138 - His Name, His Words, His Heart

Last week, we began looking again into the importance of the NAME of the Father and of the Son. Dr. Dorothy Davis took us through an exercise of looking at the roots of the Name, but what I am still pressed in my spirit about is how *passionate* the Father *feels* about His Son's name. I was embarrassed to look back at *Light Up the Scriptures* #67 on July 26, 2011, when we studied "The Name." Here's one paragraph from my notes for that study:

"The Name," of course, is Jesus. Here's what the Concordant Literal Keyword Concordance says about The name, Jesus (pronounced ee-eh-sous) in Greek: "the first name of Hoshea, Salvation, was changed to Jehoshua, Jehovah-Savior, because He was the Saviour provided by Jehovah (Numbers 13:16 – These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. (Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.) Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew 'Joshua.'

WRONG! Jesus is NOT even close to Yeshua, except somewhat in its sound.

Let me also say that I am having to plow through my own resistance to deal with what is a purely religious habit that I did not realize I had acquired. So, I don't blame you if this seems altogether tedious and something that you would just as soon leave alone.

The whole reason for us diving into this on the 138th LUTS on December 11, 2012, is because of what the Father spoke to me last week: "*I've let this slide long enough. Restore My Son's Name*." Well, truth be told, we only started to do that last week. I came away unsatisfied, frankly, and Barbara reminded me that the Father spoke to me and it is mine to complete the assignment. So I pray the Father's out-pouring of His Spirit to herald His Son's real name, which is inextricably woven into His own.

It's a bit ridiculous, really, that more than 2000 years after His birth, Yeshua's name should have any controversy surrounding it at all. There's no dispute over my name being Tom, or yours being whatever your parents named you. Why, then should there ever have been any other name by which the Son of YahHoVeh

is known than the one He was given by the Father Who sent Him? It really seems absurd to have to consider the question, let alone have to answer it.

In any case, look with me first at Matthew 1:20-

"Joseph, son of David, you may not be afraid to accept Miriam, your wife, for that which is being generated in her is of holy spirit.

21 Now she shall be bringing forth a Son, and you shall be calling His name **Jesus Yeshua**, for He shall be saving His people from their sins."

Now go to Luke 1:

26 Now in the sixth month [that is, the 6th month of Elizabeth's pregnancy], the messenger Gabriel was dispatched from **YaHoVeh** to a city of Galilee, which is named Nazareth,

Now, I have to stop here and say that I do not know whether the word God here should be rendered Elohim or YahHoVeh, but from what I can gather, it appears to be proper to refer to the Father as YahHoVeh most of the time. Don't ask me when Elohim is proper to use, except for when we might say YahHoVeh our Elohim; and then I don't know when it is acceptable to shorten Elohim to El, and when Eloah or Eloi is correct. The good news is that, so far at least, the Father is content for me to declare Him as YahHoVeh, The Father, and even as, "My Father," which has a particularly sweet feel to it.

Back to Luke 1:

28 And, entering to her, the messenger said, "Rejoice, favored one! **YaHoVeh** is with you, you blessed among women!"

- 29 Now [Miriam], perceiving it, was agitated at his word, and she reasoned what manner of salutation this may be.
- 30 And the messenger said to her, "Fear not, Miriam, for you found favor with **YaHoVeh**.
- 31 And lo! you shall be conceiving and be pregnant and be bringing forth a Son, and you shall be calling His name Yeshua.

Now, the name, Jesus, is supposedly a Greek translation of the Hebrew name, Yeshua; however, Hebrew names carry important meanings: Yeshua, as far as I can gather, means, "Yah, or YahHoVeh saves." The significance is obvious, given Yeshua's commission from the Father to be the savior of mankind.

Jesus – "ee-eh-sous" in Greek – is a kind of sound-alike to the name, Yeshua, but it has no particular meaning, and certainly nothing approaching "YahHoVeh saves," even though the entry in Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon says it does. The Greek word for God is Theos, and save is sozo. If the Greek translators really wanted to be faithful stewards of The Name, Yeshua would have to have been known in Greek as something like Theos-sozo or Sozo-Theos, whichever way the order should work. The point is that Yeshua's name was altered somewhere along the way, and with that alteration came the obliteration of its meaning *and* perhaps more importantly, its power.

Let me give you a quick snapshot of how serious this is to the Father:

John 3:18

18 He who is believing in Him is not being **judged**; yet he who is not believing has been judged already, for he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of YahHoVeh.

"Believe," in Hebrew, is very rich. It means, "to support, confirm, be faithful, uphold, nourish; to be established, be faithful, be carried, make firm; to stand firm and to trust."

"Judge" in Hebrew is a word with meanings including, "govern, vindicate, or punish; and deciding controversy."

So, let's go back to the text again:

He who is believing in the name of Yeshua – that is, supporting, confirming, being faithful, upholding, nourishing; being established, being faithful, being carried, making firm; standing firm and trusting into Him, there is no controversy to decide, much less punishment to hand down; however, all that is already hanging over the head of one who has not believed in the name of YahHoVeh's Son, Yeshua.

I confess that I have had real inner struggle with all of this as I have studied it. I can feel all of my white-bread Christian conditioning railing against using these names, Yeshua and YaHoVeh. I can feel my indoctrinated mind rebelling against the change this requires in my mind and my declaration. I have known the name

of YaHoVeh and of Yeshua as foreign intrusions, literally, into my neatly arranged big Fat Greek-influenced Mind-set, where Jesus and God were so much simpler – never mind that they are the wrong names, virtually devoid of meaning, and therefore of power.

Now, I do **not** know the full import of these changes. I only know when my Father spoke to me, I felt a sense of impatience and finality. It was as if He had said, "That's enough! Get it right...NOW!" He didn't ask me, "Would you please do this?" He issued an order: "Restore my Son's name."

Acts 3-4:12 (CLNT, page 289, printed, 287,PDF)

Acts 3:13, 14

- 6 Yet Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not possess; yet what I have, this I am giving to you. **In the name of Yeshua haMashiach**, the Nazarene, walk!"
- 7 And seizing his right hand, he raises him up. **Now** instantly his insteps and ankles were given stability,
- 8 and, leaping up, he stood and walked and entered with them into the sanctuary, walking and leaping and praising **YaHoVeh**.
- 13 The God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorifies **His Boy Yeshua**
- 14 Now you disown the holy and just One
- 15 Yet the Inaugurator of Life you kill, Whom God rouses from among the dead
- 16 And in the faith of His name, His name gives stability to this man whom you are beholding, with whom, also, you are acquainted, and the faith which is through Him, gives him this unimpaired soundness in front of you all.
- 18 Yet what **YaHoVeh** announces before through the mouth of all the prophets -- the suffering of His **Messiah** [His One Anointed]-- **He thus** fulfills.
- 19 **Repent**, then, and turn about for the **erasure** of your sins, **so that** seasons of refreshing should be coming from **the face of YaHoVeh**, 20 and He should dispatch the One fixed upon before for you, **Yeshua**

haMashiach Christ Jesus.

21 Whom heaven must indeed receive until the times of restoration of all which **YaHoVeh** speaks through the mouth of His holy prophets who are from the eon.

One of the discussions we had around the Father's house in the last couple of days was what we can gain from any given scripture or section of scripture by going through it over and over again, looking at the words and the phrasing, and allowing the power that is inherent in the Father's inspired word wash over us and infuse us with an impartation of His nature, His character, and even His desire for us to know and understand Him.

Now, I invited Harold Smith to be on the line with us tonight. You have heard me refer to Harold before, whose recent articles about Satan led to a radical change in our understanding for which I am unspeakably grateful. Barbara and I were fortunate last week, to spend a day with Harold who is in Little Rock, Arkansas right now. I had an uncommon experience of meeting someone whom I recognized as a fellow lover of YaHoVeh and follower of Yeshua. Harold has a passion for the word, as I do, but his expertise is far more to the Hebraic side, so Harold, would you jump in here and add whatever the Father has put on your heart?