of God given to Christ Jesus as the result and reward of his redemptive work.

John 17: 1: These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Matthew 28: 18: And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

1. The one who is the head of all creation is also the head of this church and has all pre-eminence (Col. 1:18-19)

Colossians 1: 16: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18: And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. 19: For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

2. The reign of King and Surety over the kingdom of God is on his shoulder--therefore not one blood-bought child shall be lost and not one enemy shall go unconquered.

I Cor. 15: 24: Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25: For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26: The last enemy *that shall be destroyed is death.*

Illustration: News headline--"Encouragement for hard economic times!--it spoke of what our government intended to do to save us. Now hear this, "The government shall be on his shoulders!--The Government of All Creation; the Government of Providence; the Government of His Church and Kingdom; the Government of All Grace--that's encouragement for hard times of all kinds.

II. HERE IS THE NAME JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

The name of the Lord Jesus stands for everything about him--his rank, his authority, his Excellencies, his will, his pleasure, his power, his deeds and so on.

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called Wonderful,

The name means--an extraordinary marvel to continually hold in wonder--incomprehensible--for those who believe on him his name is full of Wonder. It is a name which conveys the miracle of his Person and Work.

Where do you begin to say about a name that declares it is too miraculous for man's puny mind?

- God and Man in one Person--the Divine Nature and Human Nature united in One--none can explain this, but all can say, "Wonderful!"
- His character and conduct--the greatness of soul--Wonderful!
- The Prince of life should die that the chief of sinners might live--Wonderful!
- That this One would make each of his elect a miracle to be wondered at--Wonderful!
- His humility, meekness, and patience--he was willingly born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem a bunch of rebels against him.

Illustration: Driving home the other night looking at the stars.

Psalm 8: 3: When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4: What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

What can you say to describe such a Savior--Wonderful!

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called...Counsellor

A counselor is a legal representative, an attorney at law, an advocate, one who gives counsel and direction. The work of salvation involved a legal work. My judgment and God's justice had to be settled in the court of the Judge of the whole earth.

- In the eternal council of God he stood as my Counsellor.
- He was sent to me from the LORD of hosts to be my personal Counselor in the hour of his love and has directed my steps ever since. **Isaiah 28: 29: This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, *which* is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in working.**
- At the Bar of God in heaven he represents me.

I John 2: 1: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called...the mighty God

The name Mighty God means Jesus Christ is the omnipotent God--mighty to save. If the Jesus whom you trust is not God then you worship another Jesus.

1. Jesus Christ is the true God.

I John 5: 20: We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

2. Jesus Christ is the God of Sovereign Dominion.

Romans 9: 5: Christ came, who is God over all, God blessed forever.

Hebrews 1: 8: Unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.

3. Jesus Christ is the God of Revelation.

John 1: 1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 18: No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

- Every revelation of God in the Old Testament was a revelation of Christ.
- When the Holy Spirit reveals God to men He shows them Christ.
- The only way to worship God is to worship Christ.
- The only sight of God any man will ever have, or need, is the sight of Christ.

Don't ever forget: The name of Jesus Christ and the name of our God; the name of our God and the name of Jesus Christ--is one and the same, for our Savior is both Man and God; both God and Man. What a Savior!

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called...the everlasting Father,

Remember: Isaiah is not here declaring the doctrine of the Trinity. He has not confused the Three Persons of the eternal Godhead. There are three distinct Persons in the Holy Trinity. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three Persons, in one glorious Being, are our God.

We do not worship one God revealed by three different names. Neither do we worship three Gods. But we worship One God in three Persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

But here, Isaiah is giving a prophecy of the incarnation of Christ the Son of God. He is describing the relation of the incarnate God-man to us.

1. He is our EVERLASTING Father. The word means he has been our Father from everlasting and shall be for everlasting. From everlasting Christ stood with God, one with him in eternal deity. And from everlasting he stood as our Mediator, covenant surety, and blessed Redeemer.

2. We are born to eternal life of our everlasting Father.

- We are born of His Seed of his Spirit.
- We have His Nature.
- We wear His Name.
- We are under His Care.
- We live upon His Provisions.
- We shall possess His Inheritance.

3. The Father is the legal representative of that family. So Christ our everlasting Father represents the family of his elect. In our first father Adam, all whom he represented died when he broke the law. In our second father, Christ Jesus, all whom he represented obeyed the law when he obeyed it--all died to its penalty when he died to it--and all rose in him when he rose victorious--therefore all his children shall receive the inheritance promised. **1 Corinthians 15:22: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called...the Prince of Peace. The WARRIOR'S garments are rolled in blood, yet by plunging himself into the teeth of the battle, he has won peace for his people.

1. He is the author of peace between God and sinners (Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:20).

Romans 5: 1: Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Colossians 1: 20: And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. 21: And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22: In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

2. He is our peace of heart and conscience (John 14:27).

John 14: 27: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

3. This is no temporary peace; for Jesus Christ, the God-man, effectually, sufficiently, and once for all honored God's law and satisfied justice for all who believe.

II Corinthians 5: 18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;...**21:** For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Acts 13: 38: Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **39:** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Isaiah 9: 6:...and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **7:** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. This is an eternal work. As Christ calls sinners out of darkness into his marvelous light--

A. Christ's kingdom is increases--we saw last time how he multiplies the nation.

B. Christ's government is a peaceful rule that has no end

1. He rules the hearts of men.
2. He rules by love.
3. He rules through the gospel.

C. Christ's rule is established for his people AND in the hearts of his children by his wisdom and his justice.

1. The Wisdom of God in Redemption--none but God could have designed this redemption!
2. The Justice of God in Grace--a just God and a Savior.

D. Christ's kingdom is an everlasting, eternal kingdom.--"Of his Kingdom there shall be no end."

- His rule, his peace, his judgment and his justice shall be our rejoicing for all eternity.

Conclusion: Now be sure you catch this last sentence.

Isaiah 9: 7: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

In like manner as the apostle Paul was jealous over the Corinthian brethren for the sake of the name of the true Jesus--infinitely more so, the LORD of hosts is jealous--full of zeal--for the glory of his great name and the name of his Son.

1. The certainty that the LORD will perform this.

Illustration: A Husband Gives His Name To His Bride

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. The LORD of hosts is so jealous for the honor of his great name that he only gives his name to those for whom he has honored his

name himself. His power working in those upon whom his name is called is so powerful that he will not allow them to dishonor his great name by ever falling away.

Acts 15: 13: And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: 14: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. 15: And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, 16: After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: 17: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. 18: Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

This work performed by the zeal of the LORD of hosts is his work at Calvary and his work in the new creation of our inner man whereby he brings his elect into an inseparable union with him and causes us to hear him, to know him, to believe him and to cast all our care on him.

Philippians 2: 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 [the word is shall] bow...11: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For those whom the Spirit makes to hear THE NAME OF JESUS...THE PERSON AND CHARACTER WHICH THIS NAME EMBODIES...they bow and they confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 2: 11: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord....13: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (And look at the reaction this name had upon the shepherds) 15: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16: And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child...20: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And one day--when he has raised us with a glorified body--perfectly conformed to the image of his Son--he shall consummate this union in the new heavens and the new earth wherein dwells only that which he has created--righteousness. For you believer's who have forsaken all for the LORD listen to this: **Isaiah 66:5: Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.**

Romans 10: 13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

