

*A New Name*

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## INTRODUCTION

There is more to a name than any of us realize. The name given to us determines how we are known, both in this world and in the invisible realm of the angelic contest. So many people allow themselves to be known by the defeats and the failures that have plagued them. Others are held up by the successes they have gained through their strivings and their works in flesh.

God, however, wants us to be known and to know ourselves after the new name that He has given us. For us to live is Christ, and all that goes with His wonderful name is ours. This is how heaven knows us. In eternity, we will receive a great inheritance according to our new name.

This booklet will examine the awesome privilege we have to carry His name and to experience the great blessings that come with it.

## Chapter One

# THE REAL VALUE OF A NAME

“And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

“And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob’s thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

“And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

“And he said unto him, *What is thy name?* And he said, Jacob.

“And he said, *Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel:* for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

“And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

“And Jacob called the name of the place Pe-

niel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

“And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

“Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob’s thigh in the sinew that shrank” (Genesis 32:24-32).

What is the real value of a name? To the Hebrews as well as the Greeks, throughout the Word of God, a person’s name often expressed his character, nature, and habits. A name referred to what the parents giving the name thought the child would be like, or what they were going through when the child was born in the Hebrew nation.

When we consider Exodus 3:15, the Lord’s name is “Everlasting” or Yahweh. His name is so important. Ephesians 1:21 and Philippians 2:9-10 say that the name of Jesus is above every name “in earth and heaven.”

Speaking of the people of God, the Bible says, in Deuteronomy 28:10, “They shall be called by My name.” When we arrive at the place where we are called by His name, the demons of hell are afraid.

In Acts 19:15, the demon said to the seven sons of Sceva, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?” In other words, “We know their nature. We know their lives. But you are using the name of Christ to cast me out, and I don’t know you: I don’t recognize your authority.”

In Zechariah 13:9, God said, “When you pray and use My name properly, I will hear you.”

Through faith in God’s name, the lame man was healed (Acts 3:16).

It is overwhelming that we are able to preach in His name, pray in His name, love, forgive, and rejoice in His name. We can have friendships, marriages, and families that operate in His nature revealed by His name. Every decision should be made according to God’s nature, honoring the divine order of the Word. This is available to a Christian called by His name.

Please understand that too easily we take the Lord’s name in vain. Most often it happens when we do not take the Word of God seriously. When the Holy Spirit impresses us with a verse of Scripture and we don’t respond, we are taking God’s name in vain.



## *How to Overcome a Negative Identity*

Christ's name is above every name. This means that His nature (which is mercy, love, forgiveness, divine goodness, and truth, in Exodus 34:6) is above everything else on this earth. If two of us are walking in the Holy Spirit, and one of us says, "Let's agree about something in Jesus' name," we are saying that what we agree upon is based upon the nature and character of the One who is our Savior (Matthew 18:19-20).

In 1 Chronicles 4, an interesting story is told of a woman who had a child and became very angry. She did not like her child, so she said, "I will call his name Jabez, because he has brought sorrow into the world. He has caused pain, and wherever he goes, there will be pain." (see 1 Chronicles 4:9). She put a name on her son: 'sorrow bringer,' 'pain giver'.

So, according to 1 Chronicles 4:10, Jabez called upon the *name* of the Lord.

He said, "Bless me indeed. Please enlarge my coasts. I don't want to live out the name my mother gave me and what she thought of me." He said, "Put Your hand upon me, and do not let me be grieved" (see 1 Chronicles 4:10).

Jabez said, "I will not accept what my

mother has given me. I'm going to let the name of the Lord change my life," and the name of the Lord changed his life. This verse says that God granted his request.

Some children are called 'stupid'. They have been given that name. Many of them end up using drugs and committing other crimes. They grow up with a negative identity—born into this world with a certain name, and all they know is what they have been called—in some cases by the way they are treated by their parents.

But in Zephaniah 3:20, God said to Israel, "I will give you a very special name." And in Isaiah 62:2, God promises to give the Gentiles a new name, too.

## *Chapter Two*

# PUTTING ADAM BEHIND US

It is important to understand that in Genesis 5:2, God called Adam and Eve “Adam.”

Though they may have a name such as Bill or Joe or Betty, people who live in their old nature are called Adam. That means that their hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked by nature (Jeremiah 17:9). It means that if they do well in their flesh or in their own strength, they become proud and arrogant. The old nature is fallen, and they do not know God. They do not seek after God, and they have all gone out of the way (Romans 3:10-12). Their name is Adam.

When you watch the news, you will hear news about people that have many different names; but unless their identity is in Christ, all their names are Adam.

When we are born again and we enter into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, we enter a brand-new life. From that time,

God never sees us as Adam.

Deuteronomy 28:10 says we are called by His name. The first believers were called Christians (Acts 11:26). Instead of 'Bill Adam', it is 'Bill Christ', 'Bill Jesus'. Instead of Joe Adam, it is Joe Christ. Instead of Elizabeth Adam, it's Elizabeth Christ.

It is so crucial to understand that when we are born a second time, we enter into a brand-new nature with a brand-new name.

### *The Name of Blasphemy*

In Revelation 13, Antichrist has on his head the name of "Blasphemy." In verse 16, he places a name in the right hand and foreheads of those that follow him. Revelation 13:17 says that no one can buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast in their foreheads and in their right hands. What does that mean?

In the Bible, the number seven speaks of perfection. Man's number, which is "six," falls short of perfection. During the Tribulation Period, everyone will have a name—it is "6-6-6". That is the name of Adam. So they will all have the name of Adam, and they will follow Antichrist.

But in Revelation 14:1, as the Lamb, Jesus Christ stood, and He put the Father's name on

the foreheads of a hundred and forty-four thousand people. That name is "Mercy, Love, Forgiveness, Grace, Goodness, Righteousness, and Truth" (see Exodus 34:6-7). You could also say, they were given the name of the Lamb. God gave them the name of the Lamb Who stood as their leader.

### *Sons of Belial*

In 1 Samuel 2:12, Phineas and Hophni were called the sons of Belial, and they knew not the Lord. According to ancient isagogics, seven different groups of demon armies were working together through them like a "tag team."

One group promoted lust to live outside of God's will. The second perpetuated a program of living in a lie and calling it truth. In other words, their job was to make people believe a lie.

The third group promoted rebellion. The fourth was for stubbornness. The fifth was for gossip. The sixth was for stealing. And, the seventh promoted pride and deceit.

Those are the seven characteristics of a tag team that totally overcame two sons of the high priest. The sons in turn overcame the high priest with their behavior. Their father protected them

when they didn't know God. They lied to him and lived outside of God, so they were called the sons of Belial.

### *Cursed No More*

Jacob's mother, Rebecca, was not a good woman. Her brother Laban was not a good man. When Jacob and Laban were together for twenty years, it was one crook taking advantage of another crook, and the older crook won during that twenty-year period.

However, in Genesis 32:26, the Lord Jesus Christ came to wrestle with Jacob. God was trying to get Jacob's heart right. That's what that wrestling match was all about. "I love you, and I want to get your heart right," is what Jesus was saying there. The Word says that Jesus could not defeat Jacob. Now that seems strange, but it means that He couldn't break Jacob's will.

So Jesus touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh and said, "The morning has come, and I have to go." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, except you bless me." That, by the way, is a beautiful way to tell God something.

"God, I know You love me, and I will not let You go unless you bless my health, my marriage, my family. I will not let You go."

Then the Lord Jesus said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

"You will no longer be called Jacob, which means 'cheater and crooked'. Instead," the Lord declared at that moment, "You will now be called 'Israel' because you have power with God and with men."

Then Jacob made a strange statement to the One he had wrestled with. He said, "What is *your* name?"

God said, "Why are you asking Me this? Why are you asking Me what My name is? Just because you have been twenty years away from Me, don't you know that My name is Yahweh? Don't you know that is why I am changing your name? Because of My nature revealed by My name, I let you prevail and I am changing your name to Mine. I am doing all this because I am Yahweh."

The Word of God then says that this place was called Peniel, which means 'heart-to-heart and face-to-face with God.' Then the next verse says, "And the sun rose."

Jacob was now limping, but he had a brand-new nature, and the sun was rising. Yes, he limped, but now he's going to be God's man. He

will fail, and he will use rebound, but his name is Israel—‘power with God.’ The name Israel means “God’s special people.”

God was saying to Jacob, “You are My special man, and every time you limp, remember one thing: I beat *you* in that wrestling match!”

### *A New Contract*

In Genesis 12:2-3, God entered into a covenant with Abraham, and He said, “I’ll make thee a great nation. I’ll make your name great. I’ll bless everybody that blesses you and curse those that curse you.”

But Galatians 3:29 says we are Abraham’s seed. Galatians 3:13 says, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law... Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.” This is so we might receive the blessings of Abraham through the promise of the Holy Spirit. What does it mean to be blessed? It means to be empowered and added unto in every area of your life.

God had a special covenant relationship with Israel. In Deuteronomy 28, they were God’s people, and God said, “I will bless you in the city. I will bless you in the field. I will bless the fruit of your body. I will bless your cattle. I will bless your baskets. I will bless your store.”



And, in verse 6, He said, “When you go out, I will bless you. And when you come in, I will bless you. When you’re cooking, I will bless you. When you go to bed, I will bless you. When you meet people, I will bless them because of you.”

In Genesis 41:45, Joseph was given the name *Zaphnathapaaneah*, which means glorious rest, and a man who had Yahweh’s blessing upon him everywhere he went.

### *Chapter Three*

## DIVINE DISTINCTION AND ETERNAL RECOGNITION

I want you to see that God's desire is to call us by our new names. His desire—please hear this—is to bless our prayers, to make our children great, to give us the best marriages on earth, or if you are single or a widow, the best life, and to bless us in business.

“Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee” (Hebrews 6:14). God's desire from eternity past is to bless us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places that we should be blameless before Him and filled with love in His presence.

God wants to put a difference between His people and the world (Exodus 11:7). He does want us to be a blessing to them, but He also wants to put a difference between us.

All believers are part of the family of God. We are sons and daughters of our Lord and Savior. In Hebrews 2:11, He is our elder brother.

God wants us to know that through faith in His name that He is more than willing to bring in waves of healing, blessing, grace, and restoration.

In Christ, your name isn't drug addict. Your name isn't alcoholic. Your name isn't pornography. Your name isn't sickness in Luke 13:11.

### *You Are Not Your Situation*

A girl was diagnosed with cancer at the age of seven. She had cancer for nineteen years, but, at the age of twenty-six, she was gloriously healed. She could say, "My name isn't cancer. All I've known is cancer, but my identity isn't cancer."

A wife was being beaten by her husband, and she took the abuse repeatedly. For a time, her name was "a beaten-up wife." God took him home. She married a wonderful man of God who is now a pastor. Her name is no longer "I'm beaten up." Her name is missionary, soul-winner, lover of men, mother, and sister, a member of the highest order. She has a new name in Christ.

She and all of us will be called by the name of the Lord (Deuteronomy 28:10).

## *More Than Enough*

"And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

"And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.

"And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

"For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much" (Exodus 36:4-7).

Gifts were needed for the tabernacle. The Israelites honored God, and they gave so much that in verse 6 of that chapter, Moses said, "I won't accept any more. Your name is 'givers'. You're such amazing givers, I have to stop you from giving."

Some people have a name of being gracious. They have a name of patience. They have a name of kindness. They have a name of edification. They have a name of forgiveness. They

have a name of loving and compassion. They have a name of intercessor in their prayer life. God has given them a name on "their foreheads" meaning their minds. He has given them a new name.

It is so important that Jesus said, "If you ask any thing in my name...." So, according to John 14:14, we go to God in prayer, and we say, "Father, with all of our hearts, we believe in Your nature, in Your character, in Your promises. And this prayer, dear Father, is in Your Son's name. It is the name of the Miracle Worker. It is the name of the One who loves us. It is the name of Somebody who will never, ever forsake His own."

Many of you are going through real problems. You are going through serious problems. There is a Name above every name, and He is ever living to make intercession for you. He calls you by your name, and He doesn't call you 'failure'.

Time and time again, many children are told that they are no good—told that they won't make it. But we must not accept that name. That girl who had cancer wouldn't accept that as her identity. We must not accept anything less than the identity God has given us.

Thank God tonight, we can literally experience this name change in the kingdoms. Satan calls us names, but God has a real name for us based upon His redemption.

### *The Title to Our Inheritance*

Did you ever wonder what is meant in Revelation 2:17 when God says, "I will give you a white stone"? The white stone was given at festivals, according to isagogics, and the white stone meant absolute acquittal of everything with an eternal promotion.

On the white stone that Jesus will give believers, there will be a message. The message will have a new name. Only that person will know what that new name is. The new name is the title to his inheritance for all eternity. Each of us is going to look at our stone, and we will say, "That is my title to my inheritance for all eternity because of the nature God has given me just like His Son" (Revelation 2:17).

They were all in one place and in one accord (Acts 2:1). The Word of God says they had one heart and one soul (Acts 4:31). With great power, they gave witness of the Resurrection, and great grace was upon them all (Acts 4:33).

When we live in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

it means we are in the unity of God's nature, the unity of God's attributes, the unity of God's character, and the unity of God's plan and God's purpose. We can have the unity of the oneness of the name of God when we come together in His name. In 1 Samuel 20:42, Jonathan and David had God's name between them. So as we come together as a group in God's name, God pours out blessings that we cannot contain. We agree with God on subjects where we never agreed with Him before. In Amos 3:3, we walk with God, and we agree with our God.

His name means everything to us. His promises mean everything to us. And when we utter our praise and our prayers to the Lord Jesus Christ, we are bringing fear into hell. Deuteronomy 28:10*b* said, "When they are called by My name, [the demons] will be afraid of you."

Blessing will follow you everywhere you go, unless you are at the center of the angelic conflict between God's Kingdom and the kingdom of darkness—a contest for the angels to recognize your faith in action so you can be promoted forever, to reign with Christ.

## *Respond to His Nature*

I cannot begin to share with you the sacredness, the value, and the preciousness of what it means to be a Christian walking in the Spirit of the Lord's name through faith in His name. As we drive our cars, as we listen to songs, as we minister to the Lord, we are ministering to something about His nature, something about His attributes. And, the Holy Spirit is in our midst as the Spirit of truth (John 16:13, 15:26). Let's begin to walk in the truth of a promise, in the truth of a relationship, in the truth of fellowship, in the truth of His nature. As we begin to be moved by God, there isn't a single thing in this universe that can even compare to submission, obedience, and responding to the nature of Jesus Christ's name.

God made an unconditional covenant with Abraham, which meant, "I will keep My promise to you even if I have to die." And, He did have to die on the Cross.

Under the New Covenant, Jesus Christ now allows us to be called by His name. It is a brand-new name. It is "Not I, but Christ." That is now our name, and the world and the demons know it. We have a name by which our friends call us,



but our new family name is Jesus. As He is in heaven, so are we on earth.

## CONCLUSION

In Revelation 2:17, we made reference to the white stone, which represents our acquittal with promotion. We also talked about the new name is our own title deed, our degree of reigning or our degree of glory in eternity. That verse also mentions the hidden manna—all of the doctrine we have stored up and hidden inside.

God will say to us in heaven, "You don't have an old sin nature any more. So I'm giving you hidden manna—the Word of God stored up in your memory center. But at last, it has become reality because you have been made perfect. Though hidden, it paid off when you were on earth because you received My Word by faith."

*Dear Father, thank You for Your plan that included giving us a new identity. We desire to bring you glory as Your children, called by Your name. We ask You to keep blessing us, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.*