

# The NAME

## Philippians 2:

9 Wherefore, also, [the] God highly exalts Him, and graces Him with **the name that is above every name...**

## Mark 9:

41 ...whosoever should be giving you a cup of water to drink in **the Name**, seeing that you are Christ's, verily I am saying to you that by no means should he be losing his wages.

## 3 John 7:

5 Beloved, you are doing a faithful thing whatsoever you should work for the brethren, and this for strangers,  
6 who testify to your love in the sight of the ecclesia, to whom you will be doing ideally by sending them forward worthily of God,  
7 for they come out for the sake of **the Name**, getting nothing from those of the nations.

## Psalms 138:1-2

1 I shall acclaim You, O Yahweh, with all my heart;  
In front of the elohim shall I make melody to You.  
2 I shall worship toward Your holy Temple  
And shall acclaim **Your Name**  
For Your benignity [that is Your mercy, kindness and bounty] and for Your faithfulness,  
For You have magnified **Your Name**,  
Your promise, over all else . . .

## Acts 4:

9 If we today are being examined as to the benefaction to the infirm man, by what he has been saved,  
10 let it be known to you all and to the entire people of Israel, that in **the name of Jesus Christ**, the Nazarene, Whom you crucify, Whom God rouses from among the dead, **in this name**, this man stands by before you sound.  
11 This is the Stone that is being scorned by you builders, which is becoming the head of the corner.  
12 And **there is no salvation in any other one, for neither is there any other name, given under heaven among men, in which we must be saved."**

**“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.’ Interestingly, when looking up the name Joshua, the entry in the concordance says, “see ‘Jesus.’”

The Keyword concordance goes on to say, “This is the personal name of our Lord in the earthly state of His humiliation, to which it usually refers, while Christ is the Greek equivalent of the Anointed, indicating His exaltation to the office of Messiah.

Jesus referred to himself by the designation we use of Him all the time only once:

**John 17:**

3 Now it is eonian life that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Him Whom Thou dost commission, **Jesus Christ**.

John 17 is what has been called Jesus’ “High Priestly Prayer.” The setting is the upper room, following what we know to be “the last supper.” Immediately after this prayer, He takes the disciples into the Garden of Gethsemane.

In verse 6 of John 17, Jesus refers to the Father’s Name:

6 I manifest **Thy name** to the men whom Thou givest Me out of the world.

Then in verse 11, Jesus says:

Holy Father, keep them in **Thy name**, in which Thou hast given them to Me

Finally, in verse 26:

And I make known to them **Thy name**, and I shall make it known, that the love with which Thou lovest Me may be in them, and I in them."

Jesus would have been known the Aramaic or Hebrew pronunciation of His name during His time on the Earth, and even beyond His time, at least by the Apostles and the 1<sup>st</sup> century disciples who were Jews and who spoke Aramaic and Hebrew.

Harold Smith writes a newsletter from Jerusalem, called “He That Has an Ear.” This is his take on “The Name”; that of the Father, and the Lord Jesus:

...the Name of God, YaHoVeH, appears over 6,500 times in scripture - yet, not once does His Name ever appear in any of our "modern" translations? It has been replaced in these translations by the names *Jehovah*, *Adonai* or *LORD* - none of which has any equivalency appearing in the original Hebrew...

The same is true of the name "Jesus". For centuries, we have been taught that "Jesus" is merely the English equivalent to the Hebrew name given the "the Christ". The argument goes that names change depending upon the culture in which the name is spoken

in Hebrew the word spoken and the thing identified are identical - they cannot be separated. It is what gives the person their identity. To say "God is good" is to also say "good is God" - they are the same. It is named as a purpose. Its purpose is to separate from the rest, to call apart - the definition of what it means to be "holy"

...the point of this discussion is to show that His Hebrew Name is formed from a derivative combination of two Hebrew words - *YahHoVeH* (the proper name for the Father, meaning the Present Presence and *yasha'* (Strong's H3467, meaning "delivers", or "saves").

### **Matthew 1:21**

Now she shall be bringing forth a Son, and you shall be calling His name **Yahshua** ("YahHoVeH delivers or saves"), for He shall be saving His people from their sins."

The Complete Jewish Bible refers to Jesus as Yeshua always, and to God as Adonnai. In fact, that Bible uses all Hebrew names for everyone (Mary is Miriam, Matthew is Mattityahu, Moses is Moshe, Issac is Yitsak, Jacob is Yakkov, and so on).

The Concordant Literal New Testament, which is translated directly from the three oldest Greek Manuscripts that still exist today, renders the name of the Lord as Jesus, and since the letter "J" came into the language sometime in the 16<sup>th</sup> century to distinguish the letters and sounds that I and J make, the Greek "Ie-sous" became "Jesus".

We have a friend who is a Hebrew scholar, and she always refers to the Lord as "Yeshua," and she would never think of altering it to anything else.

You and I probably grew up with Jesus as the only name by which we have known the son of God. Personally, I believe that the Father is more interested in our worship, our honor, our praise, and our obedience – in seeking Him – than He is in how we have learned to pronounce His name.

I have never sensed any displeasure from The Father or from the Lord when the name of Jesus is used. On the other hand, I love the sound of Yeshua, and of the Father's Name, YahHoVeh (or Yahweh, as the Concordant Literal Version of the Old Testament renders it consistently).

I'm reminded of a story in Barbara's book, that I also included in our book CLEAN HOUSE: when she was the keynote speaker at a worldwide convention in Nigeria

several years ago, a prayer line formed at the conclusion of her speech. A young man of 17 years was escorted to the front of the line. He was blind – His eye balls were plain white balls. Barbara related that he also looked dead and stiff, as if rigor mortis had set in. As she prayed for him in the Name of Jesus, his pupils and irises began forming.

Eventually, Barbara asked him, “What do you see?”

The boy replied, “I see shapes.” She asked him again, and he said, “I see you!”

“How do you feel?” Barbara asked.

The boy replied, “I feel Happy!”

You may have heard me quote from a book by Charles Capps, titled, “The Tongue, A Creative Force.” The author calls a great deal of attention to the scriptures that deal with making our requests known to God, “in the name of Jesus.”

I’ve been reading a book, and on my second reading of it: It’s titled, “Smith Wigglesworth on Healing.” Smith Wigglesworth was a forceful preacher with an amazing healing anointing during the early part of the 1900’s (he lived from 1859 to 1947). The book is full of his preaching messages throughout the world, in which he relates story after story of miraculous healing and deliverance, all in the name of Jesus. In fact, in at least one story I recall, Wigglesworth recounts a story about a group of men who prayed for a friend who was near death. They laid hands on him for healing in Jesus name, but nothing happened, and they left dejected. One of the men stopped abruptly and asked the others to go back into the man’s room. They did not pray, but only whispered the name, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, over and over.” In a little while, the sick man got up and dressed himself.

The point of this study tonight is to impart to each of us the power that is in the name

#### **John 14:**

13 And whatever you should be requesting **in My name**, this I will be doing, that the Father should be glorified in the Son.

14 If you should ever be requesting anything of Me **in My name**, this I will be doing.

#### **John 15:**

**anything** whichsoever you should be requesting the Father **in My name**, He will be giving it to you.

#### **John 16:**

23 ...whatever you should be requesting the Father, He will be giving it to you **in My name**.

24 Hitherto you do not request anything **in My name**. Request and you shall obtain, that your joy may be full.

...

26 In that day you will be requesting **in My name**, and I am not saying to you that I shall be asking the Father concerning you,

27 for the Father Himself is fond of you, seeing that you are fond of Me, and have believed that I came out from God.

### **Mark 11:9-10**

"Hosanna [*Save us*]! Blessed be He Who is coming in **the name of the Lord**!

10 And blessed be the coming kingdom of our father David in **the name of the Lord**! Hosanna among the highest!"

### **Mark 13**

5 Now Jesus, answering, begins to say to them, "Beware that no one should be deceiving you!

6 For many shall be coming **in My name**, saying that I am! and shall be deceiving many.

### **Mark 16:**

17 Now these signs shall fully follow in those who believe: **In My name** they shall be casting out demons; they will be speaking in new languages;

18 they will be picking up serpents; and if they should be drinking anything deadly, it should under no circumstances be harming them; they will be placing hands on those who are ailing, and ideally will they be having it."

19 The Lord, indeed, then, after speaking with them, was taken up into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

20 Now they, coming away, herald everywhere, the Lord working together with them and **confirming the word** by the signs following them up.

### **John 18:**

4 Jesus, then, being aware of all that is coming on Him, coming out, said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

5 They answered Him, "**Jesus**, the Nazarene." Jesus is saying to them, "**I am He**." Now Judas, also, who is giving Him up, stood with them.

6 As, then, He said to them, "**I am He**," *they drop behind and fall on the ground*.

### **Exodus 3:13-15 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation.

### **Complete Jewish Bible**

14 God said to Moshe, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh," (I am/will be what I am/will be) and added, "Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: 'Ehyeh (I Am or I Will Be) has sent me to you.'

15 God said further to Moshe, "Say this to the people of Isra'el: 'Yud–Heh–Vav–Heh, (ADONAI) the God of your fathers, the God of Avraham, the God of Yitz'chak and the God of Ya'akov, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered generation after generation.

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14 Then Elohim spoke to Moses: I shall come to be just as I am coming to be [*literally, "I am becoming Who I am becoming, or as traditionally rendered, I am that I am. The name Yahweh is derived from this verb meaning become, be or come to be: See Rev. 1:8].*

### **Rev. 1:8**

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," is saying the Lord God, **Who is and Who was and Who is coming**, the Almighty.

The Complete Jewish Bible adds, "*The Lord God, the Lord of Heaven's Armies (Adonai Tizvot)*"

### **Acts 2:21**

whosoever shall call on **the name of the Lord** shall be saved.

Calling on the Name of the Lord has been something men have thought to do since Noah's grandson, Seth's son, was born in Genesis 4. Abraham did it not long after he left his former homeland (Ge 12:8), and twice more in Ge 13 and Ge 21 he built an altar and called on the name of the Lord. Issac did it in Ge 26.

In Exodus, Lev. And Deut., God—Yah-Ho-Veh, Yahweh, Jehovah – laid out instructions about not messing with “the name of the Lord.”

There are 78 references in the NIV alone for the phrase, “the name of the Lord”